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PREFACE

This document, the *Finding Aid for the Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence and Western Office Correspondence, 1872; 1907-1958 (bulk dates: 1928-1951)*, primarily describes correspondence generated by and received at the Olmsted Brothers' field office on the grounds of the Palos Verdes Estates.

This document represents many hours of work recording details about the items herein described. The reader, however, should expect a degree of human error and, consequently, should rely on personal observation of the actual items to determine file contents.

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INTRODUCTION¹

The Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence, and Western Office Correspondence, 1872; 1924-1939 are sub-series of the *Correspondence* series within the *Landscape Design Records* sub-collection of the *Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., Olmsted Brothers, and Olmsted Associates Records, 1847-1980* collection. The correspondence series is comprised of four subseries: the "Post-1949" correspondence collection, the "California Office" files, the "Western Office" files and the "New York Office" files, the last dealing primarily with Job #529, Fort Tryon Park. Though all were found stored in separate locations, they are similar in terms of their format, arrangement and contents. The four groups have not been physically interfiled with each other and will remain separate in order to retain any evidence of historic provenance which may not be immediately apparent. In addition to this document, separate finding aids exist for the Post-1949 correspondence and the New York Office correspondence.

Recognizing the historical importance of the firm's work, the Olmsted Associates gave significant collections of materials to the Library of Congress in separate donations in 1967 and 1971. According to Paul Ledvina, manuscripts librarian of the Library of Congress, the Olmsted office gave LC staff members permission to go through the non-current administrative files for selective acquisition. (These donations were known collectively as the *Records of the Olmsted Associates*.) Why these particular files were not taken by LC at that time is unknown. This situation might suggest that these two portions (both apparently generated at the Palos Verdes branch office) were not on-site at the time of the correspondence donation, that they were inaccessible to the LC staff, or that they were specifically identified as being exempt from the donation agreement.

Whether any geographic or programmatic distinction existed between the "California office" and "Western office" remains to be determined. Most of the documents in *Western Office Correspondence* date to after the closing of the California office, although they do deal almost exclusively with national and state parks in the western United States. Frederick Olmsted (FLO Jr.) was most intensely involved with this work during the 1930s and 1940s, but continued to be professionally engaged with some park planning even after his retirement from the firm in 1950.

California Office Correspondence

Unfortunately, there is no record detailing the provenance of the California Office Correspondence. These files appear to have been compiled at the Palos Verdes field office in southern California, but were transferred at an unknown time to the Brookline office several years later (possibly in the 1940's) once the satellite office was shut down. The collection was found stored with various financial and administrative records of the Olmsted firm in the upper plans vault when the National Park Service acquired the site in 1980. (For lack of a better term, the title "California Office Correspondence" was arbitrarily assigned by the curatorial staff before the

¹ Much of this section comes from earlier processing documents, "Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence, 1928-1938" and "Olmsted Brothers Western Office Correspondence, 1928-1958", both ca. 1992, Olmsted NHS.

collection had been fully processed). Upon further examination, it was determined that the job locations in the collection were not exclusively in California and that the files may have only been stored at the firm's field office in Palos Verdes, CA.

The California Office files cover a block of job numbers ranging from 8209 to 9007 and primarily relate to jobs undertaken by the Olmsted Brothers firm between 1928 and 1938 in the western United States. There is one major anomaly, however. Jobs numbered from 9000 to 9007 in this file relate to projects for private estates in the east. The only similarity that they share with the California files is that the jobs were active during the same ten year interval of 1928-1938. Perhaps the two sets of files were created at the two Olmsted offices and arbitrarily combined in the same storage box at some later date.

A variety of materials are found stored within these correspondence files. Legal documents, visual aids, financial records and planning tools figure prominently. Legal documents found in this collection consist of collection notices, contracts and legislative bills. Graphic materials illustrating specific design issues include maps, sketches, blueprints and photos. Post cards, promotional pamphlets and newspaper clippings are also present. Financial records play a prominent role since much of the interchange between the firm and its clients concerned finances. Such items as prices of lots, estimates, and bills appear. A great deal of material relating to project planning is also stored here including reports, correspondence with contractors, specifications, and lists of plans.

The correspondence indicates that the principal landscape architects for Olmsted Brothers projects carried out in the western U.S. were Dawson, Gibbs, and Sadler. Occasionally, FLO Jr. figures in the correspondence. The eastern jobs in this file were supervised by the following principals: Parker, Hubbard, Gallagher, and Whiting.

Many types of jobs are described in the files. Various private estates were designed by the firm at its western branch office along with several subdivisions including: Job #8244, The Highlands in Seattle, WA; Job #8209, Pasatiempo Estates in Santa Cruz, CA; Job #8273 Sherman Oaks in San Fernando Valley, CA; and Job #8257, Pismo Beach, CA. The firm also designed several municipal parks, playgrounds, and road improvements as well as an airport in Burbank, CA. Other projects include schools, country clubs, a health clinic, a library, a sub-station for the Edison company, an exposition, and a burial lot. There are also files detailing FLO Jr.'s contributions as a consultant for the State of Oregon on the planning of Mount Hood State Park.

