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Biography
Attorney Walter Clay Frame (1905-1980) graduated from the University of California Law School (1930) and practiced law in San Francisco from 1931 to 1942. In the latter year he joined the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as a Naturalization Examiner serving in San Francisco until 1943. He was then transferred to Sacramento to cover cases in northern California counties from Solano to Siskiyou. Travelling up and down valley towns often by public transportation on trains and buses, he interviewed hundreds of applicants for citizenship. After the war he practiced law practice in Sacramento until 1977. Active in history organizations, Frame was president of the Sacramento County Historical Society (1960) and the Conference of California Historical Societies (1965).

Scope and Content
This collection of approximately 65 typescript reminiscences and essays written by Walter Frame (ca. 1976-1979) are told from a very personal view point. Mr. Frame wanted to document a lifestyle that was quickly disappearing. Subjects include:

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family reminiscences; railroads; ferries; trollies; ethnic groups; women; early California history; California cities and towns especially Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento; and, California small town and country life.

BOX 1: WALTER C. FRAME ESSAYS, 1976-1979
1.1: CORRESPONDENCE, 1976-1979 [pertaining to essays]
   -Walter Clay Frame
   -Walter C. Frame
   -Temescal
   -Fifty Cents an Hour
   -Winds of Change
   -Examiner [8 pp.]
   -Examiner [25 pp.]
   -Our Sturdy Golden Bear (UC Berkeley)
   -Half Century
   -Urbs
   -Fifth and Mission
   -Depression Honeymoon
1.2: AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS AND ESSAYS [titles are Frame’s]
   -George Edward Frame, a Loving Memory, 1976
   -Gold Run Country
   -Grandpa Had a Gold Mine
   -The Trouble With Roots
   -Spiggoty Strain
   -Mirror on the Wall Ranch
   -Uncle Bill
   -First Car
   -Methody
   -House on Claremont Avenue
1.3: FRAME FAMILY HISTORY AND REMINISCENCES
   -Hot Day in the Valley (Pino)
   -Going to the City (San Francisco)
   -City of the Plains (Sacramento)
   -Paradise
   -California Country Town
   -Calistoga
   -Door to Door (home deliveries)
   -California Taste (foods)
   -The Good Old Days (illnesses)
1.4: CALIFORNIA BAY PORTS
   -Embarcadero
   -Bay Ports
1.5: CALIFORNIA CITIES AND TOWNS
   -Hot Day in the Valley (Pino)
   -Going to the City (San Francisco)
   -City of the Plains (Sacramento)
   -Paradise
   -California Country Town
   -Calistoga
   -Door to Door (home deliveries)
   -California Taste (foods)
   -The Good Old Days (illnesses)
1.6: CALIFORNIA SITES
   -The Park (Golden Gate Park)
   -Devil Mountain (Mt. Diablo)
1.7: EARLY CALIFORNIA HISTORY
   -Mirage (Spanish California)
   -Fool’s Gold
   -Adolf Sutro
   -A Plague on Both Your Houses (Sir Francis Drake landing)
1.8: ENTERTAINMENT
   -Two A Day (Theater and vaudeville in Oakland)
   -Opera (Oakland and San Francisco)
1.9: ETHNIC GROUPS
   -What Was Your Name in the States? [3 pp]
-What Was Your Name in the States? [4 pp.; 2nd version]
  -Racism
  -Heathen Chinese

1.10 FERRIES (SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND)
  -Ferry Stories
  -Ferry Boats
  -Commuter Memories
  -Ferry Building
  -More Ferry Stories

1.11: MOUNT TAMALPAIS
  -Mount Tam
  -Sea Mountain

1.12: RESORT HOTELS
  -California Resort Hotels

1.13: TRAINS, TROLLEYS, CABLE CARS
  -Sixteenth Street (Oakland station)
  -Pullman Car
  -Lower Seven (Pullman cars)
  -Slow Train North
  -Big Red Cars (Los Angeles area)
  -The Hill (Central Pacific)
  -Lines West (Central Pacific)
  -Cable Cars
  -Dining Cars
  -Junctions (Lathrop, Vallejo
  -Daily Except Sunday (locals)
  -Railroad Stations
  -Railroad to the Comstock
  -Trollies
  -Narrow Gauges in California
  -Shasta Limited
  -Excursion
  -Sacramento Northern

1.14: TRAVEL
  -Going South, 1926
  -Plane Ride in the Fifties
  -All Change (Chicago)
  -Aloha Oe (Hawaii)
  -Christmas Cruise (Hawaii)
  -Aloha (Hawaii)

1.15: WOMEN
  -California Women
  -Pioneer Women