

FINDING AID FOR:
Founding & Legacy Documents Collection

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Collection Description

Collection #: FLD

Collection Title: Founding & Legacy Documents Collection

Creator: East Bay Regional Park District

Location: Repository in Oakland, CA

Inclusive Dates: 1865-2014

Bulk Dates: 1931-1937

Extent: 3.9 __CF__ Two full drawers of a letter-size filing cabinet
(08/03/2021)

Restrictions:

Assoc Coll Matl:

Hist/Bio Note: ____ In the depths of the Great Depression, a local parks campaign in California's San Francisco East Bay led to the signing of Assembly Bill 1114 in 1933 which authorized the formation of one of the first regional park districts in the United States. Subsequently, on November 4th, 1934, citizens of Alameda County, with an astounding outcome of over 2/3rd majority, voted to tax themselves in support of the formation of an East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), for the conservation and management of recreational and natural parklands in a growing metropolis. The newly-formed Park District was originally made up of land in the East Bay hills that at different times was primarily owned and operated by water companies. These water companies were the Contra Costa Water Company, the People's Water Company, the East Bay Water Company, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). These surplus water lands were surveyed and mapped out in the 1930 report Proposed Reservations in East Bay Cities (also known as the "Olmsted/Hall Report"). This report was authored by Ansel F. Hall, the first Chief Naturalist of the National Park Service whose office was stationed at the University of California, Berkeley, and by the nationally renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., along with his firm the Olmsted Brothers, who were commissioned by the citizens-founded Regional Parks Association that supported a plan to create and preserve recreational parklands in the East Bay hills. By the mid-1960s, the EBRPD expanded to include parklands in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties acquiring almost all of the lands outlined in the Olmsted/Hall Report and focusing on growing even further eastward into Contra Costa County, and along the East Bay shorelines and marshlands threatened by industry and urbanization. During this time the Park District was not only providing parkland recreation but transitioning into including the acquisition of land specifically to protect open space and natural habitat that also included biological and ecological stewardship, interpretive programming, and police and fire protection services to the growing communities. The success and growth of the Park District can be attributed, in part, to the various general managers throughout EBRPD history. The first General Manager Elbert M. Vail, who also led the campaign for the original bond measure, was followed by Harold Curtiss, Richard E. Walpole, William Penn Mott Jr., Irwin Luckman, Richard C. Trudeau, David Pesonen, Pat O'Brien, and Robert Doyle. Each of these individuals has been responsible for directing the Park District into the future while upholding its legacy. In 2020, the East Bay Regional Park District hired as their successor, General Manager Sabrina Landreth. As the District continues to grow, so does the staff required to effectively provide access to natural parklands set aside for public use. Among the

founding generations of Park District staff, there are many stories still to be told as well as preserved alongside the parklands they worked to maintain and operate. Focused on the acquisition, management, and preservation of natural and cultural resources, as well as serving important educational and recreational needs, the EBRPD has grown to become one of the largest metropolitan-area park districts in the United States.

Scope: This collection documents the founding of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) from approximately the 1920s through the 1960s. It contains various types of records including reports, bills, master plans, correspondence, memos, minutes, resolutions, photographs and maps, histories, newspaper clippings, press releases, speeches, lectures, logbooks, project documents, magazines, and more. The range of dates for the material in the collection is 1865-2014 with the bulk dates being 1931-1937. Much of the collection is made up of copies, with photocopies accounting for a small portion of those, particularly in the newspaper clippings. Subjects in this collection include EBMUD land acquisition, the Olmsted/Hall report, Assembly Bill 1114, historical accounts authored by Elbert M. Vail, the campaign and effort to establish the park district, the park opening ceremony on October 18, 1936, the Tilden Golf Course, the 1939-1940 World's Fair, and Works Progress Administration (WPA) projects. __ This collection contains related documents that aren't housed together with the Founding and Legacy Documents. These documents are in the "Assembly Bills and Master Plans" file cabinet drawer and are comprised of reports, surveys, and background on Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. as well as other founders. Additionally, there are documents regarding Tilden Regional Park, Assembly Bill 1114 (1933), and the original 1940 Master Plan. There is also information in the "Oral History" and "EBRPD Staff" file cabinets pertaining to various founders.