Western Office Correspondence

The only indications of the historic origins of the "Western Office" files come from several notes written on the historic folders. For example, written on the folder for Job #8078 is "shipped to Brookline from Calif. in Oct. 1955"; Job#'s 8239 and 8259 have "combined with Calif. 1945" written on their exteriors; and Job #8335 is labelled "brought by FLO from Calif. 1947." As with the California Office files, no record exists of how these files were amassed into one body as they were eventually found in the Olmsted firm archives.

The records contained in the Western Office files span the years 1928 through 1958. The bulk of the material dates from 1940 to 1951. The files deal primarily with public projects such as the

California State Park System, Yosemite National Park, and a survey of the Colorado River Basin for the Department of the Interior. FLO Jr. acted as an advisor for these projects. He was responsible for drafting many of the initial planning documents for a great number of western parks from 1928 to 1950.

Only a few private projects are represented in this collection. These include Job #8239, Rancho Santa Ana at Long Beach, CA; Job #8243, The Highlands in Seattle, WA; Job #8259, Bryant Bixby Subdivision in Long Beach, CA; and Job #8266, the International House at the University of California in Berkeley, CA.

Reports figure prominently in the Western Office files, along with extensive correspondence that FLO Jr. maintained with other expert advisors and park departments while consulting on public projects. Many of the reports contain reference maps and photographs. A variety of supplementary information was often included in the corresponding job file by the firm. Published material such as scholarly articles, pamphlets, tourist information, senate bills, and newspaper clippings can be found. Drawings and plant lists are interspersed throughout, but such items are found for the most part in published reports.

FLO Jr. corresponded regularly with key individuals on large consulting projects. At Yosemite National Park, he consulted with Mr. Merriam, Mr. Kitteredge, Mr. Tresidder, and Mr. Thomson. Duncan McDuffie was a primary contact person for the California Park System. Anthony Smith was used as a reference for the Douglas Bill which outlined lands to be appropriated for the Roosevelt Memorial Redwoods. FLO Jr. was very active in the Save-the-Redwoods League and it appears that much of that group's proceedings are stored within this collection.

These files provide a great deal of information on the history of public park planning in the western United States. Environmental concerns are covered in professional scientific surveys. Some histories of land use and surveys of historic and archeological sites are found. Highway and road planning is a topic covered frequently in the correspondence. Through the correspondence, preliminary and final reports, one can outline the evolution of a public park from inception to dedication. Of particular note are several projects for public lands including Indian reservations. There is a great deal of information in the files which gives an indication of the sentiment expressed toward Native Americans during the period in question.

The complete collection was cataloged into ANCS+. One record was created in the Collections Management Module; in the Archives Module, records were created at the subseries, sub-subseries and folder levels.

The finding aid is divided into five sections:

- Part 1: Collection Description:
 - a scope and content note (or brief synopsis of the collection)
 - an outline showing the organization of the collection

- descriptions of the various series into which the collection is organized
- Part 2: Historical Note (brief histories of the Olmsted Brothers' California Office, the Save-the-Redwoods League and the California State Parks)
- Part 3: Collection Listing (box and folder list)
- Bibliography

PART 1:

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Finding Aid for the Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence and Western Office Correspondence, 1872; 1907-1958 (Bulk Dates: 1928-1951)

Accession number: FRLA-1

Catalog number: FRLA-47468 (California Office); FRLA-47478 (Western Office)

Quantity: 9.5 linear feet

Storage: 19 document boxes

Location: Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, 99 Warren Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02445-5998, (617) 566-1689.

Description: The *Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence* consists of materials used and generated by the Olmsted Brothers' Palos Verdes office, correspondence, publications, and reports (bulk dates 1928-1935). The Palos Verdes office served as a western satellite office for many years in the early twentieth century, occupied primarily with jobs on the west coast. The *Western Office Correspondence* materials deal heavily with the California parks system and, to a much lesser degree, some private and civic projects in California (bulk dates 1940-1951).

Cross-references: Related material may be found throughout the various collections held at the Olmsted National Historic Site, particularly in the *Post-1949 Correspondence* collection.

Organization: *The Olmsted Brothers California Office Correspondence and Western Office Correspondence, 1872; 1907-1958*

- I. California Office Correspondence
 - a. Palos Verdes Office
 - b. Brookline Office
- II. Western Office Correspondence

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Files in this series are arranged numerically by historic job number, then were broken down to more specific content as deemed necessary by the firm. Occasionally, folders too large to comfortably fit in one acid-free folder were divided by NPS staff into more than one folder and labeled appropriately.

I. California Office Correspondence

a. Palos Verdes Office

For the most part, material in this series consist of correspondence relating to subdivision, civic and private estate projects in the southern California area, as well as reports, clippings and publicity brochures. Dating mostly from the late 1920s through mid-1930s, the records largely originate from or are addressed to the Palos Verdes Estates office that served as headquarters during the firm's work on that subdivision and subsequent projects. It should be noted, however, that there are a significant number of files on projects outside of California, namely, Washington State, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oregon, Arizona, and Texas.

b. Brookline Office

This small subseries consists of correspondence relating to projects carried out by the firm (also ca. 1920s-30s), although these projects seem to be primarily located in the northeast (New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont), and, while some small amount of material appears to come from the Palos Verdes Office, the bulk of material was sent to or from the firm's Brookline office.

