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Provenance
The City of Berkeley California records were given to The Bancroft Library by the Berkeley City Clerk in 1953. Additions were made in 1988.

City History
The City of Berkeley, California was incorporated on April 1, 1878 from two distinct settlements. Much of the area surrounding Berkeley was given the Peralta family as a land grant from the Spanish king in 1820. After the gold rush and California statehood in 1850, the large ranchero should have stayed in the Peralta hands. However, the large ranchero's unoccupied land quickly filled with Americans, using "squatter's rights" or a right to occupy empty land. Confusion over rights to the lands was finally settled in 1877, but by that time the land was already settled and the Peralta family sold their remaining land.
James Jacob first anchored in the area where Strawberry Creek flows into the bay in 1853. In 1854, Captain William J. Bowen established an inn on Contra Costa Road (today's San Pablo Avenue) that became a successful stage stop. The small community known as Ocean View encouraged industry to settle in the region, beginning with the Pioneer Starch and Grist Mill in 1855. The industrial area steadily grew, with Z.B. Heywood's lumberyard in 1866, the Hofburg Brewery in 1869, the California Watch Company and Standard Soap Company factories in 1875, Griffin Glove Company in 1877, and a number of chemical plants in the 1880's. In 1877 the Southern Pacific Railroad located its transcontinental mainline along the Berkeley shore, giving West Berkeley businesses direct access to the national rail network for the first time. Ocean View (West Berkeley) thus developed into a lively working class and agricultural community.

The other settlement, a mile east of the Ocean View, surrounded land chosen by the College of California. After the original site in Oakland and proved too urban for the founder's ideal for the College, the trustees bought land located five miles north of Oakland near Strawberry Creek with a spectacular western view of the Golden Gate. Ground was broken for the new college in 1860. The community was named after George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, Ireland, a strong supporter of higher education in the new world. What particularly attracted the trustees was a line in one of Berkeley's poems: "Westward the course of empire takes its way," a fitting tribute to a new educational community on the western frontier.

The state legislature voted to establish a state university in 1867, and the College of California combined with the proposed land grant university, becoming the University of California in 1868. In 1869 the state School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind was moved from San Francisco to a new facility under construction a few blocks south of the university campus. The surrounding community grew to service the University population, though most students and faculty came to the university by means of stage coach or rail line from living quarters in Oakland.

An animosity between the two areas sprung up for several specific reasons, along with general social and economic differences. When the university dammed Strawberry Creek for a water supply, Ocean View residents claimed this substantially lowered the water level in their wells, and argued that waste from the campus area was polluting the stream. A law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within two miles of campus would have closed down taverns in Ocean View, a matter of concern to the hardworking community. The limit was reduced to one mile, but caused other problems as new bars opened in Ocean View catering to students. Yet along with conflict, economic ties to the two communities grew, as the campus community used Ocean View's shops and labor.

By the late 1870's, residents from Ocean View and Berkeley were dissatisfied with the level of services from the county government that had jurisdiction over unincorporated areas. Moreover, Oakland seemed to be making plans to extend its borders north to include both areas. The two sides united, incorporating on April 1, 1878. Additional annexations of territory in 1891, 1906, 1908, 1920, and 1958 brought the town to its current size.

Due to the fact that the communities were polarized, many simple things were issues. The location of the town hall was settled by the creation of a steam rail line on Shattuck Avenue, the most convenient route to Oakland and the Southern Pacific ferry to San Francisco for both East and West Berkeley. In 1899, the town hall was put on wheels and moved from University Avenue and Sacramento Street to a site on Grove Street between Allston Way and Center Street, just two blocks west of Shattuck.

From 13,214 residents in 1900, Berkeley's population increased to 40,434 in 1910 and to 56,036 in 1920 due to increase in the availability of transportation to Oakland and San Francisco. The community continued to grow, with populations reaching 82,000 in 1930 and 115,000 by 1940, fueled by a boom in defense spending, both in research at the University and in the Richmond area shipyards. Since the 1940's, the population of Berkeley has remained relatively stable at just over 100,000 due to space constraints and the growth of surrounding suburban communities.