Notes: There are two folders containing printouts of photographs taken either on a handheld camera or a cell phone. These folders indicate that the contents of the folders reside in the Bancroft Library. The text reads as follows: "Vollmer Files. These documents were photographed and printed. Originals are at Bancroft Library. Box #5." These folders cover the 1940s and 1950s. The primary reason for noting this is that the printouts are not themselves historical records, but they are evidence of records existing at the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. Many of the printouts are of records we already possess in the main EBRPD Archives. These folders will be kept with the main collection and placed after the final series in the collection. They are for referential purposes only and not to be reproduced for public consumption.

Topic: Recreation --Nature Conservation --Activism --Environmentalism --Preservation --Works Progress Administration

Geographic: Alameda County --Berkeley, CA --Contra Costa County --Oakland, CA --California --San Francisco Bay Area

Personal: Hall, Ansel F. (Ansel Franklin)--1894-1962 --Olmsted Jr., Frederick Law--1870-1957 -- Vail, Elbert M.--1887-1979 --Dornin, May--1897-1992 --French, Harold--1878-1962 -- Walpole, Richard E.--1911-1973 --McDuffie, Duncan--1877-1951 --Pardee, George C.--1857-1941 --Sibley, Robert--1881-1958

Corporate: East Bay Regional Park District --Contra Costa Hills Club --East Bay Municipal Utility District

Arrangement: __ As a result of the initial processing of this collection it was determined that there was no original order. An arrangement scheme was established based upon the existing records within the collection. This arrangement scheme contains nine series and eight subseries each with their own file units. The series and subseries are as follows:

Series 01: ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL
Series 02: PUBLICATIONS
Series 03: HISTORIES

Series 04: CORRESPONDENCE
Series 05: PUBLIC RELATIONS
Series 06: PLANS, REPORTS, AND STUDIES
Series 07: PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS
Series 08: SUBJECT FILES
Subseries 01: EBMUD Land Acquisition
Subseries 02: Park Opening, October 18, 1936
Subseries 03: Parks Campaign and Proposal
Subseries 04: Pictorial Model
Subseries 05: Olmsted/Hall Report
Subseries 06: Tilden Golf Course
Subseries 07: Works Progress Administration
Subseries 08: 1939-1940 World's Fair
Series 09: INTERPRETATION

There are details about the file unit arrangement for each series at the series-level of description for this collection. There are also extensive lists of associated organizations and people that were found to be present in each series and these are searchable terms that will help provide targeted access to the collection.

Container List

Drawer 2 __Founding and Legacy Documents, Drawer 2 __File cabinet drawer containing the second half of series six followed by the remaining series in the collection.

Drawer 1 __Founding and Legacy Documents, Drawer 1 __File cabinet drawer containing the first five series and half of the sixth series in the collection.

Series Descriptions

Series: 01 ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 1

History:

Scope: This series contains general administrative and legal records surrounding the founding of the park district. The majority is comprised of legal records. Among the records in this series are bills, leasing documents, meeting minutes and notes, resolutions, and associated correspondence. The formats are all paper and consist of originals, duplicates, and drafts.

Associated Organizations/People:

- American Legion
- Berkeley High Twelve Club
- Berkeley Kiwanis Club
- Berkeley Manufacturers' Association
- Charles Lee Tilden
- Contra Costa Hills Club
- E.C. Fellows Lodge No. 143, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen
- Elbert M. Vail
- Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association
- Prudential Guarantee Building and Loan Association
- Regional Park Committee
- The Taxpayers' League of Alameda
- Thomas J. Roberts
- William A. Spooner

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1965 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by date.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /01

File Unit:

01	Legal: 1931-1934,
02	Legal: 1935-1965,
03	Legal: Undated,

Series: 02 PUBLICATIONS

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This series contains records that were at some point published for distribution. The records in this series include newspaper clippings, magazines, guidebooks, etc. with the majority consisting of newspaper clippings. There are a significant number of photocopies of the newspaper clippings and in many cases, they are beginning to fade to the point of illegibility.

