
Guide to the Kim Hà Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Kim Hà papers,

Date (inclusive): 1983-1999

Collection number: MS-SEA003

Creator: Kim Hà, 1950-

Extent: 0.6 linear feet (2 boxes)

Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Southeast Asian Archive.

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Abstract: Collection comprises the holograph manuscript of *Qua Con Bao Du* (English translation published as *Stormy Escape*) by Kim Hà, correspondence and newspaper articles relating to the book, other articles written by Hà and others on the subject of Vietnamese land refugees, and audio recordings of her interviews with eight Vietnamese land refugees. Materials are in Vietnamese and English.

Languages: VietnameseEnglish

Access

Collection is open for research. Access to original audio cassettes is restricted; copies are made for researcher use.

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Acquisition Information

Donated by Kim Hà in 1987 and 1992. Correspondence added by Anne Frank.

Processing History

Preliminary processing by Anne Frank in 1992. Processing completed by Howie Phan in 2000. Guide edited by William Landis in 2001.

Biography

Kim Hà is the pen name of Pham Thi Kim Nhung, who was born in 1950 in Hai Duong, North Vietnam. In 1955 she moved with her family to Saigon, South Vietnam. She was a student at the University of Saigon, where she completed a degree in Education in 1973, and at the National University of Social Work, where she completed a degree in 1975. Following the fall of Saigon in April 1975, Hà and her family made several unsuccessful attempts after 1975 to escape by boat to the United States, resulting in the jailing of her husband in Vietnam and the loss of her job as a teacher.

In 1980, with her husband and three children, Hà made another attempt to escape from Vietnam on foot through Cambodia. After a harrowing two-week trek they arrived at a refugee camp in Thailand on 10 April 1980. The family came to the United States in October 1980 and has lived in Orange County, California. Hà earned an associates degree in Business Administration from Coastline College in 1983. As of 2001 she works for State Compensation Insurance Fund and is a community activist. Her publications include *Report on the Vietnamese Land Refugees* (SOS Boat Committee, 1983) and *Qua Con Bao Du* (English translation published as *Stormy Escape*) (McFarland Publishers, 1996).

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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The collection is arranged alphabetically by form of material.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Kim Hà, 1950- --Archives.

Kim Hà, 1950-. Qua con bao du : hoi ky vuot bien bang duong bo.

Vietnamese Americans--California--Orange County--Archival.

Political refugees--Vietnam--Archival resources.

Political refugees--Vietnam--Interviews.

Refugee camps--Thailand--Archival resources.

Vietnam--Politics and government--1975- --Archival.

Vietnamese American women--California--Orange County Bx.

Genres and Forms of Materials

Photographic prints.

Sound recordings.

Other Index Terms Related to this Collection

Kim Hà, 1950-. Qua con bao du : hoi ky vuot bien bang duong bo.

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- Box 1 : 1-6 **Articles by Kim Hà and others on Vietnamese land refugees, 1983-1985 and undated.**
Physical Description: 6 folders.
- Box 2 **Audio cassettes of interviews conducted with Vietnamese land refugees by Kim Hà**
Box 2 : **Tran Chi Thanh, undated**
MS-SEA3-A01
Box 2 : **Truong Vo, undated**
MS-SEA3-A02
Box 2 : **Nguyen Duc Vinh, undated.**
MS-SEA3-A03
Physical Description: 2 cassettes.
- Box 2 : **Le Tan Ly, undated**
MS-SEA3-A04
Box 2 : **Nguyen Huu Loc, undated**
MS-SEA3-A05
Box 2 : **Pham Thanh, undated.**
MS-SEA3-A06/A07
Physical Description: 2 cassettes.
- Box 2 : **Le Ba Bich, undated.**
MS-SEA3-A08/A09
Physical Description: 2 cassettes.
- Box 2 : **Nguyen Van Thuy Vien, undated.**
MS-SEA3-A10/A11
Physical Description: 3 cassettes.
- Box 1 : 7 **Biographical materials and awards, 1996-1997 and undated**
- Box 1 : 8 **Correspondence, 1983-1997 and undated**
- Box 1 : 9 **Correspondence with Anne Frank, includes photographs and text of remarks made by Frank on the English publication of Qua Con Bao Du, 1990-1999**
- Box 1 : 10-11 **Manuscript for Qua Con Bao Du, holograph, 1983-1985 and undated.**
Physical Description: 2 folders.
- Box 1 : 12 **Proofs (incomplete) for English publication of Qua Con Bao Du , undated**
- Box 1 : 13 **Publicity materials and reviews for Qua Con Bao Du , undated**