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## Guide to the Howard L. King Engineering Reports

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Howard L. King Engineering Reports
<b>Date:</b>	1928-1965
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0990
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry
<b>Creator:</b>	Schlefer, Marion King King, Howard L.
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Cubic foot (3 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection documents Howard L. King's engineering work on several tunnels in New York.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated by Marion King Schlefer, daughter of Howard L. King, November 2001.

### Provenance

Donated to the National Museum of American History, Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (now Division of Work and Industry), in 2001. Collection transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Sally Johnson, intern; supervised by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2023.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Howard L. King was born in New York in 1889. He earned a bachelor's degree from City College and a master's degree from Columbia University, and shifted early in his career from teaching to engineering. He served in World War I as a member of the 27th Engineer Battalion. After the war, King continued his engineering endeavors and became particularly well-known for his work on tunnels. King played a large role in engineering the Lincoln Tunnel, the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, and several other tunnels and subway systems in New York.

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## Scope and Contents

One cubic foot of reports documenting tunnels, including several in the New York City subway system.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Series 1: Reports, 1928-1965

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Civil engineering
- Subways -- New York (N.Y.)
- Tunnels
- Tunnels -- New York (N.Y.)
- Underground construction

### Types of Materials:

- Reports

### Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

### Places:

- New York (N.Y.) -- Transportation

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Reports, 1928-1965

Box 1, Folder 1	Brooklyn Battery Tunnel Contract Number 6, 1942-1949
Box 1, Folder 2	Fulton Street Tunnel, 1928-1931
Box 1, Folder 3	Rays Hill Tunnel, 1939-1940
Box 2, Folder 1	New River Ordinance Plant, 1941-1942
Box 2, Folder 2	Rocket Powder Plant at Badger Organization Works, 1944-1945
Box 3, Folder 1	Midtown Hudson Tunnel, 1934-1936
Box 3, Folder 2	Rutgers Street Tunnel, 1930-1933
Box 3, Folder 3	Lincoln Tunnel, 1937-1940
Box 3, Folder 4	Giants Under the Earth, Patrick J. Costello, 1947
Box 3, Folder 5	America's Builders, "A History of the Moles", 1965
Box 3, Folder 6	"Pictorial Review of Typical Projects Performed by the Mason Companies During the Last 25 Years", 1950

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