II. Western Office Correspondence

The correspondence in this series is again ordered numerically, ranging from Job #8072 through Job #8336, and concluding with 23 folders of materials for Job #9626 (Colorado River Basin Survey). Most of these files date to the 1940s and early 1950s and deal largely with the creation and administration of the California State Parks system. There is also a significant amount of material relating to the Save-the-Redwoods League and, as mentioned above, the Colorado River Basin Survey.

PART 2:

HISTORICAL NOTE

The California Office

Olmsted Brothers established an office in southern California in connection with its work on Palos Verdes Estates (Job #5950), a planned community located on a peninsula approximately 25 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. In his article about the development of the Los Angeles area, Thomas P. Gates writes that “the Palos Verdes Ranch project was the most extensive suburban community commission the firm ever undertook...”² Olmsted Brothers collaborated with other professionals, such as city planner Charles H. Cheney and architect Myron Hunt, to design the “Ideal City” and “Suburban City Beautiful.”³ Homes, schools, libraries, parks, and business districts were designed to create a harmonious environment with a Mediterranean atmosphere.

The level of involvement of the firm was such that the 1922 contract stipulated that Frederick Olmsted and James Dawson would be residents of Palos Verdes for the duration of the project.⁴ Both men purchased homes in the new subdivision and became active members of the community. Olmsted’s house at 2101 Rosita Place was one of the few buildings in Palos Verdes that Myron Hunt actually designed. Mention of Olmsted, Dawson, firm partner George Gibbs and their families can be found throughout the early issues of the *Palos Verdes Bulletin*.

The California office handled a large number of private and public jobs unconnected to the Palos Verdes project, among them, the grounds of the Washington State Capitol (Job #5350) and California State Parks (Job #8072).

It is not entirely clear when the California office closed. Memos sent between Frederick Olmsted and the other firm partners discuss closing the office as early as 1933. In February of 1933, Olmsted proposed the transfer of the office to George Gibbs, with the firm playing only an ancillary role.⁵ According to his obituary in *Landscape Architecture*, Gibbs worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1934 until 1937, then started his own business in 1938 in the Los Angeles area.⁶ However, correspondence indicates that Gibbs was working with Olmsted Brothers as an “assistant” in December of 1937. The California office was still functioning as a branch of Olmsted Brothers, although in a very reduced capacity, with Mary Eich and Gibbs as the only employees.⁷ At any rate, by early spring of 1937, the Palos Verdes office was practically defunct. A letter from January 1937 discusses a proposal to close the western office

² Gates, Thomas P. “Palos Verdes Ranch Project: Olmsted Brothers’ Design Development for a Picturesque Los Angeles Suburban Community of the 1920s.” *Architronic: The Electronic Journal of Architecture* 6, no. 1: 2. November 2002 <<http://architronic.saed.kent.edu/v6n1>>.

³ *The Palos Verdes of Today, 1926*, n.p.

⁴ *Records of Olmsted Associates, Series B, Job #5959, Palos Verdes Syndicate*, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.

⁵ See “Comments on Memo of January 18th by E. C. W. to J. F. D. Concerning P. V. Margins,” February 5, 1933 in *Administrative Correspondence*, Box AC-1, Folder 3, Olmsted NHS.

⁶ “A Biographical Minute,” *Landscape Architecture Quarterly* 42 (October 1951 – July 1952): 27.

⁷ Letter from Mrs. Eich to Dawson, Dec. 20 1937. Also letters between Gibbs and Olmsted Brothers, July 1938. *California Office Correspondence*, “Imperial Western Tract, #8274,” Box 5, Folder 9.

as it was losing money. Another letter discusses the agreement to close the office and to pay financial and administrative assistant Mrs. Mary Eich to be a "local correspondent" in order to keep the firm apprised of potential work in the area.⁸ It appears that the Palos Verdes office was permanently closed sometime in 1938, as no extant correspondence was generated or received there after this date.

Save-the-Redwoods League⁹

The drive to preserve the redwoods on the northern coast of California began in 1917, after the completion of Highway 101, when several prominent conservationists traveled to Humboldt and Del Norte counties to view the magnificent redwood groves there. These were John C. Merriam, University of California paleontologist and later President of the Carnegie Institute, Madison Grant and Henry Fairfield Osborn. They saw widespread destruction of the forests along the new highway, and were appalled to find that not one tree was owned by any public agency or protected for public enjoyment in any way.

These early conservationists were impressed by the urgent need to preserve redwood groves in public parks for their unique beauty and scientific interest. In an article in *National Geographic* magazine, they revealed the coast redwoods to the American public, and made a plea for the preservation of redwood forest.¹⁰ Together, in the spring of 1918, they organized the Save-the-Redwoods League. Its objective was to rescue from destruction representative areas of primeval redwood forests, and to cooperate with state and national park services in establishing redwood parks.

In the early 1940's, FLO Jr. was involved in the efforts to preserve California's pristine forested lands. In 1944, Olmsted and Col. Henry S. Graves (previously, Chief Forester of the United States and for many years, head of Yale University's Forestry School) authored the Master Plan for the Redwoods, an effort supported by the League.¹¹ Moreover, in 1945-46, Olmsted advised legislators on the wording of (and strategy behind) H.R. 6201, a bill proposed to create the Roosevelt Memorial Forest in Humboldt County.¹²

California State Parks¹³

⁸ *Administrative Correspondence*, Box AC-1, Folder 4.

⁹ This information is taken from the League's website: http://www.savetheredwoods.org/l_info/limain.htm, June 4, 2024.

