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## George C. Collier Collection

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** George C. Collier Collection

**Dates:** 1976-1981

**Collection Number:** 2008.42

**Creator/Collector:** Collier, George

**Extent:** 1 box

**Repository:** Contra Costa County Historical Society  
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**Abstract:** His collection includes printed maps, articles, and a scrapbook during the time of excavation at Somersville.

**Language of Material:** English

### **Access**

Collection is open for research.

### **Publication Rights**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Biography/Administrative History**

George C. Collier was a historian, author, and surveyor. He wrote *A History of Contra Costa County*, which he self-published in 1970. He also self-published in 1976 the book, *Laguna de los Palos Colorados—A history of the Moraga Rancho, Contra Costa County*. He was past president and secretary of the El Cerrito Historical Society. He worked over his career as surveyor for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and then for the Contra Costa County assessor's office. After retirement, he volunteered to work with archeologists from UC-Berkeley Lowie Museum of Anthropology in the excavation of Somersville in eastern Contra Costa County.

### **Scope and Content of Collection**

• Scrapbook of clippings, brochures, maps, and blueprints; some of which George Collier created. • Booklet on Point Pinole • "San Francisco: a Lecture given for Vista College, March 25, 1983" (typescript) • "Old Stone Walls of the East Bay" by Frederick J Monteagle • Map, Richmond General Plan, 1973 (move to map collection?) • "Summary of the Richmond Coastline Plan," 1971 • Map, Black Diamond Mine (East Bay Regional Parks), no date • Correspondence from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) about Sewage Sludge, along with articles about sewer sludge, and a booklet from the district about their water. • "From the Beginning," by S.M. Marks, Secretary-Treasurer, typescript of article published in *Bubbles*, v. 5, no. 6, p. 3 (Oct 1922). A history of early water companies. • Maps, different maps of California • Newspaper articles • Lecture on American Deserts • Copy of *Laguna de los Palos Colorados—A history of the Moraga Rancho, Contra Costa County*.

### **Indexing Terms**

Marks, S.M.

Monteagle, Frederick J.

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)

East Bay Regional Parks

Point Pinole

Richmond

Black Diamond Mine

scrapbook

newspaper clippings

brochures

maps

blueprints

*Laguna de los Palos Colorados—A history of the Moraga Rancho, Contra Costa County*

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