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**Language of Material:** English

**Contributing Institution:** San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library

**Title:** John H. (Hawkins) Anderson papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1948-1998

**Date (bulk):** 1973-1978

**Creator:** Anderson, John H. (John Hawkins), 1930-2019

**Collection Identifier:** SFH 590

**Physical Description:** 2 cartons, 1 manuscripts box, 1 oversized box (3 cubic feet)

**Abstract:** Contains Anderson's files, mainly as a consultant to the City of San Francisco, on the reuse of the Hunters Point Shipyard which the Navy had deactivated.

The collection is stored on site.

**Language of Material:** Collection materials are in English.

**Access**

The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours.

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item], John H. Anderson Papers, (SFH 590), San Francisco History Center, San Francisco Public Library.

**Provenance**

Donated by Carolyn Gray Anderson on April 4, 2019.

**Separated Materials**

Some materials were incorporated into the John F. Shelley Papers (SFH 10) and Joseph L. Alioto Papers (SFH 5). The book, *Teilhard de Chardin: In Quest of the Perfection of Man*, Rutherford, [NJ]: Farleigh Dickinson University Press, c1973, autographed by Joseph Alioto, was removed to the library's catalog.

**Related Materials**

Researchers are encouraged to see also the San Francisco Department of City Planning Records (SFH 465) and the San Francisco Ephemera Collection (SF SUB COLL), and to check the library catalog.

**Processing Information**


**Biographical Information**

John Hawkins Anderson was a Bay Area city planner for three decades. He worked in San Francisco City Hall under mayors John Shelley, Joseph Alioto, George Moscone, and Dianne Feinstein. His first assignment was to draft the Johnson-era Model Cities Program for San Francisco. He contributed to the development of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system and other landmark projects, and managed leases at the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard. Before retiring from public service, he directed the Emeryville Redevelopment Agency.

In the late 1980s, he switched gears professionally to co-found Sino International Corporation, forming an exclusive relationship with Hongfa Electroacoustic Co.

Anderson lived on Potrero Hill for 50 years. He is remembered for spearheading the campaign to sink utility distribution lines in several blocks of the neighborhood.

**Arrangement**

Organized chronologically.

**Scope and Contents**

Contains Anderson's files, mainly as a consultant to the City of San Francisco, on the reuse of the Hunters Point Shipyard which the Navy had deactivated. Includes correspondence, notes and draft documents. Also includes papers documenting his evaluation of the Association of Bay Area Governments' Draft Environmental Management Plan. Of note are 1948 architectural drawings of a proposed, multi-structure convention center, by Eldridge T. Spencer and William Clement Ambrose (in Series 4).

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Anderson, John H. (John Hawkins), 1930-2019 -- Archives

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard -- Planning

Military base conversion

Environmental policy -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area -- Management

Physical Description: 2 cubic feet

Historical Note

When the Hunters Point Shipyard was deactivated in 1974, the Navy's policies on the release of the yard for non-Navy use were uncertain, and the Port did not develop plans. The Port Commission had a study of the yard's potential as a Port facility. The City proposed this development to the Navy on March 15, 1976, with the Port as the city's agent in a master tenant arrangement. However, the Navy awarded the lease to a private company, Triple A Machine Shop.

John Anderson was a consultant to the city as Project Director of the Hunters Point Shipyard Reuse Project, and then with the Port Commission on shipyard development and operation.

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Box 1

Western Shipbuilding Association Study and Policy, 1964
Navy Correspondence, 1967-1968
Photographs, 1972-1973
Maps, 1972-1973
Special Task Force Preliminary Report, July 31, 1973
Correspondence, May-October, 1973
Booz, Allen & Hamilton Proposal to City for Reuse Study, 1973
Urban Land Institute Panel Analysis, [1973]
Chronology, 1973-1974
Application to U.S. Economic Development Administration for Re-use Study, 1974
Draft Development Plan, [1974?]
Progress Report to EDA, 1974
Navy Correspondence, 1974
Environmental Impact Statement for Outlease by Navy Consultant, June 1974
City Leasing Brochure, 1974
Master Lease Proposal, 1975
Internal Correspondence, March-April, 1975
Shipbuilding and Repair Capabilities, 1975
Negotiations with Navy, 1975
Navy Bid Procedures, September 1974-June 1975
Memo on Urgency of Defining Port Authority Interest, 1975
Costs and Benefits, 1975
Economic Reuse Study (by Booz, Allen & Hamilton), Aug. 31, 1975

