

**WILLIAM R. MASON PAPERS**

1967 - 1973

**FINDING AID**

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## Administrative Information

Extent: 1 flat oversize box.

Date Span: 1967-1973.

Provenance: The collection was donated to the Sherman Library by Mrs. William R. Mason.

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## Biographical Note

William Ralph Mason trained as a civil engineer, graduating from the University of Washington and receiving his master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1959 he joined the Irvine Company and was hired to help lead the ranch in its preparations for urbanization and development. In 1965 was named president of the Irvine Company, and he was also actively involved with the fund drives of the Orange County Red Cross, City of Hope, and YMCA. He also served as a member of the Board of Fellows for the Claremont Colleges, on the Chapman College President's Council, as chairman for the Boy Scouts of America's long-range planning committee, and was a founder of the junior achievement program in Orange County. William R. Mason died July 14, 1973 at the age of 53.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of documents (many of which are photocopies), photographs and plaques related to some of the business and public service activities and interests of William R. Mason. Of note are materials related to Mason's receipt of the City of Hope spirit of life award in 1972, and there are some items in the collection honoring Mason and his memory following his death.

## Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	1	Correspondence	1972
1	2	Remarks by Andrew J. Hinshaw about William R. Mason in <i>Congressional Record</i> , vol. 119, no. 114, July 19, 1973	1973
1	3	City of Hope spirit of life award - Testimonial tribute	1972
1	4	City of Hope spirit of life award - Photographs	1972
1	5	"The City That Will be Fun to Live in," <i>Pageant Magazine</i>	1965
1	6	Photographs	n.d.

1	7	“Giants of Endeavor Win High Honor,” <i>The Salt Lake Tribune</i> , July 9, 1972	1972
1	8	Map of the Irvine Ranch	n.d.
1	9	American Institute of Management - Certificate	1972
Plaque 1		UC Irvine Big I Boosters. Gold club member: Irvine Company - William R. Mason	n.d.
Plaque 2		Region XII B.P. Award	1971
Plaque 3		UCLA and UCLA Extension certificate for William R. Mason in the Executive Program in Business Management	1967
Plaque 4		Newport Beach (Calif. ) - Resolution honoring William R. Mason	1973
Plaque 5		Irvine (Calif.) - Resolution honoring William R. Mason	1973

### **Subjects**

Mason, William R. (William Ralph), d. 1973.

City of Hope - Awards.

Irvine (Calif.) - History - 20<sup>th</sup> century.