¹⁰ Smith, Herbert A. "Saving the Forests," *National Geographic* (August 1907): 519-534. See also Gilbert Hovey Grosvenor's "Our Big Trees Saved," *National Geographic* (January 1917): 1-11. Of further interest to researchers may be the 1935 Save-the-Redwoods League publication, "Bibliography of the Redwoods", found in the Western Office Correspondence collection, Box 9, Folder 1.

¹¹ Save-the-Redwoods League Membership Bulletin, Summer 1944, "Job #8335, Master Plan for Redwoods [Save-the-Redwoods League] [Part 1 of 2], 1943-45; 1949," Box 11, Folder 11, Western Office Correspondence.

¹² "Job #8335, C.I.O., 1944-46," Box 11, Folder 9, Western Office Correspondence.

¹³ From "The Seventh Generation: The Strategic Vision of California State Parks", California Department of Parks and Recreation, 2001.

Early in California's history, entire mountainsides of ancient forests were used for the development of the growing state. New cities - fueled by California's abundant deposits of gold and silver - with the accompanying business and industry, were erupting on the landscape. It appeared to many that the bounty of this rich land was without end. However, in the 1880s, Ralph Sidney Smith, editor and manager of the Redwood City Times and Gazette, began to enlighten his readers about the need to preserve part of California's unique redwood forests. After Smith's untimely death, his crusade was picked up and carried on by other prominent Californians, such as photographer Andrew P. Hill, by members of the new, yet influential Sempervirens Club, and by others who promoted the idea of preserving the best of California, forever.

Heated political battles finally brought compromise and passage of a bill authorizing state funds for the purchase of redwood property in Santa Cruz County. Governor Henry T. Gage signed the bill on March 16, 1901. The following year, the newly-appointed California Redwood Park Commission approved acquisition of the first 2,500 acres in Big Basin at a cost of \$100 per acre. The actions of turn-of-the-century citizens and lawmakers to preserve islands of California's most valuable lands for future generations put the Golden State in the forefront of the preservation movement. Unlike national parks, state parks, such as Big Basin and Humboldt Redwoods, did not need to be proven economically useless to any mining, timber, or grazing interests before being granted park status. However, unlike newly-established western national parks, which were already on federally owned land, most California park lands had to be purchased from private owners.

Before 1927, no comprehensive plan existed for preserving California's recreational, natural, and cultural treasures. However, with leadership from the Save-the-Redwoods League, a broad coalition of groups and individuals united their collective powers into a new campaign for a state park bill. The new bill swiftly gained the unanimous approval of the Legislature and was signed into law by Governor C.C. Young, to take effect in 1927.

The following year, a newly-established State Park Commission began gathering support for the first state park bond issue. Its efforts were rewarded in 1928 when Californians voted nearly three-to-one in favor of a \$6 million park bond act. In addition, FLO Jr. completed a statewide survey of potential park lands that defined basic long-range goals and provided guidance for the acquisition and development of state parks. With Newton Drury serving as acquisition officer, the new system of state parks rapidly began to grow.

In 1951, Newton Drury became Director of the California Division of Beaches and Parks. During his tenure, much of the state park system's share of offshore oil royalties, which had been suspended in 1947, began to flow once again. When Drury retired in 1959, at age 70, the California state park system was composed of 150 beaches, parks, and historic monuments, which covered 615,000 acres.

PART 3:

COLLECTION LISTING

Subseries I. California Office Correspondence

Sub-subseries a : Palos Verdes Office

Box 1 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8209, Pasatiempo Estates [Santa Cruz, CA] [Part 1 of 2], 1872; 1928-29¹⁴
2. Job #8209, Pasatiempo Estates [Santa Cruz, CA] [Part 2 of 2], 1928-29; 1931-37
3. Job #8210, [Lane, Mrs. Fulton, Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1928
4. Job #8211, [Beverly Hills - Roxbury Dr. Playground, Beverly Hills, CA], 1928-29
5. Job #8212, [La Cienaga Hills Playground, Beverly Hills, CA], 1928-29
6. Job #8216, [Morro Bay Vista (C.E. Miller), CA], 1928-29¹⁵
7. Job #8217, [Baillargeon, Cebert, Seattle, WA], 1928-29
8. Job #8219, [Stein, Dr. Otto J., Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1928-29
9. Job #8220, [Smith, Dr. Ralph, (Live Oak Canyon), Claremont, CA], 1928-30
10. Job #8221, [Milburn, Mrs. Anna (The Highlands), Seattle, WA], 1928-29; 1931; 1935
11. Job #8222, H.W. Melveny, [-Beverly Hills Lot, Los Angeles, CA], 1929; 1938
12. Job #8223, [Hart, Mrs. Alden L., Long Beach, CA], 1929
13. Job #8224, [Henning, Mrs. Julia P., Louisville, KY], 1929
14. Job #8225, Schwedtman [Mrs. F. Charles, Palos Verdes Estates, CA] [Part 1 of 2], 1930-31
15. Job #8225, Schwedtman [Mrs. F. Charles, Palos Verdes Estates, CA] [Part 2 of 2], 1930-33

