John McLaren Society Hagiwara Memorial Fund correspondence

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George Turner Marsh built the Japanese Tea Garden for the 1894 California Midwinter Exposition, and the concession was operated by the Hagiwara family until the Japanese internment. The John McLaren Society was formed in 1966 in opposition to plans for a Panhandle Freeway in San Francisco. Raymond H. Clary was an officer in the Society and the author of a history of Golden Gate Park.
Scope and Content of Collection
The folder includes correspondence from donors to the Hagiwara Memorial Fund, set up by the John McLaren Society. The Fund paid for a plaque, designed by Ruth Asawa, honoring the Hagiwara family for its role as caretakers of the Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park. Much of the correspondence is addressed to Raymond Clary, vice president and historian of the Society, and some of his outgoing correspondence is included. Ephemera from the dedication of the plaque, sponsored by the Recreation and Park Commission and the McLaren Society on March 26, 1974 is included, along with correspondence and mailing lists regarding a luncheon held Nov. 23, 1974, where a Board of Supervisors resolution honoring the family would be presented. One typewritten sheet by Clary from 1979 gives background on the Hagiwara family and its role in the Japanese Tea Garden's development.