

# Guide to the Roger Kent Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1401

**CREATOR:** Kent, Roger, 1906-1980

**TITLE:** Roger Kent papers

**DATES:** 1970-1981

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of an oral history typescript entitled, "Building the Democratic Party in California, 1954-1966," containing interviews with Roger Kent conducted by Anne H. Brower and Amelia R. Fry in 1976 and 1977. The volume was compiled and published by the Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, in 1981.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from the Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, in 1985.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Associated Materials

Typescript is available from the Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, 1981.

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## Biographical / Historical

Roger Kent was born in Chicago, on June 8, 1906. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Kent. His father served in Congress between 1910 and 1917. Roger was prepared for college at the Thatcher School and graduated from Yale College in 1928. He stayed in New Haven after graduation, attending Yale Law School, from which he graduated in 1931. Kent practiced law in California and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1937. In 1952 and 1953, he served as general counsel for the Department of Defense. Kent served the Democratic Party in various other capacities throughout his life, most significantly as co-chairman of Lyndon Baines Johnson's 1964 presidential campaign. He was a close, personal friend of Johnson's vice-president, Hubert Humphrey. Kent married Alice Cooke in Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 26, 1930. They had four children together, one of whom died at a young age. Roger Kent died on May 16, 1980.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a bound volume, containing copies of interviews, clippings, photographs, and introductory material; and a bound copy of another interview.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Typescript of an oral history conducted by Ann M. Campbell for the John F. Kennedy Library	1970
b. 1, f. 2	Roger Kent, "Building the Democratic Party in California, 1954-1966," an oral history conducted in 1976 and 1977 by Anne H. Brower and Amelia R. Fry, Regional Oral History Office, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley (copy no. 17)	1981

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

California -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Oral histories (document genres)

### **Occupations**

Politicians

### **Names**

Kent, Roger, 1906-1980

### **Corporate Body**

Democratic Party (U.S.)