Box 2 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8226, [Raleigh, W.W., Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1929-30
2. Job #8227, Tulane University, [New Orleans, LA], 1929
3. Job #8229, [Levinson, Edwin, Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1929
4. Job #8230, Newcomb [Memorial] College [Tulane University, New Orleans, LA], 1929-32
5. [Job #8231, Benjamin, Edward, Greensborough, NC], 1929
6. [Job #8232, Pioneer Park, Burbank, CA], 1929-30
7. [Job #8233, Allison, D.C. et al. (Mrs. Knapp), Bel-Air, CA], 1929-32
8. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 1 [Part 1 of 2], 1929-31
9. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 1 [Part 2 of 2], 1928-32
10. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 2 [Part 1 of 2], 1924; 1926; 1929-30¹⁶
11. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 2 [Part 2 of 2], 1929
12. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 3 [Part 1 of 2], 1928
13. Job #8234, Mt. Hood, Oregon, Folder 3 [Part 2 of 2], 1929

¹⁴ Folder contains an oversized map, "Topography of Narraganset Bay," 1872, 23"x32". Its pertinence to this folder's contents remains unknown.

¹⁵ Folder contains two oversized blueprints, "Crossection of Reservoir", ca. 1928, 8½"x16" and "[Limit of Area to be Supplied by Upper Reservoir]," ca. 1928, 26"x15".

¹⁶ Folder contains oversized map, "Southwestern Districts [British Columbia]", 1925, 44"x32".

Box 3 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8235, [Burbank United Airport, Burbank, CA], 1929-30
2. Job #8236, [Buena Vista Ave. Improvement, Riverside, CA], 1929; 1931
3. Job #8237, [Palos Verdes Library, Palos Verdes, CA], 1929-33
4. Job #8238, Miraleste School, [Palos Verdes, CA], 1929-30
5. Job #8240, [Redondo Parks, Redondo Beach, CA], 1929
6. Job #8241, [Redondo Beach, City of (Oil Leases), Redondo Beach, CA], 1930-31¹⁷
7. Job #8242, [Paine, Alex B., Seattle, WA], 1929-30
8. Job #8244, [The Highlands (40 Acres), Seattle, WA], 1930-31
9. Job #8245, [B.C. Beck, Seattle, WA], 1929-30
10. Job #8246, [Marshall, Frank E., Phoenix, AZ], 1930
11. Job #8247, Highlands Roadside Improvement Assoc., [Seattle, WA], 1930
12. Job #8248, [Chamberlain, Mrs. Selah, Redwood City, CA] [Part 1 of 2], 1930-31
13. Job #8248, [Chamberlain, Mrs. Selah, Redwood City, CA] [Part 2 of 2], 1931
14. Job #8249, Norman Livermore, [Ross, CA], 1930-32
15. Job #8250, [Mount Tamalpais Boys School, San Rafael, CA], 1927; 1930
16. Job #8251, Galli Curci Samuels, [Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1930-33
17. Job #8252, Phillips, [J. Norman, Palos Verdes, CA], 1930
18. Job #8253, [Jergins, A. T., Long Beach, CA], 1930
19. Job #8254, [California Club, Los Angeles, CA], 1930; 1932-33¹⁸
20. Job #8255, [Midwick Country Club, Montebello Park, CA], 1930-31
21. Job #8256, [Sub-station for Edison Co., Palos Verdes Estates, CA], 1930-31

Box 4 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8257, [Pismo Beach Sales Co., Pismo Beach, CA], 1931; 1933-35¹⁹
2. Job #8258, [Hammond, Mrs. Leonard C., San Mateo, CA], 1930-31
3. Job #8260, Malibu Tract, [Malibu Ranch, CA] [Part 1 of 2], 1931-33²⁰
4. Job #8260, Malibu Tract, [Malibu Ranch, CA] [Part 2 of 2], 1931-36
5. Job #8261, Neal, Robert J., [Houston, TX] [was #9288] [Part 1 of 2], 1931-33; 1935-36; 1938²¹
6. Job #8261, Neal, Robert J., [Houston, TX] [was #9288] [Part 2 of 2], 1931-32; 1936; 1938-39²²
7. Job #8261, Correspondence with Neal & O.B. [Neal, Robert J., Houston, TX], #8261,

¹⁷ Folder contains oversize maps, "Official Map of the City of Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, California", 1927, 20"x41"(heavily annotated) and "California (Los Angeles County), Torrance Quadrangle", 1924, 24"x24".

¹⁸ Folder includes photographs.

¹⁹ Folder includes reports with photographs.

²⁰ Folder includes report with photographs.

²¹ Folder includes photographs and oversize newspaper clipping, "Houston Becoming Known as Garden Spot of South; These Pictures Tell Why" from *The Houston Press*, April 11, 1936, 18"x25".

²² Folder contains oversize map, "Texas and Oklahoma (Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey)", 1931, 25"x18".