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Concept Paper on Development of Hunters Point, July-September, 1975
Internal Correspondence, June-December 1975
Navy Correspondence, February-December 1975
Triple A Machine Shop, August-September 1975
Navy Invitation to Lease, Dec. 24, 1975
Map, 1975
Solicitation (by City) for Reuse Study Report, [1975?]
Draft [Proposal?] Documents, 1975
Master Lease Proposal to Navy, [December 1975 or early 1976]
Proposed Layup Site Proposal by Deffco, 1976
Candlestick-Shoreline Park Status Report (by City Planning Department), 1976
Master Lease Proposal to Navy, February 1976
Management Contract Invitation (by City), 1975-1976
Physical Description: 2 folders

Outleasing Proposal (by City to Navy), March 11, 1976
Triple A Proposal to Navy, March 15, 1976
Navy Meeting Report, April 12, 1976
Assessment of Shipyard for Deep-Water Port Development, May 1976
Physical Description: 2 folders

Assessment of Agreement between Triple A and Port, May 25, 1976
Triple A Contract with Navy, July 1, 1976
Lease Between Triple A and San Francisco, July 1, 1976

Box 2
Powell (Bud) Ward, July 1976
Economic Adjustment Program Report (by Department of Defense), September 1976
Analysis of Navy Lease to Triple A, May-October, 1976
New Deep-Water Terminal Notes, June-October 1976
Port Impact Study by San Francisco State University, 1976
Draft Lease, [City and Tenants], Nov. 1, 1976
Re-use Study Funding, 1974-1976
Maps, 1976
Status of Leasing Effort, Lawsuit Against Triple A and Navy, Jan. 4-Feb. 2, 1977
Anderson's Account of City's Efforts to Convert Shipyard, February 28, 1977
"The One Dollar a Year Misunderstanding," [1977?]
Correspondence, 1975-1977
Physical Description: 4 folders

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Association Development Document, no date
Anderson's Work Notes, 1976-1977
City Government Directories, 1975-1977
Navy Correspondence [for 1977 Lawsuit?], 1973-1975
City vs. U.S. Government Correspondence, 1979
Shipyard Redevelopment Plan, Draft, Jan. 10, 1997
Economic Development Proposal, no date
Reference Materials
Port of San Francisco Study by Arthur D. Little, 1966
San Francisco Port...Asset or Liability, SPUR Report, 1968
Shipyard Development Report by Stanford Research Institute, 1969
Economic Development Plan for South East Economic Development Area, [1971?]
Defense Base Closures Status Report, 1975

Box 4: Oversized Items
Map, June 30, 1973
Triple A New Construction Drawing, Oct. 27, 1976
Color Photograph of Shipyard Model, no date

Series 2 Association of Bay Area Governments, 1976-1978
Physical Description: .3 cubic foot
Scope and Contents

Box 2
Schedule (Anderson's), January 1978
Series 2 Association of Bay Area Governments, 1976-1978

Correspondence, February 1978
Wastewater Data, February 1978
Bay Area Council Statement on Draft Environmental Management Plan, February 1978
Environmental Management Plan, February-March, 1978
General Assembly, June 1978

Box 3
Environmental Impact Report (Final), June 9, 1978
Contract Matters, 1976-1978

Series 3 Other Consultant Work, 1979-1992

Physical Description: 3 folders

Box 3
Emeryville General Plan, November 1979
Vallejo Report for Developer, June 1987
Point Arena Draft General Plan, November 1992


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Publications Removed

Buildings of the Bay Area, New York: Grove Press Inc., c1960
The Composite Report, Bay Area Rapid Transit, [San Francisco,] 1962
A Report to the California Legislature, [San Francisco: San Francisco Bay Conservation Study Commission, 1965?]
Saturday Review, cJan. 8, 1966 (issue on "Making American Cities More Livable")
Scientific American, cSeptember 1965 (issue on cities)
Time, cNov. 6, 1964 (issue on urban renewal)

Box 3
Bay Area Housing Article, 1963
Downtown General Plan Proposals (by City Planning Department), September 1963
The Use of Land in San Francisco (City Planning Department), October 1964
City Planning Articles, 1965-1967
Celebrations, 1965-1998
Business Cards and Badges, 1966-Forward
UC Berkeley City Planning Alumni Directory, 1971
Save San Francisco Presidio, March 1979
SPUR Article on Privately-Owned Public Spaces, January 2009
San Francisco Transportation Plan (Chamber of Commerce), no date

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Box 4: Oversized Items

Proposed Convention Center Study (by Spencer and Ambrose, Consultants), March 18, 1948
Public Service Award from Mayor Alioto, no date