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Biography

Harold N. ("Hal") Altman (1909-) was born in New York City and lived in Sacramento, Calif. from 1950. A public relations consultant, he served on the City of Sacramento's Historic Landmarks Commission (1956-1961) during the time when that city's "Old Town" historic district development was planned. Altman was an active member and historian of the Congregation B'nai Israel of Sacramento. In 1960 he ran unsuccessfully for the Sacramento City Council.

Scope and Content

Altman's papers include reports, correspondence, and miscellaneous printed material pertaining to his activities as a local historian and politician of Sacramento, with particular emphasis upon his tenure on the Historic Landmarks Commission (1956-1961).

BOX 1: ALTMAN SACRAMENTO HISTORY COLLECTION

**1.1: SACRAMENTO TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL: JEWISH HISTORY COLLECTION--
CORRESPONDENCE AND MISC., 1952-1965****1952**

- Leo Trepp, Rabbi, Santa Rosa to Irving I. Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 1-13
- Morris Goldstein, Rabbi, San Francisco to Irving I. Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 1-15
- David Resnick, Director of Public Relations, New York to Hal Altman, 1-15
- Joseph Gitin, Rabbi, San Jose to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 1-26
- Meyer Heller, Rabbi, S F to Hal Altman, Publicity Chairman, Sacramento, 1-29
- Peter Shields, Sacramento to Dalton Feldstein, Sacramento, 1-29
- William Stern, Rabbi, Oakland to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 1-31

1953

- Goodwin Knight, Governor, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 11-17
- John Moss Jr., M.C., Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 11-18
- Eleanor McClatchy to Rabbi Hausman, 11-19
- Rev. Noel Porter, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 11-19
- B'Nai Israel Temple, Sacramento. Invitation to Cornerstone Laying of The New Temple, 11-22
- Do., Program to above.
- Ralph Taylor, Sacramento to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 11-23

1954

- "Eternal Light Burns in New B'nai Temple." Sacramento Bee (n.d.)
- Do., Newspaper photos.
- "Tree Planting In Israel Will Honor Hausman." Sacramento Bee (n.d.)
- John McAulay, President, Sacramento Council of Churches to Irving Hausman and Members of the Congregation of Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento, 3-25
- Noel Porter, Reverend, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 3-26
- Rev. Torrance Phelps, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 3-26
- Sidney Akselrad, Rabbi, Berkeley to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 3-30
- Sanford Rosen, Rabbi, San Mateo to Temple B'nai Israel, Sacramento, 3-30
- Meyer Heller, Rabbi, San Francisco to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 3-31
- Louis Stein, Area Manager, San Francisco to Dalton Feldstein, Sacramento, 3-31
- Rabbi Wollie Kaelter, Representative Union of American Hebrew Congregations, San Francisco to Dalton Feldstein, Sacramento, 4-1
- Rev. David MacMurdo, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 4-2
- Invitation to attend the dedication services of the new Temple by Rabbi, officers and Trustees of Temple B'nai Israel, 4-3
- Telegram from Jules and Sophie Goldstein to Rabbi Irving Hausman, 4-4
- Hart Lyon, Sacramento to Dalton Feldstein, Sacramento, 4-5
- Dalton Feldstein, Sacramento to members of the Temple B`Nai Israel, Sacramento, 4-19
- Program for Congregation B`Nai Israel Confirmation Services, Sacramento, 6-6

1955

- "Capital's Progress in 25 Years Amazes Visiting Rabbi." Sacramento Bee (n.d.)

1957

- Certificate of Merit awarded to Rabbi Irving Hausman Temple B`Nai Israel by Paul H. Thomas M.D., President of Sacramento County Heart Association (n.d.)
- "Early Judaism In State Shown At Fair." The Jewish Community Bulletin, (Sept. 20).