Associated Organizations/People:

- A.H. Blake
- Alameda County Employee
- Alameda Times-Star
- Albany Enterprise
- Bay Area Press
- Bay Nature Magazine
- Berkeley Courier
- Berkeley Gazette
- Berkeley Record
- B.J. Rosenthal
- California Monthly
- California State Automobile Association
- Campfire Girls
- Claremont Press
- Contra Costa Hills Club
- Contra Costa Times
- Dee Pruyn
- East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
- El Cerrito Journal
- Elmhurst Journal
- Emmons Byrne
- Frank P. Noon
- Fruitvale Journal
- Gilbert Clegg
- Harold French
- Hayward Journal
- Lee Dunbar
- Lenhoff Furgeson
- Markell C. Baer
- Martinez Herald
- Mary Nauman
- Mary Tynan
- Max Schmidt
- Melrose Journal
- Moorship Mariner
- National Recreation Association
- Oakland Call
- Oakland City Express
- Oakland Observer
- Oakland Post-Enquirer
- Oakland Tribune
- Olmsted Associates, Inc.
- Owen Merrick
- Pacific Coast Golfer
- P.G. & E. Progress
- Pittsburg Independent

- Richard C. Trudeau
- Richard E. Walpole
- Richmond Independent
- Richmond Record Herald
- Robert Sibley
- Roosevelt News
- Russell Sage Foundation
- Sam Ewing
- San Francisco Chronicle
- San Francisco Examiner
- San Pablo Bee
- Stockton Record
- Tamalpais Conservation Club
- The Alameda Journal
- The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine
- The Christian Science Monitor
- The Daily Californian
- The East Bay Labor Journal
- The Fresno Bee
- The Fresno Republican
- The Highway Magazine
- The Inter-City Express
- The News Herald
- The San Francisco Call
- Thomas J. Roberts
- University of California Alumni Monthly
- Watsonville Register
- Will Stevens

Inclusive Dates: 1865-2014 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by date.

Notes: There is a newspaper article in this series that is dated to 1865. It is not an original but has been included in the "Included Dates" field.

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /02

File Unit:

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 01 | Publications: Pre-1930s, |
| 02 | Publications: 1930s, |
| 03 | Publications: 1934, |
| 04 | Publications: 1935, |
| 05 | Publications: 1936, |

- 06 Publications: 1940s,
- 07 Publications: 1950s,
- 08 Publications: Post-1960 and Undated,

Series: 03 HISTORIES

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 1

History:

Scope: This series contains various histories and accounts of the East Bay Regional Park District. There are general histories as well as those written by park staff. Among the records in this series are compiled histories written by Elbert M. Vail which contain photographs, maps, statistical sheets, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Also in this series are chronologies and fact sheets, including miscellaneous documents in a folder labeled as "History --Miscellaneous 1934, 1935, 1937 R.D. Davis File". R.D. Davis has not been confirmed as the collector of these documents.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Bob Owen
- California National Guard, 159th Infantry
- Carole Hicke
- Charles Lee Tilden
- Daniel H. Burnham
- Dee Pruyn
- Doreta Chaney
- Dorothy Campbell Culver
- Elbert M. Vail
- George C. Pardee
- HCMA Commissioners
- Jerry Kent
- Milton Vail
- Miriam F. Stein
- Northern California Baseball Manager's Association
- Pacific Archery Association
- R.D. Davis
- Ralph W. Bell
- Regional Park Board
- Regional Park Commission
- Richard C. Trudeau
- Richard E. Walpole
- State Emergency Relief Administration (SERA)
- Sports Recreation Committee of the East Bay
- Wes Adams
- Yusef Carrillo __The file units with dates (i.e. "General Background: 1962-1976, and Undated") are showing the dates that the histories were written, not necessarily the history for those dates.

Inclusive Dates: 1933-2009 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by author and, when necessary, by date.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /03

File Unit:

01

General Background: 1962-1976,

- 02 General Background: 1980-2009,
- 03 General Background: Undated,
- 04 Elbert M. Vail,
- 05 Jerry Kent,
- 06 Richard C. Trudeau,
- 07 Richard E. Walpole,

Series: 04 CORRESPONDENCE

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 1

History:

Scope: This series contains various correspondence from a large variety of senders and recipients. Each file unit pertains to the most prevalent senders or recipients. The list of associated organizations and people has been shortened to include important people in the founding of the park district as well as organizations that appear in the files.