The availability of transportation options such as street rail and ferries from 1900 to the 1920's promoted Berkeley's development and growth as a suburban area. The red Southern Pacific electric streetcars were in competition with the orange San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways or Key Transit System streetcars. Francis Marion "Borax" Smith established the Key Transit System routes in 1903 to help with real estate development. The Key System street rail to a propeller driven ferry transport promised a 35-minute trip from Berkeley to San Francisco. By 1923 Golden Gate Ferry established a ferry option for those with automobiles. Ferries could not compete after the Bay Bridge opened in 1936. More cost-effective buses over took all street rail routes by 1948. The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District was formed to publicly operate a local bus system in 1960.

The new community also had to face significant challenges in utilities. The water supply through Strawberry Creek and shallow wells that first encouraged settlement proved insufficient for the growing population. Due to lack of water storage, Berkeley residents had restricted watering for gardens as early as 1883. A series of private water companies failed, were bought out, restructured, and failed again in a cycle from 1877 to the 1920's. Seeing a need for reliable water supply and larger water storage, there was a move to implement municipally owned water companies and public utilities as early as 1911. The proposal for the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) was voted on in 1923, winning in part due to lack of water supply to quell a wildfire that burned a great deal of North Berkeley in October 1923. EBMUD turned down San
Francisco's offer to share water supply from the Hetch Hechy reservoir, creating the San Pablo reservoir from Mokelumne River water by 1929.

Fire was a constant threat in early Berkeley, due to lack of water supply, wood construction, and a dependence on wood stoves and kerosene lamps. The first volunteer fire department was established in 1882, continuing until paid fire positions were established in 1904 in as many as 10 firehouses. Fire continues to be a hazard in Berkeley, as seasonal drought, hot weather, and large wildfires destroy homes. Particularly destructive fires occurred in October of 1923 and 1991.

The police department began as the town marshal and constables, elected positions. In 1905, August Vollmer, a veteran of the Spanish American war, was elected marshal. When the 1909 charter established a professional police department, Vollmer was appointed police chief. Chief Vollmer demanded honesty and efficiency from his force, requiring staff to know the laws they were enforcing and wear standard uniforms while on duty. Vollmer was among the first to implement scientific investigation, a record keeping system, and instituted codes of ethics including a ban on gratuities and drinking in uniform. During Vollmer's 40 years on the force, Berkeley grew into one of the most highly respected police forces in the country, a reputation that continues through today.

After World War II, Berkeley faced a migration to the surrounding suburbs. The University's student population doubled from 1945 to 1948, for a total of 25,000. The University's prestige increased, in part because of participation in the Manhattan project building the atom bomb. During the 1950's, the Regents required all university personnel to take an anti-Communist loyalty oath. However, much of the University's faculty felt the loyalty oath was a violation of First Amendment rights and a threat to academic freedom and tenure. Faculty that refused to take the oath were fired, and promptly sued. The California Supreme Court ruled that the university could not impose a loyalty oath different than that required of all other state employees. Controversies such as the loyalty oath demonstrate the liberal nature of Berkeley citizens. By 1961, the city government had liberal majorities. The city council worked on the issues of racial justice, including housing discrimination and school desegregation. Students at the University were also active participants in the Civil Rights movement in the early 1960's.

Berkeley activists participated in demonstrations against a San Francisco meeting of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1960, employment discrimination all over the Bay area, and organized political activity on the edges of Campus. In September of 1964, students were told that political activity would be banned from the campus edge's Bancroft Way sidewalk. Student groups decided to use direct action and civil disobedience to oppose the administrative restrictions. The activists transformed the structure of the protest from a "united front" of organizations to the Free Speech Movement (FSM), a separate group with its own identity and highly informal governing process. FSM activists put their campus conflict into a broad context, beginning an era of activism in many arenas.

