Jeremy D. and John K. Hass Papers MS-06

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Abstract: This collection documents the early activities of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with California State Parks to reconstruct El Presidio de Santa Barbara. It includes correspondence, research materials and legal documents about property acquisition and management on land where the former presidio stood. It also includes administrative materials, such as minutes, correspondence, and policies collected by board members Jeremy D. Hass and his father John K. Hass, who were active on the board from 1970-1986.

Scope and Contents

A significant portion of this collection was created by Jeremy Hass and represents various activities he undertook for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP). A smaller portion of the collection was created by his father John K. Hass, when he was on the Board of Directors of SBTHP.

Biographical / Historical

Jeremy Dennis Hass was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 24, 1936 and spent his early years in St. Paul, Minnesota, before his family moved west. He attended Pomona College where he majored in economics-engineering, with a minor in history, before going on to Hastings College of Law in San Francisco, and Loyola University in Los Angeles. He was admitted to the California State Bar and joined the family law firm Weldon and Hass. Jeremy retired from the firm in 2001.

In the mid-1960s, while working for Jules Brasseur at Santa Barbara Title Company, Jeremy became interested in the Presidio project, a historic site in downtown Santa Barbara. He plotted the boundaries of the old fortress by studying historic property documents. By 1967 he was an active member of the Presidio Volunteers, a group who conducted archaeological excavations and public events at the site.

In early 1971, Jeremy wrote a proposal for the future presidio project at the request of Miss Pearl Chase and the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP). For the next several decades Jeremy played a major part in property acquisitions for what became El Presidio de Santa Barbará State Historic Park. Working with local and state legislators, he made numerous trips to Sacramento to consult with state officials about transfers to the State of lands purchased by SBTHP for the park. He and an assistant to the director of the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation developed the concession agreement through which SBTHP operates the State Park.

Hass was instrumental in early efforts to discover the boundaries of the original presidio and to acquire property for the newly formed State Park. He played an important role in helping negotiate the gift of El Paseo and Casa de la Guerra to SBTHP in 1971. He was a board member from 1970-1976 and was named a Life Honorary Trustee in 1983. He also served briefly as Acting Director of SBTHP in late 1984 to March 1985. In the 1990s he helped arrange the purchase of the Santa Inés Mission Mills lands by SBTHP and he later became a member of SBTHP’s Mills Committee. He was a recipient of the Pearl Chase Historic Preservation and Conservation Award in 2000.

Jeremy presented papers at a number of conferences. His intensive research on the subjects of waterworks, fulling mills, and of California pioneer Joseph Chapman contributed not only to his own publications, but to the academic field, providing source material for scholarly research on the subject by others. Hass passed away on June 30, 2014, at his home in Santa Barbara.

Jeremy Hass’ father John Kelleher Hass was an attorney and intelligence officer at the Marine Corps air base in Goleta during World War II. The family made Santa Barbara a permanent home after the war. John Hass was the founding partner in the law firm, Weldon and Hass. Like his son, he served on the board of the Trust from 1981 until 1986 and was president from 1984-1985.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in two series:

Series 1: Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Series 2: Jeremy Hass Research and Personal Papers
The collection was received in several separate donations with many documents in no specific order. Staff arranged these loose documents chronologically.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Donated by Jeremy D. Hass.

Separated Materials
One envelope and one folder of miscellaneous photographs were transferred to the Presidio Research Center photograph collection. The envelope contains images of the November 1973 visit of the Duke and Duchess of Seville to Santa Barbara. The folder contains several photos of Jeremy Hass, a parade, early photos of the Presidio reconstruction site, Santa Barbara Mission, and Mission Santa Ines Mills. Twenty-three maps and architectural plans were added to the flat file collection.

Other Finding Aids
For additional materials on the history of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and the reconstruction of the Santa Barbara Presidio, see also the Pearl Chase Papers, MS-01, and the Richard Whitehead Papers, MS-02, both located in the Presidio Research Center.