1958

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- Carroll D. Hall, Assistant Historian, Sacramento to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 3-10
 - Aubrey Neasham, Historian (Division of Beaches and Parks), Sacramento to Dorothy Dozier, Secretary (Historian Landmarks Commission), Sacramento, 5-13
 - Letterhead of Methodist Calif./Nevada Historical Society, includes picture of original Methodist church in Sacramento, which became first synagogue on Pacific coast
 - Assessors Map site of original Jewish temple, Sacramento (1851) [photocopy]
 - Do., 1852 [photocopy]
 - Cecilia Werner, Edward Werner, Sacramento to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 6-23
 - Dorothy Dozier, Secretary (Historic Landmarks Commission), Sacramento to City Council, City of Sacramento, City Hall, Sacramento, 7-8
 - Resolution No. 991. approved by Paul Manby, City Clerk, 7-10
 - Harold J. Powers, Lieutenant Governor to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, 10-13
 - James B. McKinney, Sacramento to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-14
 - Swift Berry, State Senator, Ninth Senatorial District, Amador and El Dorado Counties to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-14
 - Kneeland H. Lobner, Sacramento to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-14
 - Thomas J. MacBride, Assemblyman, Eighth District, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 10-15
 - A.A. Erhart, Senator, 29th Senatorial District, San Luis Obispo County to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-15
 - Clarence L. Azevedo, Mayor to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 10-16
 - Goodwin J. Knight, Governor, Sacramento to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, 10-17
 - Audrey D. Brown, Chairman (Historic Landmarks Commission), Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 10-17
 - Audrey D. Brown, Chairman (Historic Landmarks Commission), Sacramento to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-19
 - Ted Baggelmann, Sacramento to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 10-20
 - Ernest Van Harlingen to Irving Hausman, Rabbi, Sacramento, 10-20
 - Edmund G. Brown, Attorney General, San Francisco to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-20
 - John E. Moss, Member of Congress, Washington, D.C. to Hal Altman, 10-21
 - Frank S. Christy, Grand Marshal to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-22
 - George E. Hogan, Deputy Superintendent, Sacramento to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-24
 - H. Harold Leavey, Attorney at Law, Sacramento to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 10-29
 - Hal Altman, Sacramento to Joseph R. Knowland, Oakland, 11-4
- 1960**
- John Barr Tompkins, Head, Public Services of the Bancroft Library, Berkeley to Hal Altman, Public Relations Consultant, Sacramento, 8-2
 - Hal Altman, Public Relations Consultant, Sacramento to John Barr Tompkins, Head, Public Services, Berkeley, 8-6
 - Leon L. Loofbourow, Richmond to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 11-20
 - "Rabbi Hausman, Bound For SF Post, Cites Strength, Weakness Of Capital." Sacramento Bee, (May 24).
 - Sabbath Services program of The Temple Chronicle of Temple Emanu-El; San Francisco (May).
 - Sabbath Services program of the Temple Chronicle of Temple Emanu-El; San Francisco (June).
 - Television show script, "The Role of the Rabbi" an half hour TV documentary on Rabbi Irving Hausman. Produced and narrated by Spencer Michaels; (June 28).
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1965

- "DA To Address Local Masons." Antioch Ledger, (Sept. 29).
- William Tornheim, Chairman (Masonic Education Committee, Antioch Lodge #175), Antioch to Hal Altman, Sacramento, 9-30

Undated

- "Gabriel Haines, an old and respected Hebrew citizen...,"Sacramento Bee (5-21-1888) [typescript copy]
- "Folsom -- A campaign has been launched by the Folsom Historical Association to preserve the Cohn Family home in Folsom..."

1.2: SACRAMENTO CITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA: HISTORIC OBJECTS SURVEY, 1955-1957**1955**

- Historical buildings in redev. area no. one., listing of houses in Sacramento, compiled by Nance Lee Diggs (Apr. 17).

1957

- Survey of historic objects compiled by the Historic Objects Committee. Sacramento Historic Landmarks Commission: Ted Baggelmann, Chairman, Allen R. Ottley, Frank S. Christy, Miss Caroline Wenzel, Ernest Van Harlingen. (n.d).