Liberal politicians had long urged campus and city radicals to pursue their goals through electoral politics rather than direct action. Berkeley's on-going legacy of the sixties has promoted laudable popular involvement in community affairs and a willingness to defend important values and promote useful social experimentation.


Scope and Content of Collection

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Highlights of the collection include: documentation on the early town of Berkeley, including the charter, 1899 census documents, tax sale rolls and indices, planning commission and street information, documentation on the street railway systems, and early police department records.
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## SERIES 1: City Office Records, 1878-1954, n.d.

### CARTONS 1-2, OVERSIZE 1B, VOLUMES 16, 36

### 1.1: Charter and Reports, 1878-1911, 1920

**Arrangement**

Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**

Divided into five sub-series, Charter and Reports, City Staffing, City Council, Planning Commission and Territory, and Correspondence. Contains records relating to the running of the city offices, including information on the city charter, reports, city staffing, city council minutes, resolutions, financial documents, planning commission material, and correspondence.

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- County Surveyor Report, 1878
- Taxes, Licenses, Notices, 1880-1881
- Board of Health: Statement Regarding Cholera, Yellow Fever and Sanitation, 1885
- Town Clerk’s Record, Treasurer’s Report, 1886
- Committee Reports, 1888, 1890
- City Treasurer, Marshall, and Tax Collector Reports, 1893-1894
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- Expert’s Report on City Clerk’s Records, 1895, 1897, 1899
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- Health Officers Report on Influenza, 1920

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**City Staffing, 1881-1905, 1911-1914, 1922, 1933, 1939, n.d.**

**Arrangement**

Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**

Consists of documentation on city staff, including town attorney opinions, material from the mayor, correspondence regarding other town offices, and documents relating to the defeated move to make city offices civil service positions.

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**Town Attorney**

- Claims Against City, 1911-1914, 1922

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- Annual Report, 1911-1912
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- Chamber of Commerce and Berkeley Defense Corps War Garden (Food Growth), 1918
- Berkeley’s Work in Food Conservation, 1919
- Veteran’s of Alameda County: Resolution to employ discharged soldiers, 1919

SERIES 2: Tax Rolls, Personal Property Rolls, and Indices, 1879-1936

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Volumes include registers of treasury tax sales, assessment rolls, personal property rolls, indices, and delinquent tax sales.

Treasury Tax Sales
- Volume 28: 1879-1908
- Volume 29: 1886-1904

Assessment Rolls
- Volume 30: v.1, 1908
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- Volume 18-19: 1931-1932, books 1-7, 8-15, June 27, 1932
- Volume 20-21: 1932-1933, v.1-2, August 27, 1933
- Volume 22-23: 1933-1934, v.1-2, June 27, 1934


Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Includes information about bonds, receipts, and license revenue. (See also Series 7, Public Utilities, and Series 8 sub-series on Street Railway companies for franchise receipts.)

Bonds
- Carton 2, Folder 67: Series 23 Assessment Sheets, 1928-1930
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Receipts and Disbursements, 1937-1943
License Reports, 1937-1943
Trial Balances, 1938-1944

SERIES 4: Leases, Contracts, Agreements, and Bids, 1887-1953

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Includes leases, contracts, agreements and bids for a variety of city needs, such as utility infrastructure, gravel, fuels, automobiles, fire-hose, electric lamps, sewer pipe, insurance and many other items. Contains agreements with service organizations such as the Berkeley Day Nursery, School Lunch Program, and the Berkeley Art Association.


Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Divided into two sub-series: Ordinances and Petitions. Contains adopted and proposed ordinances with supporting documentation for or against the ordinance. Also includes petitions to the city council, generally protest petitions from the Berkeley population on a variety of topics.

5.1: Ordinances, 1895-1926, n.d.