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Chronological Files
Scope and Contents
The Chronological Files subseries contains correspondence, historical research, property research, legal documents, and board materials related to the years Jeremy Hass began working as a Presidio Volunteer researching the boundaries of the Santa Barbara Presidio up through his years as a board and committee member, property advisor, and his brief stint as Acting Director of SBTHP in late 1984. Since the papers were originally filed in the law offices of Weldon and Hass, there are materials addressed to John K. Hass sprinkled throughout. It is likely that both father and son filed materials related to SBTHP into the same filing system.

box-folder 1/1  SBTHP 1958-1967
box-folder 1/2  SBTHP 1968-1969
box-folder 1/2A  Correspondence with Richard Santos 1968-1970
box-folder 1/3  SBTHP 1970
box-folder 1/4  SBTHP 1971
box-folder 1/5  SBTHP 1972
box-folder 1/6  SBTHP 1973
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box-folder 1/7  SBTHP 1974
box-folder 1/8  SBTHP 1975
box-folder 1/9  SBTHP 1976
box-folder 1/10 SBTHP 1977
box-folder 1/11 SBTHP 1978-1979
box-folder 1/12 SBTHP 1980
box-folder 1/13 SBTHP 1981
box-folder 1/14 SBTHP 1982
box-folder 1/15 SBTHP 1983
box-folder 1/16 SBTHP 1984
box-folder 1/17-18 SBTHP 1985
box-folder 1/19 SBTHP 1986
box-folder 1/20-2/1 SBTHP 1987
box-folder 2/2  SBTHP 1988-1990

Jeremy Hass Subject Files

Scope and Contents

The Jeremy Hass Subject Files subseries complement the chronological files in terms of subject matter. The files are all in their original numbered order and, for the most part, represent activities of Jeremy Hass as Acting Director from 1984-1985. As mentioned above in the chronological subseries, there are some John Hass papers interfiled.

box-folder 2/3  La Belle
box-folder 2/4-5 El Paseo Restaurant
box-folder 2/6  City Commerce Loan
box-folder 2/7  Puritan Leasing
box-folder 2/8  El Paseo Contractor Invoices
box-folder 2/9  Construction Dispute
box-folder 2/10 Rain Cover
box-folder 2/11-12 Meeting
box-folder 2/15 Park Operation 1967-1975
box-folder 2/16 Park Operation 1976-1984
box-folder 3/1  Park Operation 1984-1985
box-folder 3/2  IRS Problem
box-folder 3/3-4 El Paseo Management
box-folder 3/5  Personal Correspondence
box-folder 3/6  Plot Maps/El Paseo & Presidio
box-folder 3/7  Appraisals
box-folder 3/8  Photos--History
box-folder 3/10 Canon Perdido Parking Lot
box-folder 3/11 Personnel Policy
box-folder 3/12 Cafe del Paseo
box-folder 3/13 Orena Store
box-folder 3/14 Insurance
box-folder 3/15 Leases & Rental Agreements
box-folder 3/16 Revitalization Proposals for El Paseo
box-folder 3/17 Present Trust Problems & Progress
box-folder 3/18 Landmarks/Sign Regulations
box-folder 3/19 Correspondence Joe Nickelson
box-folder 3/20 Correspondences 1979-1983
box-folder 3/21 JDH Notes & Time Records
box-folder 3/22 Trust Accountings
box-folder 3/23 Legal Documentation
box-folder 3/24 Museum Income Tax
John Hass Subject Files

Scope and Contents

The John Hass Subject Files subseries has a narrower focus and represent the elder Hass' years on the board of SBTHP and his two year period as president. However, two miscellaneous files on SBTHP actually contain material on early activities from the 1950s and complement the chronological files in subseries one. It is unclear how they came to be filed within John Hass' board papers.

Jeremy Hass Research and Personal Papers

Scope and Contents

The Jeremy Hass Research and Personal Papers series contains files on Joseph Chapman, the Santa Inés Mission mills, and mills in general. Included are research notes, drafts, and correspondence. Several additional unrelated files on the Philippines, the Pearl Chase birthday celebration, and copies of some miscellaneous property documents are included in this series.
box-folder 6/1  Talks Presented at Conferences
box-folder 6/2  Correspondence
box-folder 6/3  Joseph Chapman Research Notes
box-folder 6/4  Mission Santa Ines Mill
box-folder 6/5  Windmills and Mills
box-folder 6/6  Fulling
box-folder 6/7  Phillipines--Articles
box-folder 6/8  Pearl Chase Birthday Fund 1968
box-folder 6/9  Photocopies of Historic Documents

General

Includes a copy of Assessment Roll, Santa Barbara Co., Aug. 1853