1.3: SACRAMENTO HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION, 1956-1961 [N.B.--This organization will be abbreviated as "SHLC" below]**1956**

- "Report of the Committee on Policy," 4-2
- T.W. Oldham, Chief Depty. City Clk., 9-13
- Frederick A. Wemmer, 12-4

1957

- Frank S. Christy, 3-7
- HA to Harold G. Shutt, Pres. CCHS, 6-22

1958

- "Suggested Program for the Preservation of Old Sacramento," 7-16
- Carol D. Hall, Asst. Historian, Calif. Div. Beaches & Parks to Dorothy J. Dozier, Secty. SHLC, 7-7

1960

- Walter Halset, Chmn. SHLC to, 1-29 [form letter]
- Archie Hefner to Walter G. Halset, Chmn. SHLC, 3-5
- H. Harold Leavey to Walter G. Halset, Chmn. SHLC, 3-14
- Robert E. Murphy to Walter G. Halset, Chmn. SHLC, 3-18
- Edwin E. Hughes, Morse Telegraph Club to Mrs. A. E. Morrison, 3-21
- Marcus Gunn, Calif. Western States Life to Walter G. Halset, Chmn. SHLC, 3-22
- James Langdon to Walter G. Halset, Chmn. SHLC, 3-23
- Minutes of Regular Meeting, 10-3

1961

- Petition of Stockton Corral of Westerners to California Highway Commission to spare "Old Sacramento," 2-9 [2 l.; photocopy incomplete]
- Gladys Kinder, Secty. Sacramento Public Health Assoc. to HA, 3-15
- Thos. G. Yerby, Pres. SHLC to Sacto. City Council, 5-31
- "1961-62 Budget--Sacramento Historic Landmarks Commission"
- "Preservation legislation important to Santa Barbara and California," 10-3 [4 l.]
- "Suggested letter to possible sponsors of subjects to be marked as recommended by the Commission," n.d. [6 l.]
- "Information on selection of historic subjects to be marked," [incl. covering note marked "City Clerk's Office, Attn. Mr. Manby" from Dorothy Drake, City Library; 8 l.]
- "Dedication ceremonies" [suggested procedures]
- Society for the Enhancement of Old Sacramento & Environs to SHLC, n.d. [April?] [incl. adv. flyer for organizational fundraiser]

-Audrey Neasham, Historian, State Beaches & Parks. "Procedure for Registering State Historical Landmarks and Obtaining Authorization for State Plaques," n.d.

1.4: CLIPPINGS ON WORK OF SACRAMENTO LANDMARKS COMMISSION, 1957-1961

1957

- "Preservation Of Some Landmarks Will Be Discussed," Sacramento Bee (Jan. 5).
- "Agencies Agree On Effort To Save Historic Buildings," Sacramento Bee (Jan. 8).
- "Eye Museum, Gold Village In West End," The Sacramento Union (Jan. 8).
- "Iron Horses." Sacramento Bee (Apr. 19).
- "Locomotive Give Away Will Mark End Of Steam Era," Sacramento Bee (Apr. 19).
- "Body Acts To Bar Razing Of Landmarks," Sacramento Bee (May 7).
- "49er Village Proposed for West End," The Sacramento Union (May 8).
- "Group Favors West End Historic Buildings Study," Sacramento Bee (May 24).
- "Four Will Attend Historical Parley," Sacramento Bee (June 18).
- "Historical Landmarks," Sacramento Bee (July 11).

1961

- "City Landmarks Unit Again Hits Freeway," SacramentoUnion (Feb. 9).
- "Thieves Take Artifacts On Skid Row," Stockton Record (Nov. 9).
- "Hicks Urges Study Of Yolo Route For Proposed North-South Freeway," Sacramento Bee (Oct. 11).