- 1931-37; 1939²³
8. Job #8262, [O'Melveny, H.W., Los Angeles, CA], 1932-33²⁴

Box 5 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8264, W.H. Orrick, [Pebble Beach, CA], 1932-35
2. Job #8265, J.A. McNulty, [Los Angeles, CA], 1933-34
3. Job #8268, Hillside Gardens, [Los Angeles, CA], 1933
4. Job #8269, [Southern California Home Gardens, Southgate, CA], 1933-34
5. Job #8270, [Dr. Ernest A.] Bryant Memorial Goodhope Clinic, Los Angeles, CA, 1933-34
6. Job #8271, Monterey Terrace Homes Gardens, [Monterey Park, CA], 1933-35
7. Job #8272, Mrs. Susanna Bixby Bryant, San Marino, CA, 1935-37
8. Job #8273, Sherman Oaks Subdivision, [San Fernando Valley, CA], 1936
9. Job #8274, Imperial Western Tract, [Los Angeles, CA], 1937-38
10. Job #8275, Cabrillo Exposition, [Los Angeles, CA], 1935-38²⁵

Sub-subseries b : Correspondence, Brookline Office

11. Job #9000, J.H. Bacheller, [Denville, NJ], 1928-29
12. Job #9001, [Harrington, J.S., "Glen Arden", Springfield, MA], 1928-30
13. Job #9002, William Bemis, [Colony Hills, Springfield, MA], 1928-31
14. Job #9004, Joseph Walworth, [Rye, NY] [Folder 1 of 3], 1929-30
15. Job #9004, Correspondence with Walworth, [Joseph Walworth, Rye, NY] [Folder 2 of 3], 1928-32
16. Job #9004, Correspondence with Mezzulo and Stout, [Joseph Walworth, Rye, NY] [Folder 3 of 3], 1928-31
17. Job #9005, W. Roland Dunsmore, [Proctor, VT], 1928-30
18. Job #9006, [Benjamin] Moore Burial Lot, [Memorial Cemetary, Cold Spring Harbor, NY], 1928
19. Job #9007, Scarsdale Downs, [Scarsdale, NY], 1928

²³ Folder contains oversize pencil grid, "Plant Order List", Fall 1932, 11½"x40".

²⁴ Folder includes photographs.

²⁵ Folder includes numerous oversize newspaper clippings.

Subseries II. Western Office Correspondence²⁶

Box 1 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8072, California State Parks (Angel Island), 1947
2. Job #8072, California State Parks (Anza Desert), ca. 1940s
3. Job #8072, California State Parks (Baldwin (Lucky Baldwin)), 1946
4. Job #8072, California State Parks (Bidwell Bar, Butte County), 1946
5. Job #8072, California State Parks (Buckley Cove Proj.; Rept. in Stockton Channel), 1946
6. Job #8072, California State Parks (Burriss Park), 1933; 1946
7. Job #8072, California State Parks (Butano Project), 1932-52
8. Job #8072, California State Parks (Calaveras Grove), 1952-53
9. Job #8072, California State Parks (Calistoga Petrified Forest), 1951
10. Job #8072, California State Parks (Clear Lake Project), 1946
11. Job #8072, California State Parks (Columbia Corres.), 1944-46; 1950
12. Job #8072, California State Parks (Cuijamaca [Cuyamaca] State Park), 1945-46
13. Job #8072, California State Parks (Fountain Ranch), 1946
14. Job #8072, California State Parks (Hendy Grove), 1946
15. Job #8072, California State Parks (Imperial County), 1946-47
16. Job #8072, California State Parks (Lake Elsinore), 1946-47
17. Job #8072, California State Parks (Lake Havasu), 1940; 1946-47
18. Job #8072, California State Parks (Lindo Lake - San Diego County), ca. 1940's
19. Job #8072, California State Parks (Mt. Tamalpais), 1945-46
20. Job #8072, California State Parks (Palo Verde Intake & Riverside Comm.), 1946
21. Job #8072, California State Parks (Placerita Canyon), 1947
22. Job #8072, California State Parks (Palm Canyon), 1937; 1942; 1946
23. Job #8072, California State Parks (Redwood Parks Maps), 1946-48
24. Job #8072, California State Parks (Riverside County), 1946
25. Job #8072, California State Parks (Sacramento River and Tributaries), 1942-46

Box 2 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8072, California State Parks (San Joaquin River and Tributaries), 1917; 1946-47
2. Job #8072, California State Parks (Stanislaus Grove (South Calaveras)), 1946-49
3. Job #8072, California State Parks (Zaca Lake), 1946
4. Job #8072, California S.P.S. - General, 1952-54
5. Job #8072, California State Parks - 1926; 1926-1932; 1947-1948
6. Job #8072, California State Parks - ~~1945~~, 1945-1950

7. Job #8072, California State Parks (California State Park Maps), ca. 1940s [Part 1 of 2]

²⁶ Most folders in this subseries contain oversized maps; given the persistent presence of these items, individual footnotes are not included.

8. Job #8072, California State Parks (California State Park Maps), 1931; 1940s [Part 2 of 2]²⁷
9. Job #8072, California State Parks (Maps - list of those sent east for final disposition), 1958

Box 3 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8072, California State Park Reports [Part 1 of 3], 1947²⁸
2. Job #8072, California State Park Reports [Part 2 of 3], 1947²⁹
3. Job #8072, California State Park Reports [Part 3 of 3], 1950³⁰
4. Job #8072, California State Parks - Reports only [part 1 of 3], 1928-53
5. Job #8072, California State Parks - Reports only [part 2 of 3], 1945-47
6. Job #8072, California State Parks - Reports only [part 3 of 3], 1945-47; 1950
7. Job #8072, California State Parks [Loose Materials], 1929; 1935³¹

