San Francisco Botanical Garden Records

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Abstract: The San Francisco Botanical Garden (SFBG) Records span the years 1935-2016 (bulk 1959-2008), and includes drawings, photographs and manuscript materials related to San Francisco Botanical Garden and Golden Gate Park. The records are organized into four series: 1) Planting Areas/Gardens, 2) San Francisco Botanical Garden, 3) Buildings, and 4) Golden Gate Park. These records were created for San Francisco Botanical Garden by a variety of designers and firms, many under the auspices of the City and County of San Francisco (SFCC) Department of Parks and Recreation or the Department of Public Works and/or the Department of Engineering as well as the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society.

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Biography/Administrative History

Golden Gate Park (GGP) was created in 1870 when Army-trained engineer William Hammond Hall was appointed Park Engineer and created a detailed site survey and preliminary design. John McLaren, who served as the park's superintendent from 1887 to 1943 is credited with the vision and skill that developed GGP into one of the world's great parks. San Francisco Botanical Garden (SFBG) became a reality in 1926 when Helene Strybing, the prosperous widow of a San Francisco merchant, provided the funds in her bequest to establish an arboretum and botanical garden in Golden Gate Park. The Botanical Garden opened officially in 1940, designed around a central axis that still exists between the central fountain and the Zellerbach Garden.

Scope and Content of Collection

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