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Includes adopted and proposed ordinances with supporting documents on topics of interest to Berkeley citizens. Some ordinances correspond to an alphanumeric code, while other files do not contain code information.

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5.2: Petitions, 1881-1931, n.d.

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Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Petitions to the city council. Generally petitions of request or protest on a variety of topics signed by Berkeley citizens.

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**Arrangement**
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically

**Scope and Content Note**
Consists of documentation from the fire and police departments.

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**6.1: Fire Department Records, 1902-1912, 1920**

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
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carton 7, folder 21-22
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Combination Engine and Wagon, Contract with American France Fire Engine Co., 1907

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Report of the Fire Department, 1920

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**6.2: Police Department Records, 1906, 1909-1921**

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
Consists of information on the police telegraph system, statistics, special officer nominations, and department reports.
SERIES 6: Fire and Police Departments, 1902-1921

6.2: Police Department Records, 1906, 1909-1921

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- Carton 7, folder 30-31: Special Officer Appointments, 1906, 1909
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- Carton 8, Folder 28: Water Corporation Accounts: California State Railroad Commission, 1912
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- Carton 8, Folder 31: Water Infrastructure, 1915
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- Carton 8, Folder 36: Antioch and Sacramento San Joaquin River Water Use Rights Resolutions, 1922
- Carton 8, Folder 37: Water District Correspondence, 1923-1924

7.2: Natural Gas, 1903-1911, 1920, 1932-1933

- Carton 9, Folder 1-6: Arranged chronologically.
- Carton 9, Folder 7: Contains information about natural gas usage and rates in Berkeley.
Carton 9, Folder 1
Manufacure and Sale of Gas, W.R. Port, 1903

Carton 9, Folder 2
Gas Meter and Service Connection Controversy Raised by Mr. North and Mr. Britton, 1909

Carton 9, Folder 3
Oakland Natural Gas Company, Proposal for Gas Well at Berkeley High School, 1911

Carton 9, Folder 4
Extension of Gas Line on Bancroft Way, 1911

Carton 9, Folder 5
Natural Gas Rates Case Argued Before the California Railroad Commission, 1920, 1933

Carton 9, Folder 6
Gas Shut off Rules Regarding Shut off Valves, Case Argued Before the California Railroad Commission, 1932

Carton 9, Folders 7-21
7.3: Electricity, 1888-1923
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Includes information on the electrical contracts and creation of electrical infrastructure.

Carton 9, Folder 7
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Carton 9, Folder 8
Electricity Contracts, 1893-1897

Carton 9, Folder 9-10
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Carton 9, Folder 13
Power Rates, 1912

Carton 9, Folder 14
Lines Out, 1913

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Receipts, Lines Down, 1913

Carton 9, Folder 16
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Carton 9, Folder 18
Great Western Power Company, 1913-1917, 1923

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7.4: Lighting, 1883-1913
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Consists of documentation about street light placement and the electrical infrastructure for street lighting.

Carton 9, Folder 22
Gas Street Lights, 1883

Carton 9, Folder 23
Extension of Electric Light in Berkeley, 1889

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Electric Light Plant, 1889-1893

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Carton 9, Folder 28-29
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Carton 9, Folder 30
Street Lights Maintained by San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, 1913
SERIES 7: Public Utilities, 1883-1927
7.5: Telegraph and Telephone, 1902-1927

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7.5: Telegraph and Telephone, 1902-1927
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains of information about the telegraph and telephone infrastructure, as well as the evolution of telephone companies in Berkeley. (See also Series 4 Police and Fire departments for alarm telegraph.)

carton 9, folder 31
Telegraph Lines, 1902-1904

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General (Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, Bay Cities Home Telephone Co.), 1911-1915

carton 9, folder 33
Merger of Pacific States Telephone with Home Telephone Co., 1912

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Pacific Telegraph and Telephone, 1919-1925