Box 4 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8076, Burbank Civic Center, 1926-28
2. Job #8078, Grand Canyon [National Park, Arizona], 1926-27; 1942
3. Job #8078, Grand Canyon National Park - 1943 [part 1 of 2], 1907; 1943
4. Job #8078, Grand Canyon National Park - 1943 [part 2 of 2], 1943-44
5. Job #8083, Point Lobos Reports, 1927; 1932; 1935
6. Job #8083, Point Lobos (Correspondence with Newton Drury), 1933-39; 1942-43; 1948
7. Job #8083, Point Lobos [Loose material, Folder 1], 1935-38; 1952; 1954
8. Job #8083, Point Lobos [Loose material, Folder 2], 1935
9. Job #8083, Point Lobos [Loose material, Folder 3], 1935
10. Job #8083, Point Lobos [Loose material, Folder 4], 1935

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Folder:

1. Job #8083, Point Lobos (Correspondence with Mr. Vaughan, 1934-), 1934-38

²⁷ Folder contains correspondence and sketch regarding the memorial tablet for Farnham Martin's Park, Palos Verdes, CA, 1931.

²⁸ Includes "Report on San Joaquin River Park Ways" by Frederick Law Olmsted (1947) with accompanying maps.

²⁹ Includes "Report on Sacramento River Parkways (Part II)" by Frederick Law Olmsted (1947).

³⁰ Includes "Text of General Report on Potential State Park and Recreational Areas" by Frederick Law Olmsted (1950) with accompanying maps.

³¹ Folder includes only three copies of "Report of State Park Survey of California" prepared for the California State Park Commission by Frederick Law Olmsted (1929) and one copy of "California State Parks and Historic Monuments; A Complete Key Map to California's 70 Parks and Historic Monuments," prepared for the Richfield Oil Company of California (1935).

2. Job #8083, Point Lobos, 1935; 1937; 1942³²
3. Job #8083, Point Lobos, 1926-27; 1932-42; 1947
4. Job #8083, Point Lobos, Reports, Memoranda, etc., 1927 - , 1932-39
5. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Reports, Memos, etc., 1927-1932 [part 1 of 2], 1927-37
6. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Reports, Memos, etc., 1927-1932 [part 2 of 2], 1927-30
7. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Reports, Memos, etc., 1933 [part 1 of 2], 1939-43; 1951-54
8. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Reports, Memos, etc., 1933 [part 2 of 2], 1933-35; 1938-39; 1944

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Folder:

1. Job #8099, Yosemite, Correspondence with Mr. Merriam and Mr. Kittredge, 1937-44
2. Job #8099, Yosemite, To and From Mr. Tresidder, 1927-32; 1937-41
3. Job #8099, Yosemite, National Park Service Director and Other Officials, 1928-56 '41, 1928-35, 1941
4. Job #8099, Yosemite, Correspondence with Thomson, 1929- , 1927-36
5. Job #8099, Yosemite, Correspondence with McDuffie, 1927-1937, 1927-37
6. Job #8099, Yosemite, To and From Mr. McDuffie, 1938- , 1938-1941; 1951
7. Job #8099, Yosemite, Vehicles for use in Public Parks, 1932- , 1932-34
8. Job #8099, Yosemite National Park, Committee of Expert Advisers [sic]; Report on Developments in the General Plan for Yosemite Valley, Oct. 1939, 1939-40

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Folder:

1. Job #8099, Yosemite Advisory Board Report, 1950
2. Job #8099, Report of Yosemite Advisory Board, 1951
3. Job #8099, Yosemite Advisory Board, 1951-53
4. Job #8099, Report of Yosemite Advisory Board, 1952
5. Job #8099, Yosemite, 1952 & later, 1952
6. Job #8099, Yosemite Advisory Board, 1953
7. Job #8099, Report of Yosemite Advisory Board, 1953
8. Job #8099, Yosemite Advisory Board, 1954-56
9. Job #8099, Yosemite, Reconnaissance Report, 1950

³² Folder contains: "Land Snails of Point Lobos State Park" by Allyn G. Smith (1937); Plan #8083-508 (Pencil sketch, "Study to Accompany Memo of Dec. 28th Regarding Parcel 4," 15½" x 10½" (1935) and "List of Copies of Reports on Scientific and Other Phases of Point Lobos Reserve, California" (1942).

Box 8 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Miscellaneous, A - H, 1920; 1928-44
2. Job #8099, Yosemite Park, Miscellaneous, K - Z, 1928-40
3. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood Park [Part 1 of 2], 1940-42
4. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood Park [Part 2 of 2], 1939-45
5. Job #8200, Humboldt State Redwood Park - Reports Only, 1927; 1932; 1935; 1945
6. Job #8200, SRL [Save-the-Redwoods League] / Humboldt RW, Avenue of Giants, 1945-46
7. Job #8200, Redwoods, Humboldt County, South of Eureka, Humboldt RW Park, 1927; 1944-45
8. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood State Park, Misc. [1 of 2], 1931-38
9. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood State Park, Misc. [2 of 2], 1931-39

Box 9 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood Park, Memos, Reports, etc. [1 of 2], 1932-37; 1947
2. Job #8200, Humboldt Redwood Park, Memos, Reports, etc. [2 of 2], 1925-28; 1932
3. Job #8239, Rancho Santa Ana [Long Beach, CA], Folder 1, 1930-52
4. Job #8239, Rancho Santa Ana [Long Beach, CA] - Memos, Folder 2, 1927-34
5. Job #8243, The Highlands, Seattle, WA, 1929-34
6. Job #8259, Bryant Bixby [Subdivision, Long Beach, CA]³³, 1929-36

