Guide to the Percy Broell Presidio Park Collection MS 73

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Abstract: This collection contains manuscripts and correspondence regarding the history of Presidio Park by Percy Broell, the gardener and park superintendent largely responsible for its physical construction.
creator: Broell, Percy C.

Biographical / Historical Notes
Percy Broell (1904-1982), an Iowa native, was a resident of San Diego for over 50 years. He was an active member in civic affairs, particularly in the arena of parks and recreation. Broell was the main constructor of Presidio Park, under the supervision of George Marston. After the park's completion he remained as gardener, park foreman, and park superintendent.

Scope and Content
This collection contains manuscripts and correspondence regarding the history of Presidio Park by Percy Broell, the gardener and park superintendent largely responsible for its physical construction. The first manuscript contains a history of the park and its physical construction, including original photographs documenting its progress, as well as a history of Old San Diego. The second manuscript is a botanical guide and index.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged by material type.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Broell, Percy C.
Marston, George White, 1850-1946
Warren, Jerrald
Botany
Gardening
Presidio Park

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Box-folder 1:1  "History of Presidio Park 1905-1937" (1 of 3), 1937
Box-folder 1:2  "History of Presidio Park 1905-1937" (2 of 3), 1937
Box-folder 1:3  "History of Presidio Park 1905-1937" (3 of 3), 1937
Box-folder 1:4  "Presidio Park: a brief history and guide," undated

Scope and Content
This file contains drafts, with illustrations, of text also contained in the first manuscript.

Box-folder 1:5  "Presidio Park Plant Life," 1937
Box-folder 1:6  Research Reference, undated

Includes:
Research notes and a portion of a map.
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Correspondence (copies), 1938 November 23 - 1976 June 16 and undated

Includes:

Letters to Jerrald Warren, editor of the Union Tribune, with detailed information about George Marston and the creation of Presidio Park; a letter of recommendation for Broell from George Marston; and two letters to Jack Broell, Percy's brother.