

National City Kimball House Ephemera

Collection ID: MS.019

Collection Information

Inclusive dates: 1893; 1903; 1960s- 1980s

Size: 1 box, .5 li. ft.

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Scope and Content

The Kimball brothers – Frank, Warren, and Levi – were early visionary leaders of National City, the second oldest city in San Diego County which was incorporated on September 17, 1887. Originally part of the 26,000-acre El Rancho de la Nacion, the land was purchased in 1868 by the Kimball brothers who cleared lands, built roads, constructed the City's first wharf and brought the railroad to the City. Evidence of this rich past can be found in the historic buildings, including the "Brick Row" homes, and landscape throughout the City. The home (a 15-room ranch house) of Frank Kimball changed hands many times after his death and was ultimately purchased by the City. After a two-year restoration it was eventually relocated in 1975 to the Heritage Square historical district and converted into a historic museum that is operated by the National City Historical Society. The home, which was gutted on the inside by the City for the restoration project, contained many historic artifacts and ephemera. The ephemera collection in this box contains legal documents, genealogy material, photographs and slides, newspaper clippings, historic details about the house and the Kimball family, and other miscellaneous items. Provenance not indicated; however, it most likely came from the collection of Pat Schaelchlin who was on the Board of Directors with the Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO).

Container List

Box	File	Contents	Dates
1	1	Real Estate Mailer and Flyers for George Kimball House and Frank A. Kimball House <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Listings for the George Kimball House.o Historic description about Frank A. Kimball House and Heritage Square.o Appendix: Historic Buildings Priorities List.	
	2	Newspaper Articles and Historic Images <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Los Angeles Times clipping.o Star News article by Alana Coons (SOHO) about the Historic Kimball Houseo San Diego Sun clippings.o Copies of photos of [George] Kimball House and Kimball family.	
	3	Congress of History Newsletter - Adelante <ul style="list-style-type: none">o September 1989 issue featuring National City and Kimball. Newsletter addressed to Pat Schaelchlin.	

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1	4	National City Public Library Leaflets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tri-fold leaflet. ○ "Victoriana" booklet. 	
	5	Polaroid Instant Camera Photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two unidentified photographs of a house with the home number 538. Street name unknown. 	
	6	Handwritten Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research notes – Copley Library collection, National City history; real estate; Kimball vs. National Carriage Manufacturing; Census, court clerk index. ○ Bibliography 	
	7	Genealogy Newsletters: San Diego Genealogical Society and Twigs & Chips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Undated loose newsletter pages from issues of the "Twigs and Chips" ["Leaves and Saplings"] containing information about the Kimball family, National City history and historic houses, lands purchased by the Kimball's, the railroad, Chula Vista and the Dickinson and Boal families and Ira Gay Floyd family. 	
	8	Legal Documents: Warren C. Kimball vs San Diego Land and Town Company <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Superior Court of the County of San Diego records of Warren C. and Frank A. Kimball vs. San Diego Land and Town Company. Case #11975, October 1903. 	
	9	Legal Documents: Warren C. Kimball vs National Carriage Manufacturing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Superior Court of the County of San Diego records of Warren C. Kimball vs. National Carriage Manufacturing Company. Case #7333, March 1893. 	
	10	Genealogy Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of multiple pages of handwritten research notes on Kimball family genealogy history. Chart columns indicate Book number, Page, Date of Instrument, Grantor, and Grantee. 	
	11	Packets of Photo Slides: Fire Map Street Grids of National City and Chula Vista <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seven (7) February and March 1989 Bob Davis Camera Shop (La Jolla, CA) film processing packets of photo slides of the [Sanborn] Fire Maps of street grids for National City and 	

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		<p>Chula Vista dated 1887-1899 and 1907 (NC) and 1918 and 1929 (CV). Processing orders placed by Pat Schaelchlin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Typed and handwritten sheet with list of film contents and processing prices and research notes regarding CSUN (California State University, Northridge) geography and maps department. 	