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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Olmsted Brothers Collection,
Date (inclusive): n.d., 1913-1916
Collection Number: 1969-2
Creator: Olmsted Brothers Olmsted, John Charles, 1852-1920Olmsted, Frederick Law, Jr., 1870-1957
Extent: 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, 1 tube
Repository: Environmental Design Archives.
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Abstract: The collection consists of records created by the Olmsted Brothers firm, as well as materials relating to Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.
Language: English.
Access
   Collection is open for research.
Publication Rights
   All requests for permission to publish, reproduce, or quote from materials in the collection should be discussed with the Curator.
Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information
The bulk of this collection was donated in 1969.

Access Points
St. Francis Wood, San Francisco.

Historical Note
Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903), known as the "father of American landscape architecture," designed and planned parks and park systems throughout the United States. His earliest designs, completed with partner Calvert Vaux, include New York's Central Park, Brooklyn's Prospect Park, and Chicago's South Parks.

Olmsted's stepson and son, John Charles Olmsted and Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. became landscape architects as well, working in Olmsted's firm. The two formed the Olmsted Brothers firm in 1898, after the retirement of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. and the death of partner Charles Eliot. The Olmsted Brothers completed numerous large projects, including comprehensive park systems, universities, exposition grounds, libraries, hospitals, and state capitols. In addition, the two were among the founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Scope and Contents Note
The Olmsted Brothers collection consists of records created by the Olmsted Brothers firm, as well as materials relating to Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. Records of the firm consist of site plans and planting plans of Saint Francis Wood (San Francisco). Items concerning Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. consist of a portrait and a reproduction of the plan for Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery, by Olmsted & Vaux.