

Finding Aid to the Dean McLeod Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Dean McLeod Collection

Date Range: 1945-2002

Collection number: [Accession #93-46, 93-56, 15-8, 16-3, 18-40, 2020.07](#)

Extent: 3 boxes

Repository: County History Center, Contra Costa County Historical Society, 724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-229-1042

Legal status: public

Information for Researchers

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Scope and Content: The Dean McLeod Collection includes files and material on various aspects of Bay Point's history, as described here.

Box 1 includes files on a 1993 Bay Point Miwok Symposium; Dean McLeod's typewritten manuscripts on Bay Point history; copies of county records from the 1870s regarding a lawsuit over a proposal to build a road through Bay Point so Diablo Valley wheat farmers could get their wheat to the waterfront; reports and newspaper clippings on a 1986 proposal by the Navy to build a warehouse on the closed portion of the Concord Naval Weapons Station (the proposal failed due to local opposition); and newspaper clippings on the town's name change from West Pittsburg to Bay Point in 1993.

Box 2 contains loose materials including books and documents on San Francisco Bay ecology from the 1980s to the early 2000s, a March 1980 issue of California Geology magazine, a newspaper photograph and article on the Bay Point Volunteer Fire Department from 1945, color negatives of singer Pearl Bailey dated August 18, 1990, documents on the environmental issues and clean-up of the Concord Naval Weapons Station from 2002, and a biographical report on Alexander McNair, the first governor of Missouri (1820-1824). The negatives of Pearl Bailey are dated the day after she died; they may have been from a photograph run in a newspaper obituary of her.

Box 3 Research notes and correspondence on the following families:

- William Richard Sharkey
- Bertha Andrews, James Andrews
- Samuel Bacon

- Charles Murray & Edith Vlach
- Thomas Finley: photocopies of diaries 1860, 1863, 1866
- Seranus Clinton Hastings

Indexing Terms: Correspondence, Early Spanish, East Bay Regional Parks District, History, Newspaper Clippings.

Personal names: Samuel S. Bacon, Alexander McNair, Pearl Bailey.