Guide to the Henri Jacot Balboa Park Protective Association Records MS 200

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**Title:** Henri Jacot Balboa Park Protective Association Records  
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**Contributing Institution:** San Diego History Center Document Collection  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** 0.25 Linear feet (1 box)  
**Date (inclusive):** 1870, 1932-1983  
**Abstract:** The collection contains items from the Balboa Park Protective Association, documenting their efforts for the preservation of San Diego’s Balboa Park, including project reports, public outreach and meetings.  
**creator:** Jacot, Henri  

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**Arrangement**  
Items in collection are arranged by subject.  

**Scope and Content**  
The collection consists of documents related to a variety of projects against which Balboa Park Protective Association rallied. Specific projects mentioned in the collection include: Bartholomew Plan; Maple Canyon Road; Naval Hospital Expansion; Fine Arts Gallery; Timken Museum of Art; Ron Pekarek Plan; and Florida Canyon. The collection's materials include correspondence, outreach mailings, newsletters, speeches, and newspaper clippings. There is also information on club membership, local elections, and reports on the various projects. Highlights include an election flyer, informative press releases, and letters to and from various public offices, including the mayor and the San Diego Grand Jury.  

**Biographical / Historical Notes**  
The Balboa Park Protective Association was formed in 1947, and sought to preserve the prevailing architecture in Balboa Park while preventing further incursion of peripheral roads, encroachment by other buildings and organizations, and the increased sprawl of parking lots. The Association worked to subvert the Bartholomew Plan, adopted by the City of San Diego in 1960, that called for further development of the park. Henri Jacot was a local architect and a member of the Balboa Park Protective Association. He and his associates lobbied politicians, organized concerned citizens and placed petitions on the ballot in an effort to enact the desired preservation. The Association succeeded in preventing the incursion of roads called for in the Bartholomew Plan, but failed in thwarting further development of the park. Other projects battled by the Association included the relocation of the U.S. Naval Hospital onto Park grounds, and the construction of the Timken Museum building. After the Association was ended in 1967, its work and efforts were continued by the Committee of 100.  

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**  
Donated by Henri Jacot.  

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Abbey, Florence B.  
Arboretum of Los Angeles County.  
Balboa Park Protective Association.  
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3.  
Committee of 100 (San Diego, Calif.).  
Fine Arts Gallery of San Diego.  
Harland Bartholomew & Associates.  
Jacot, Henri
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   Petition for 1961 ballot, with instructions
   City charter amendment pamphlet, 1961

Box-folder 1:9  Miscellanea, 1962-1977 and undated
   Includes:
   Committee of 100 informational booklet (1975) and membership card (1977).
   Scraps of paper and note cards with names and contact information, laws passed in San
   Diego, arguments and facts in favor of Balboa Park conservation.

Box-folder 1:10 Miscellanea, 1961-1963 and undated
   Includes:
   Newspaper clippings
   American Institute of Architects newsletter, 1963
   Issue of Contemporary Steel Design, 1963