Associated Organizations/People:

- A.D. Wilder
- Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- Arlington Hills Riding Academy
- August Vollmer
- Berkeley Daily Gazette
- Berkeley Gazette
- Berkeley Hiking Club
- Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Berkeley Public Schools
- Bureau of Public Administration
- California Hospitality Service
- California State Department of Education
- Carnation Company
- Charles B. Roeth
- Charles L. Tilden
- Citizens' Water Bond Campaign Committee
- Contra Costa Hills Club
- Duncan McDuffie
- Earl Warren
- East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
- East Bay Regional Park Association
- East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)
- Elbert M. Vail
- Emergency Relief Administration
- Fred Morcum
- Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.
- George C. Pardee
- Harold French
- Harold L. Curtiss
- Hink's Department Store
- Leroy R. Goodrich
- Levi Strauss Company
- Livermore-Pleasanton Garden Club
- Lockwood Dads Club
- Los Angeles Parks Department
- May Dornin
- Mills College
- Mills Tower
- North Oakland Kiwanis Club
- Oakland City Planning Commission
- Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce
- Oakland Park Department
- Oakland Public Library
- Oakland Public Schools
- Oakland Tribune
- Orinda Improvement Association

- Park Commissioners, San Francisco
- Provo City Recreation Department
- Public Works Administration
- Ralph E. Hoyt
- Richard E. Walpole
- Robert Sibley
- Samuel C. May
- Sequoia Dads Club
- Sierra Club
- Thomas J. Roberts
- Tribune Publishing Company
- Twenty-Eight District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers
- University of California, Berkeley

Inclusive Dates: 1914-1950 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units alphabetically and chronologically by sender or recipient.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /04

File Unit:

- | | |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 | Contra Costa Hills Club/Harold French: Pre-1930s and Undated, |
| 02 | Contra Costa Hills Club/Harold French: 1933, |
| 03 | Contra Costa Hills Club/Harold French: 1934, |
| 04 | Contra Costa Hills Club/Harold French: 1935, |
| 05 | Contra Costa Hills Club/Harold French: 1936, |
| 06 | Earl Warren, |
| 07 | East Bay Municipal Utility District: 1924-1931, |
| 08 | Elbert M. Vail, |
| 09 | General Correspondence: 1931-1943 and Undated, |
| 10 | Harold Curtiss, |

- 11 Regional Park Board: 1933-1935 and Undated,
- 12 Richard E. Walpole: 1941-1948 and Undated,
- 13 Richard E. Walpole: 1949,
- 14 Richard E. Walpole: 1950s,

Series: 05 PUBLIC RELATIONS

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 1

History:

Scope: This series contains various documents with information intended to inform the public about current events in the park district. In this series are pre-print drafts of articles, press releases, speeches, and lectures. All these documents are drafts written prior to final publication.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Alameda Times-Star
- Albany Argus
- Albany Enterprise
- Augustus Dunaway
- Bayview News
- Berkeley Breakfast Club
- Berkeley Daily Gazette
- Berkeley Lions Club
- Berkeley Review
- Berkeley Service Club Council
- Charles L. Tilden
- Claremont Country Club
- Claremont Press
- Concord Transcript
- Contra Costa Times
- Crockett Signal
- Daniel G. Aldrich Jr.
- Dee Pruyn
- Democratic Newspaper
- East Bay Inter-City Express
- East Bay Labor Journal
- East Bay Regional Park Board
- East Bay Reporter
- El Cerrito Journal
- El Sobrante Herald
- Elbert M. Vail
- Elmhurst Journal
- Emeryville Herald
- Hayward Review
- Hulet Hornbeck
- Jim White
- John V. Young
- Joseph Edward Smith
- Markell C. Baer
- Martinez Herald
- Michael Ackley
- Monte Monteagle
- National Recreation Association
- Nick Porozoff
- Oakland City Planning Commission
- Oakland Observer
- Oakland Post-Enquirer
- Oakland Telegraph
- Oakland Tribune
- Office of the American Legion
- Stockton Record
- P.G. & E. Progress

- Piedmonter
- Piedmont Avenue Merchants Association
- Pinole Times
- Pittsburg Dispatch
- Pittsburg Independent
- Pittsburg Post
- Port Chicago Breeze
- Reserve Officers' Association of the United States
- Richard C. Trudeau
- Richard E. Walpole
- Richmond Independent
- Richmond Record-Herald
- San Francisco Chronicle
- San Francisco Examiner
- San Leandro Standard Observer
- Stockton City Recreation Department
- The Alameda Journal
- The Berkeley Courier
- The Christian Science Monitor
- The San Leandro News
- The San Leandro Reporter
- The S.E.R.A. Crusader
- Thomas J. Roberts
- Tribune Year Book
- Zerelda Owsley

