

Guide to
MS 115
Peter A. King
Early 1900s
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Donation by Mr. Peter A. King

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The Peter A. King collection of papers covers the period from the early 1900s. The papers are divided into eight folders with miscellaneous papers.

The papers represent the land investment history of the pioneer ancestors of Peter A. King. The family includes Peter's great grandfather C.B. King, and grandfather Homer B. King as well as various other family members. Included in the papers is a personal narrative written by Homer's wife. She tells about some events during her life with Homer. This three page narrative begins in 1938 with the birth of baby Clement. At this time the family was moving around in Idaho and Washington, and one year residing in Puerto Rico. The family eventually lives in Arizona at the Adams Hotel while C.B. King finds Homer and his family a farm house on Black Canyon Road. The families continue to invest in land, and move around frequently. Homer convinced his Father to sell a parcel of land just south of Phoenix to build an amusement park called Riverside Park. During the second year the park was destroyed in a flood. Later, Homer and his wife divorce. His wife continues a decorating business and Homer tries his hand at writing stories. His first story being sold but never published because the buyer died. The C.B. Kings move to Los Angeles and invest in property there. Father King passed away August 1925. Mother King passed away in 1918.

The papers labeled wedding invitations give an idea as to the social events attended by the King family. It is interesting to note that the invitations were saved. The invitations indicate that the Kings were invited to weddings in Arizona, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and California.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The papers included in the folders represent the period of the early 1900s. Included in the collection are eight folders labeled as follows:

- Folder 1 Stock Certificates
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous
- Folder 3 Valley Bank/Valley Bank Litigation
- Folder 4 Riverside Park
- Folder 5 Insurance
- Folder 6 Real Estate Related
- Folder 7 Taxes/ Financial/ Receipts
- Folder 8 Wedding Invitations

Information gleaned from the Peter A. King Collection Papers 2000.78 one box