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7.6: Municipal Utilities, 1902, 1912-1913, 1923-1925
Arrangement
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Scope and Content Note
Documents the periodic investigation of municipal ownership of utilities.

carton 9, folder 36
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carton 9, folder 37
Municipal Ownership League: Alameda Municipal Electric Light Plant, 1912

carton 9, folder 38
Municipal Water, Electric Light, and Telephone System, 1912-1913

carton 9, folder 39
Municipally Owned Utilities Correspondence

carton 9, folder 40
East Bay Municipal Utilities District, 1923-1925

Carton 9, Folders 41-46, Carton 10, Folders 1-42, Oversize Folders 2-3B, Volume 17

SERIES 8: Transportation, 1880-1936, n.d.
Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Divided into eight sub-series: General, Street Improvements, California Railroad Commission, Street Railways, Santa Fe Railroad Company, Key Transit System: San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and Wharf and Harbor. Consists of documentation on Berkeley and East Bay transportation structures, such as streets, street railways, wharf, and harbor.

Carton 9, Folders 41-46, Oversize Folder 2B

8.1: General, 1904-1933
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Content Note
Contains limited documentation on transportation subjects such as horses, automobiles, the Carquinez and San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridges, auto traffic, and an airport.

carton 9, folder 41
Correspondence Regarding Livestock and Horses in Town, 1904-1905, 1912, 1918

oversize 2B

Water Trough Map, ca. 1909

vehicle lights, 1909-1910

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Bridge Planning (Carquinez and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridges), 1914, 1921-1925, 1927

Carton 9, folder 43
Bridge from Oakland to Alameda, 1918

Carton 9, folder 44
Pacific Coast Highway, Carmel - San Simeon Gap, 1926

Carton 9, folder 45
Auto Traffic Correspondence, 1931

Carton 9, folder 46
Report on Traffic Arteries connecting with the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, 1932

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8.1: General, 1904-1933

Carton 9, Folders 47-62, Oversize Folders 2-3B

Airport Rating Certificate, 1933


Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Consists of documentation of Berkeley street dedications, improvements, and repair, including some maps.

Request for Street Repair, California Institute for the Education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, 1886

Proposals for Work, 1893

Register of Street Work, 1895-1916

Moody Place Dedication, 1899

Moody Place Map, 1902

Gilman Street Opening, 1903

Improvements Survey Clippings, 1904

Plan for improvement of Bonte Street Map, 1907

Chesnut Street Opening, 1907

Chesnut Street Map, 1906

Carton Street: Proposal to widen near Ellsworth Street, 1909

Blake Street Improvements, 1909

Regent Street Opening, 1910

Claremont Court Dedication, 1910

Claremont Court Map, 1907

Matthew Street Opening, 1913

Matthew Street Map, 1906

Sacramento and Grove Streets Improvements, 1913

Westmorland Park (Ashby Avenue, Stanton, Prince and Baker Streets) Map, 1913

Shattuck Avenue widening at Allston Way, 1920

Telegraph Avenue Repair and Street Parking, 1922-1923

Improvements, 1924-1925

Tunnel Road, 1927, 1929

Map of Ashby Avenue near Adeline Street, n.d.

8.3: California Railroad Commission, 1923-1941

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Records of cases heard by the California Railroad Commission on topics such as rail travel, trans-bay fares, and switches from streetcars to buses.

California Railroad Commission Orders, 1917-1918

Case for Reduction of Trans-bay Fares, 1923

Case Hearings, 1925-1927

Financial Statements from Key Lines and Southern Pacific Regarding Fare Reductions, 1932

Key System Railway and Motor Coach Service, 1941
8.4: **Street Railways, 1880-1936**

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
Includes general information, correspondence, and complaints against the streetcar system as a whole.