Inclusive Dates: Circa 1930-1984 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by date.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /05

File Unit:

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 01 | Public Relations: 1930s, |
| 02 | Public Relations: 1935, |
| 03 | Public Relations: 1936, |
| 04 | Public Relations: 1937, |
| 05 | Public Relations: 1940s, |
| 06 | Public Relations: 1950s, |

- 07 Public Relations: 1960s,
- 08 Public Relations: 1970s,
- 09 Public Relations: 1980s,
- 10 Public Relations: Unknown Dates,

Series: 06 PLANS, REPORTS, AND STUDIES

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawers 1 and 2

History:

Scope: This series contains documents with information that provides a summary of events, whether they are project reports, annual reports, studies, or just general summaries. Some items may resemble those found in the Histories series, though the ones in this series are not obviously intended to be an historical account. They are a report of information that usually serves some larger project. Additionally, there are approximately three copies of each annual report and the bound projects contain many important documents and information generated by park district staff.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Alameda County
- Albert Raeburn
- Arthur B. Hyde
- Chesley Bonestell
- City of Los Angeles
- Elbert M. Vail
- Harold French
- Jesse G. Hedge
- Lawrence C. Merriam
- Regional Park Board
- Richard E. Walpole
- State Emergency Relief Administration (SERA)
- State Park Division of the National Park Service, Region VIII
- W.C. Yeomans
- Works Progress Administration __Projects included in "Bound Project Documents" are of particular historical value and should be considered for digitization. They are listed below.
- Park Propaganda
- Studies of Camp and Picnic Facilities in the Redwood Areas
- Studies for Sanitation and Drainage
- Park Area Headquarters, Youth Hostels, Hikers Overnight Accommodations
- Supervisors of Recreation
- General Playground Development Program
- Studies of Redwood Areas Camping, Picnic, and Playfields
- Studies for Reforestation and Conservation of Proposed Regional Park
- Studies of Lake Temescal on Recreational Facilities
- Golf Club House
- Golf Course
- Study on Outdoor Amphitheater
- Study on Rifle and Pistol Range and Archery
- General Road Construction Throughout Proposed Park Reservation
- Proposed East Bay Aquatic Center Adjacent to Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge

Inclusive Dates: 1915-1978 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type and then chronologically when necessary.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /06

File Unit:

01	Annual Reports,
01.01	Annual Reports: 1938-1939,
01.02	Annual Reports: 1944-1945,
01.03	Annual Reports: 1946-1947,
01.04	Annual Reports: 1947-1948,
01.05	Annual Reports: 1948-1949,
01.06	Annual Reports: 1949-1950,
01.07	Annual Reports: 1950-1951,
01.08	Annual Reports: 1955,
01.09	Annual Reports: Undated,
02	Bound Project Documents,
02.01	Project Documents: No Number,
02.02	Project Documents: 2-5,
02.03	Project Documents: 6-10,
02.04	Project Documents: 12-14,
02.05	Project Documents: 15-18,
03	Miscellaneous Reports and Studies,

Series: 07 PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This series contains various photographs and maps and is a small group of records. Included are a record and index of negatives and photographs as well as topographic maps, master plans, and concept plans and sketches (as defined in the Trudeau Map Vault collection (TMV, a relief map, and playtime guide.

Inclusive Dates: 1932-1950 and undated

Arrangement: __There is no arrangement scheme because there are relatively few items in this series.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /07

Series: 08 SUBJECT FILES

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This series is dedicated to different subject matters that developed naturally during the processing of the collection. Each subject is its own subseries, and each subseries represents different important events or projects surrounding the creation and formation of the park district.

Inclusive Dates: 1930-2009 and undated

Arrangement: The series is arranged into subseries according to subject and then it is arranged further into file units. The file units are arranged alphabetically and by type.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08

Sub- 08.01 EBMUD Land Acquisition

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the acquisition of East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD land which would later become the first parkland secured for the park district. Some notable items include a check for \$120,000, a proposed transfer of lands document, bills and resolutions, and a land purchase record book.

