

Joe H. Baker, Jr. Collection of Francis King

A Preliminary Inventory of His Collection of Francis King Papers at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Baker, Joe H., Jr., 1924-2001
Title:	Joe H. Baker, Jr. Collection of Francis King
Dates:	1948-1988
Extent:	1 document box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	One small box of Francis King manuscripts, primarily consisting of correspondence from King to Joe H. Baker, Jr.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-5378
Language:	English and English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Transfer, 2015 (15-08-022-T)
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Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Scope and Contents

The Joe H. Baker, Jr., Collection of Francis King consists primarily of correspondence between Baker and British writer Francis Henry King (1923-2011), with materials dating from 1948 to 1988. The correspondence concerns mutual acquaintances and general topics. Of note are letters, dated 1988, that discuss the decline and eventual death of King's partner to HIV. Baker relates some of his work as an AIDS and gay rights activist in Houston, TX, and King mentions the fear and prejudice that surrounded the disease in the 1980s. Also included in the collection are typescripts of a speech King delivered, "Australia and Its Writers," and the biography *E. M. Forster and His World*.

Container Box 1 Correspondence, 1956-1988 (30 folders)

Container Box 1 Broadsides

Container Box 1 Typescript, "Australia and It's Writers," speech delivered for Australian Broadcasting, undated

Container Box 1 Typescript draft, E. M. Forster and His World, 1983