- **Franchises, 1880-1890**
- **General, 1900, 1903-1904, 1906-1914, 1919-1920, 1922-1926, n.d.**
- **Improvements, 1911-1914**
- **Railway Crossing Reports, 1917**
- **Fare Reduction, Opposition to one-manned cars, 1923-1925, 1933-1936**
- **Correspondence Regarding Lines and Crossings, 1923-1925, 1928**

- **Spur Track on Sacramento between Woosley and Alcatraz, 1913**
- **Franchise Receipts, 1924**

8.5: **Santa Fe Railway Company, 1913, 1924**

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
Documentation of the Santa Fe Railway Company's business in Berkeley.

- **Spur Track on Sacramento between Woosley and Alcatraz, 1913**
- **Franchise Receipts, 1924**

8.6: **Key Transit System: San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, 1905-1926**

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note**
Consists of information about city streetcar franchises and lines by Key Transit System, a Berkeley streetcar company owned by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways.

- **Oakland Traction Company: Franchise and Services, 1905-1906, 1908, 1910, 1912-1913**

- **Correspondence, 1912-1913**

- **Franchise Receipts, 1915**

- **Financial Statements, 1915-1919**

- **Correspondence Regarding Lines, 1919**

- **Rate Increase, 1925**

- **Correspondence, 1925-1926**

- **Application for Motor Bus Service, 1926**

- **Euclid Avenue Line, 1926**
8.7: Southern Pacific Railroad Company, 1903-1932

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains records of the Southern Pacific streetcars, including tracks, lines, stops, and franchise receipts.

carton 10, folder 18
Sewer Lines, 1903, 1906

carton 10, folder 19
Track Repair and Upkeep, 1905

carton 10, folder 20
Side Track on Sacramento Between Alcatraz and Fairview Streets, 1905

carton 10, folder 21
Franchise for Second Track on Shattuck Avenue, 1905

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Franchises, 1908

carton 10, folder 23
Woosley Street Line, 1911

carton 10, folder 24
Stop, Line and Flagmen Requests, 1911-1912

carton 10, folder 25
Correspondence, 1912

carton 10, folder 26
Wires on Allston Way, 1912

carton 10, folder 27
Ellsworth Street Line, 1912

carton 10, folder 28
Spur Track across Snyder Avenue, 1912-1913

carton 10, folder 29
Franchise Receipts, 1915-1918, 1920-1927, 1931-1932

carton 10, folder 30-32
Lines and Stops, 1922-1925

8.8: Wharf and Harbor, 1907-1918, 1926

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Records from the planning and use of the municipal wharf and harbor.

Municipal Wharf
General, 1907-1908

Proposed Wharf Drawing, 1907

Records, 1909

Bids for Work at Wharf, 1926

Harbor
Petition, 1912

Proposal, 1913
SERIES 8: Transportation, 1880-1936, n.d.

8.8: Wharf and Harbor, 1907-1918, 1926

SERIES 9: Construction, 1915-1917, 1933-1934

Arrangement
Arranged hierarchically and chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Divided into two sub-series, School Construction and Civil Works Administration Projects.
Consists of documentation of construction projects in Berkeley, including several school buildings and projects of the Civil Works Administration.

Carton 10, Folders 42-47, Carton 11, Folders 1-8

9.1: School Construction, 1915-1917

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains records from the building of Frances E. Willard and James A. Garfield Schools as well as a failed contract for John Muir School.

John Muir School (A. H. Waid Contractor: Failed to Build), 1915
Frances E. Willard School "B" (Siebert Company), 1915-1917
James A. Garfield School "D" (Siebert Company), 1916

Carton 11, Folders 1-8

9.2: Civil Works Administration Projects, 1933-1934

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Documentation from Civil Works Administration projects for civic improvement.

Rules and Regulations, 1933
Projects, 1933-1934

Carton 11, Folders 9-43

SERIES 10: Clippings, 1934-1939

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note
Contains newspaper clippings collected for the city manager on general topics and events in Berkeley.

Newspaper Clippings, 1934-1937