Associated Organizations/People

- August Vollmer
- Aurelia Henry Reinhardt
- Charles Lee Tilden
- East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD)
- Elbert M. Vail
- George C. Pardee
- J.S. Longwell
- Leroy R. Goodrich
- Oakland City Planning Commission

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1936 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.01

File Unit:

- | | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 01 | EBMUD: Correspondence, |
| 02 | EBMUD: Legal, |
| 03 | EBMUD: Public Relations, |
| 04 | EBMUD: Reports, etc., |

Sub- 08.02 Park Opening, October 18, 1936

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the opening ceremony on October 18, 1936 in Redwood Bowl. This was the official park opening of the East Bay Regional Park District. Included in this subseries are memos, notes, and outlines, an invitation card, and some press release information.

Associated Organizations/People:

- 20-30 Club of East Oakland

- Elbert M. Vail

- Robert Gordon Sproul

Inclusive Dates: 1936

Arrangement: __ There is no arrangement scheme because there are relatively few items in this subseries.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.02

File Unit:

01

Park Opening, October 18, 1936,

Sub- 08.03 Parks Campaign and Proposal

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the campaign and proposal for the formation of the East Bay Regional Park District.

Associated Organizations/People

- August Vollmer
- Aurelia Henry Reinhardt
- Berkeley Gazette
- Beverly Lane
- B.J. Rosenthal
- California Monthly
- Charles Lee Tilden
- Citizens' Committee of One Thousand
- City Wide Committee for Adequate Playgrounds in Oakland
- Contra Costa Hills Club
- Curtis-Sanders Advertising
- East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)
- East Bay Regional Park Association
- Elbert M. Vail
- Emeryville Herald
- Fred E. Reed
- F.C. Youngberg
- Golden Gate Herald
- Harold French
- John Steere
- J.S. Longwell
- Leroy R. Goodrich
- May Dornin
- Oakland Post-Enquirer
- Oakland Tribune
- Robert Gordon Sproul
- Robert Sibley
- San Francisco Chronicle
- State Emergency Relief Administration
- Sierra Club
- Thomas J. Roberts

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1936 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type.

Notes: There are two groupings of documents that have been fastened together and put into folders. These are to be maintained as individual units within the subseries unless they are deemed to have no significant provenance.

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.03

File Unit:

- 01 Campaign and Proposal: Admin. and Legal,
- 02 Campaign and Proposal: Correspondence,
- 03 Campaign and Proposal: List of Sponsors,
- 04 Campaign and Proposal: Photos and Propaganda,
- 05 Campaign and Proposal: Publications,
- 06 Campaign and Proposal: Reports, etc.,

Sub- 08.04 Pictorial Model

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to a pictorial model of the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Area with specific emphasis on Alameda County. It is also referred to as a relief map.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Ansel F. Hall
- California Pacific International Exposition
- C.C. Gillum
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Elbert M. Vail
- Harold L. Curtiss
- Julian C. Mesic
- National Park Service
- Oakland City Commission
- State Emergency Relief Administration (SERA)

Inclusive Dates: 1942 and undated

Arrangement: ___There is no arrangement scheme because there are relatively few items in this subseries.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.04

File Unit:

01

Pictorial Model,

Sub- 08.05 Olmsted/Hall Report

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the Olmsted/Hall report also known as the Proposed Park Reservations that was originally completed in 1930. The primary set of documents is photocopied correspondence that is credited to the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, Massachusetts. There are four total sets of these documents. Three of them are in a bounded form and the other set is one folder. There are also several copies and versions of the Proposed Park Reservations.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Ansel F. Hall
- Bureau of Public Administration
- Duncan McDuffie
- Elbert M. Vail
- Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.
- George Gibbs
- Henry V. Hubbard
- Kenneth Decker
- Louise P. Grabow
- Mason-McDuffie Company, Inc.
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects
- Roscoe D. Jones
- Samuel C. May
- University of California, Berkeley

Inclusive Dates: 1930-1934

Arrangement: __ This subseries is arranged into file units by type.