1.5: HAL ALTMAN: CORRESPONDENCE, 1958-1961 [N.B.--Correspondence is to Hal Altman unless otherwise indicated; Altman's name will be abbreviated "HA"; all correspondence originated in Sacramento unless otherwise indicated]

1958

- HA to Cecilia Andreyzck, 6-9
- HA to Rabbi Jacob, 11-19

1961

- HA to Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Stuart, Stockton, 1-23
- Mary E. Laucher, President's scty., 1-31
- R. Coke Wood, Stockton, 2-15
- HA to R. Coke Wood, Stockton, 2-17
- T.W. McKey, Advertising Manager, 3-1
- HA to George Helmer, Managing Editor, Sacramento Bee, 3-2
- HA, Commissioner, Chairman of the Public Education Committee to Hal White, 3-8
- Expense Account of HA to attend conference, 3-17/18
- Note from HA to "Thos.", 3-20
- H.B. White, Assistant County Executive, Sacramento to HA Commissioner, Chairman of the Public Education Committee, 3-21
- Archibald M. Ull, Jr., 4-10
- HA to Walt Hanna Jr., Gilroy, 5-5
- Michael N. Canlis, Sheriff-Coroner, San Joaquin Co., 5-18
- HA, Chairman, Public Education Comm. to California Highway Commission, 5-23
- HA, Chairman, Public Education Comm. to California Highway Commission, 5-23
- Memo from Audrey Brown (n.d.).
- HA to Audrey Neasham, Historian (Division of Beaches and Parks Department of Natural Resources), 6-9
- HA to Pierre Salinger, Presidential Press Secty., Washington D.C., 7-6
- Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, Washington D.C., 7-6
- Rex M. Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, Washington D.C., 8-3
- Justin G. Turner, Los Angeles, 8-14
- HA to Justin G. Turner, Los Angeles, 8-15
- John A. Hussey, Regional Historian; San Francisco, (Sept. 18).

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- Walter C. Frame, Attorney at Law; Sacrametno to L. Burr Belden, San Bernardino Daily Sun (Nov. 8).
 - Robert B. Selby, 11-15
 - An impartial report "The Truth About Los Angeles Freeways." [related to above corresp.]
 - Walter C. Frame, Attorney at Law to L. Burr Belden, San Bernardino, 10-20
- 1.6: HAL ALTMAN: CITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN, 1960-1961**
- 1960**
- Campaign Statement of Hal Altman
 - Platform: Hal Altman for City Council [incl. biographical information] (n.d).
- 1961**
- Suggestions for filing campaign statements by Everett M. Glenn, City Attorney (Oct. 17).
- 1.7: MISCELLANEOUS CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES MATERIALS**
- 1957**
- Conference of California Historical Societies Newsletter 4:1 (n.d.)
 - Resolution of the Sacramento County Historical Society (Mar. 8)
 - Resolution of the Sacramento Book Collectors Club. (Mar. 13).
 - Historical Preservation - Historic Sites presented at Conference of California Historical Societies, San Diego by John A. Hussey (June 21).
- 1958**
- Fourth Annual Meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies; Hoberg's, Lake County (June 26-28).
- 1960**
- Ninth Annual Symposium of Historical Societies of Northern California and Southern Oregon presented by Edwin Gledhill, Santa Barbara (Oct. 1).
- 1961**
- Folsom Historical Society, Folsom to Senator Al Rodda, Sacramento, 1-12
 - HA to Eden Motor Lodge, 3-17 [reserving rm. for Calif. Hist. Fdtn. Institute]
 - Program; The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies (June 22-24).
 - Walter C. Frame, Attorney at Law, Sacramento to the Members of the Legislative Committee, 12-6
 - Walter C. Frame, Chairman Legislative Committee, Sacramento to "Whom It May Concern," 12-6
- 1.8: MISCELLANY**
- Photo of three men and a woman in front of rack of 19th c. rifles w/ business card of Dain J. Domich, Pres. Town & Country Village, Sacto. [b/w 8x10 glossy]
 - Invitation by VFW Lieut. Lansdale Post no. 67 to visit dedication of plaque at site of Camp Union, 1861-1862, n.d.
 - Frederick G. Dutton, Special Asst. to President to Michael N. Canlis, Sheriff-Coroner, San Joaquin Co., 6-12-61 [incl. env.]
 - Flyer published by "Friends of the Buffalo Brewery" urging restoration of said brewery
 - "Brief History of the Housing Problems of the Sutro Library, A branch of the California State Library," 7-21-59 [7 l.]