Guide to the Nicholas Fintzelberg Historic Preservation Collection MS 74

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Abstract: This collection contains correspondence, reports, planning documents, and other materials regarding the creation of Heritage Park within Old Town San Diego State Historic Park in the 1970s, as well as files on several other historic sites in San Diego, CA.
creator: Fintzelberg, Nicholas
Biographical / Historical Notes
Heritage Park is a 7.8 acre historical site dedicated to the preservation of San Diego Victorian heritage. It is located in the northeast part of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, on the corners of Juan and Harney streets. The park was started by the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO) in 1970 when a group of concerned citizens organized to save the Sherman-Gilbert house. Heritage Park now contains seven historic homes, all of which have been moved there from other locations in the city, and which have been renovated and leased to business owners to operate out of.
The buildings are: the Sherman-Gilbert house (1887), Senlis cottage (1896), Bushyhead house (1887), Christian house (1889), McConaughy house (1887), Burton house (1893), and Temple Beth Israel (1889), the first synagogue in San Diego.
Nicholas M. Fintzelberg was the chairman of the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the Historical Preservation Committee. He was also on the Shepard House Committee for the restoration of Villa Montezuma.
Scope and Content
This collection contains correspondence, reports, planning documents, and other materials regarding the creation of Heritage Park within Old Town San Diego State Historic Park in the 1970s, as well as files on several other historic sites in San Diego, CA. Other materials include planning maps, historical overviews, committee agendas and budgets, financial documents, and proposals.
The collection also contains files on other historic sites worked on by Fintzelberg and SOHO, including Casa de Estudillo, the Golden Hill neighborhood, Goodbody Mortuary’s Ivy Chapel, Rancho Monserate, and Villa Montezuma (aka the Jesse Shepard House).
Arrangement
This collection is arranged in two series:
Series I: Historic Preservation Planning;
Series II: Historic Sites.
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Fintzelberg, Nicholas
Karp, Louis
Mortimer, Lucille
Moss, James
Mott, William
Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO).
Series I: Historic Preservation Planning

Box-folder 1:1  Correspondence: HABS, 1970-1971 and undated
Box-folder 1:2  Correspondence: From Lucille Mortimer, 1971-1975 and undated
Box-folder 1:3  Correspondence: To Lucille Mortimer, 1972-1976
Box-folder 1:4  Correspondence: Tom Ham, 1973
Box-folder 1:5  Correspondence: Nicholas Fintzelberg, 1975-1976
Box-folder 1:6  Correspondence: Miscellanea, 1970-1971 and undated
Box-folder 1:7  Heritage Park Planning, 1972-1974
   Includes:
   Correspondence; development plans; notice of public hearing; and City Planning Commission notes.

Box-folder 1:8  Heritage Park Planning, 1974 and undated
   Includes:
   Planning reports; documents related to petition of nearby property owners; petition to clarify and revise amendments to planned district; and notes from Louis Karp.

Box-folder 1:9  Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, 1971-1976
   Includes:
   Advisory committee members; actions and policies on park development; fiesta recommendations; property map; advisory committee by-laws; and statement of purpose and membership forms.

Box-folder 1:10  Old Town San Diego State Historic Park Corporation, 1971-1976
   Includes:
   Financial documents; bank receipts; and corporation members.

Box-folder 1:11  Save Our Heritage Organization, undated
   Includes:
   Constitution and by-laws; and economic study by Richard Crisman.

Box-folder 1:12  Surplus Property, 1971-1978
   Includes:
   Correspondence; minutes of Old Town Coordinating Group; and recommendations report. Subjects include: additional parking and traffic control in Old Town and Heritage Park; and Penasquitos Ranch house.

Box-folder 1:13  Miscellaneous Reports, 1967-1975
   Includes:
   A guide for development of Old Town for bicentennial; statistical report; Old San Diego Planned District report; and an annual report of California State Parks.

Series II: Historic Sites
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