Notes: The Olmsted/Hall report files are photocopied from the National Park Service's Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.05

File Unit:

01 Olmsted/Hall: Correspondence,

02 Olmsted/Hall: Reports,

Sub- 08.06 Tilden Golf Course

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the Tilden Golf Course and its opening. The majority of the documents are comprised of correspondence and press releases. Elbert M. Vail is responsible for much of the correspondence.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Al Mathebat
- Angelo J. Rossi
- A.W. Kelly
- Barbara Putnam
- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
- Charles W. Davis
- Chester Rowell
- Drake Catering Company
- Earl R. MacDonald
- Elbert M. Vail
- Emmons Byrne
- Emory Stone
- Frank C. Merriam
- Frank Noon
- George Janssen
- H.G. Spaulding
- Hollis Thompson
- Hotel Alameda
- James E. Wales
- John H. Tolan
- John McClaren
- Lee Dunbar
- Leroy R. Goodrich
- Mills College
- Office of the Park Commissioners
- Pacific Nash Company
- R.A. Carrington
- Ralph Wadsworth
- Richard D. Sherwood
- Richard E. Walpole
- Robert Gordon Sproul
- Roy Butler
- Russell Knowland
- Samuel A. Marshall
- The Alameda Times-Star
- The Berkeley Gazette
- The Daily Californian
- The Oakland Post-Enquirer
- The Oakland Tribune
- The San Francisco Call
- The San Francisco Chronicle
- The San Francisco Examiner
- The San Francisco News
- Thomas B. Smith
- Thomas E. Caldecott
- Thomas J. Roberts

- Tom Laird
- Walter P. Koetitz
- Wildcat Canyon CCC Camp SP 33
- William F. Knowland
- William Hamilton
- William R. Lawson

Inclusive Dates: 1936-1948 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.06

File Unit:

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| 01 | Tilden Golf: Correspondence, |
| 02 | Tilden Golf: Lists, |
| 03 | Tilden Golf: Public Relations, |

Sub- 08.07 Works Progress Administration

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the Works Progress Administration (WPA which was created to boost the economy and infrastructure of the United States in response to the Great Depression. Many projects were completed in the park district and this subseries holds documents that demonstrate the history of WPA activity in the newly established East Bay Regional Park District.

Associated Organizations/People:

- California National Guard
- Contra Costa County Courthouse
- Elbert M. Vail
- Everett R. Stanford
- James N. Long
- Lawrence C. Merriam
- Lee B. Chase
- Niles Aanonsen
- Regional Park Commission
- Thomas J. Roberts
- Walter P. Koetitz

Inclusive Dates: 1935-1940 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.07

File Unit:

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| 01 | WPA: Correspondence, |
| 02 | WPA: Projects, Reports, Proposals, |
| 03 | WPA: Public Relations, |

Sub- 08.08 1939-1940 World's Fair

Series:

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This subseries contains documents related to the 1939-1940 World's Fair in San Francisco. It was also referred to as the Golden Gate International Exposition. There are customs documents, correspondence, and materials lists. In the correspondence file there is information concerning Brazil, India, and Japan that refers to World's Fair activities.

Associated Organizations/People:

- American Express Company
- Anibal De Saboia Lima
- Brazil Consulate General
- California Commission
- Charles Lee Tilden
- C.J. Keatinge
- Commission of Brazil
- Commissioner of United States of Brazil
- Duncan McDuffie
- Earl B. Ingram
- Elbert M. Vail
- Ernesto G. Gatcke
- Frank A. Nelson
- George Creel
- George Killion
- Georgette Morton
- Golden Gate International Exposition
- Harold Curtiss
- H.C. Bartoff
- H.C. Vensano
- Henry Rische
- Japanese Exhibit Manager
- J.L. Bossemeyer
- L.L. Penfield
- National Park Service
- Paul R. Leake
- San Francisco World's Fair
- State of California Department of Finance
- Thomas J. Roberts
- Treasury Department, United States Customs Service
- United States Customs Service
- United States Department of the Interior, United States Travel Bureau

Inclusive Dates: 1940-1941 and undated

Arrangement: __Arranged into file units by type.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /08.08

File Unit:

- 01 World's Fair: Correspondence,
- 02 World's Fair: Customs Documents,
- 03 World's Fair: Materials Lists,

Series: 09 INTERPRETATION

Location: Founding and Legacy Documents: Drawer 2

History:

Scope: This series contains items that were previously created as an interpretation of district history and events. In nearly every case the items are not dated or labeled in a way that suggests their original use or creation. One folder is dedicated to the Stamp Show project in 2009 and is credited to Brenda Montano.

Associated Organizations/People:

- Brenda Montano

Inclusive Dates: 2009 and undated

Arrangement: __ There is no arrangement scheme because there are relatively few items in this series.

Notes:

Extent:

Series Container List

Collection/Series #: FLD /09