Box 10 (5.0" letter size)

Folder:

1. [Job #8263, University of California, Westwood, Los Angeles, CA], 1925³⁴
2. Job #8266, International House, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1933-35³⁵
3. Job #8267, Kings River Canyon (Including Gearhart Bill) [Sequoia National Forest, CA] [1 of 3], 1933-47
4. Job #8267, Kings River Canyon (Including Gearhart Bill) [Sequoia National Forest, CA] [2 of 3], 1933-47
5. Job #8267, Kings River Canyon (Including Gearhart Bill) [Sequoia National Forest, CA] [3 of 3], 1933-44
6. Job #8300, Del Norte County, CA, 1925-31
7. Job #8300, Del Norte Reports & Letter Reports, 1930-32
8. Job #8300, Prairie Creek Redwoods Park [Humboldt County], 1944-47; 1953

³³ Project is also known as Rancho Los Alamitos.

³⁴ Includes "Proposed Southwest Site for University of California Southern Branch Recommended to the State by the Commercial Bodies and Cities of the Southern Portion of Los Angeles Metropolitan District, Jan 5th, 1925; Also Shown on Map of Palos Verdes Estates of Mar. 1923" (1923; 1925)

³⁵ Includes small pencil sketches of patio.

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Folder:

1. Job #8300, Prairie Creek Redwoods Park [Humboldt County] - Reports, 1927; 1944-46
2. Job #8329, Mt. San Jacinto State Park [Riverside County], 1930; 1946
3. Job #8333, Huntington Beach and Newport Bay, 1932
4. Job #8334, Mill Creek Redwood, California, 1939
5. Job #8334, Mill Creek Park - Corresp. and reports, 1945-46
6. Job #8335, Redwood Highway and Forest Reports [Save-the-Redwoods League], 1944-45; 1952
7. Job #8335, Roosevelt Memorial Forest [Save-the-Redwoods League], 1946
8. Job #8335, Redwood Highway (See letter to Busch, May 2, 1953), 1944; 1953
9. Job #8335, C.I.O., 1944-1946³⁶
10. Job #8335, Roosevelt Redwood Forest [Save-the-Redwoods League], 1946-47
11. Job #8335, Master Plan for Redwoods [Save-the-Redwoods League] [Part 1 of 2], 1943-45; 1949
12. Job #8335, Master Plan for Redwoods [Save-the-Redwoods League] [Part 2 of 2], 1943-48

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Folder:

1. Job #8335, Master Plan for Redwoods [Save-the-Redwoods League], 1942-45; 1952-53
2. Job #8336, South Calaveras Grove, Maps and Articles, 1948-49
3. Job #8336, Calaveras Big Trees and Surroundings, South Grove [Tuolumne County, CA], 1945; 1948
4. Job #8336, Reports - South Calaveras Grove [Tuolumne County, CA], 1945; 1949
5. Job #8336, California Big Trees and Surroundings, South Calaveras Grove, Tuolumne County, 1949- , 1946; 1949-51
6. Job #9626, Granddaddy Lakes [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1942; 1948
7. Job #9626, Escalante Region, Colorado River Survey [for Dept. of the Interior], 1938; 1944-45
8. Job #9626, Upper Green River, Colorado River Survey [for Dept. of the Interior], 1941-43

³⁶ Folder contains correspondence with Anthony Smith re: Douglas Bill for FD Roosevelt Memorial Redwoods National Forest (from folder cover).

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Folder:

1. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin Survey 1941 [for Dept. of the Interior], 1941
2. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin 1942 [Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1941-42
3. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin 1943 [Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1943
4. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin 1944 [Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1943-44
5. Job #9626, CWO [?] Dinosaur NM 1949-50 [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1949-50
6. Job #9626, Colorado River Maps [Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1949-50
7. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin - Boulder Canyon Project Area [Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1936-37
8. Job #9626, Bridge Canyon Dam [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 1 of 2], 1941-44; 1949
9. Job #9626, Bridge Canyon Dam [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 2 of 2], 1949-50
10. Job #9626, [Shadow Mountain Reservoir (Loose Report)], 1943
11. Job #9626, Colorado River Basin - Shadow Mtn. [Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1941; 1943-44
12. Job #9626, Colorado River Survey - Yampa River, Uinta Basin [For Dept. of the Interior], 1943
13. Job #9626, Colorado River Reports [For Dept. of the Interior], 1943; 1945

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Folder:

1. Job #9626, Colorado River Survey, Memos, Reports, Etc. [Part 1 of 2] [for Dept. of the Interior], 1941; 1945
2. Job #9626, Colorado River Survey, Memos, Reports, Etc. [Part 2 of 2] [for Dept. of the Interior], 1941; 1944; 1948
3. Job #9626, Parker Dam [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 1 of 2], 1939
4. Job #9626, Parker Dam [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 2 of 2], 1946
5. Job #9626, Dinosaur [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 1 of 2], 1944
6. Job #9626, Dinosaur [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior] [Part 2 of 2], 1941-44
7. Job #9626, FLO [Jr.] Writings [Colorado River Basin Recreational Survey for Dept. of the Interior], 1943; 1945

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