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personal name
Zimmerman, Rheta L.

personal name
Coolbrith, Ina Donna (1841-1928)

person name
Drury, Newton B.

personal name
Kent, Thomas F.

personal name
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano (1883-1945) -Correspondence
corporate name
California State Park Commission

corporate name
Presidio of San Francisco (Calif.)

corporate name
Native Daughters of the Golden West

corporate name
Daughters of the American Revolution

corporate name
California Club (San Francisco, Calif.)

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corporate name
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subject
History -Societies, etc. -Correspondence

Biography
During the 1930s and 1940s Mrs. Rheta L. Zimmerman was Historian of the California Club and the Yerba Buena Parlor (SF), Native Daughters of the Golden West. She was also a member of the San Francisco Historic Sites Committee (1938). Her primary interest was in California landmark preservation. She was involved in the creation of the Columbia State Historic Park (1934-1949), as well as in the restoration of the San Francisco Presidio (1938) and in the creation of small historic parks in San Francisco (1940-1946). Mrs. Zimmerman also spoke on San Francisco historic sites before service organizations and on the radio.

Scope and Content
The Zimmerman Collection consists of correspondence and clippings relating to the establishment of Columbia (Calif.) State Historic Park (1934-1949); the restoration of the San Francisco Presidio (1938); the establishment of the Ina Coolbrith Park (San Francisco, 1946); the establishment of Laurel Hill Cemetery Park (San Francisco, 1940); and, the establishment of the John Muir-Kings Canyon National Park. It also contains minutes of the San Francisco Historic Sites Committee (1938) and documents relating to various landmarking projects in the San Francisco area (1933-1947).

BOX 1: ZIMMERMAN COLLECTION

1.1: COLUMBIA STATE HISTORIC PARK

a-Corresp. between Rheta L. Zimmerman, State Parks Commission & others (1934-49) [incl. corresp. with Newton B. Drury (later Director of National Parks) concerning acquisition of lands for Columbia]

b-Columbia (Calif.) bibliography


d-Clippings & news releases (1934-1945) [emphasis on Park dedication, July 1945]

e-Thomas F. Kent, Calif. State Parks Comm. portfolio of proposed Columbia State Historic Park (1937) [incl. pictures, maps, appraisal]
f."Columbia State Historic Park" (1953) [information brochure]

1.2: PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO RESTORATION
   a-Corresp. between RLZ & various public officials (1938) [incl. letter from FDR]
   b-Rheta L. Zimmerman. [untitled bkgrd info binder on Presidio; incl. plans for
      Natl. Historic Monument status]
   c-Presidio photo bibliography [incl. locations of photos]
   d-List of historic markers at Presidio & Ft. Mason

1.3: INA COOLBRITH PARK
   a-Corresp. between RLZ and SF Parks Commissioners (1942-1947)
   b-Text of plaque in park

1.4: LAUREL HILL CEMETERY PARK CLIPPINGS (1940)

1.5: OTHER SMALL SF MONUMENTS
   a-Pioneer Mother, Golden Gate Park (1940)
   b-First SF Public Playground (1941)
   c-Cross at Pt. Lobos commemorating Fr. Palou's cross of 1774 (1941)
   d-Yerba Buena Cemetery (1941)
   e-Washington Bicentennial Grove, Golden Gate Park (1942)

1.6: MUIR-KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK
   a-RLZ. [untitled outline of address to California Club, SF]
   b-American Planning & Civic Assn. "John Muir-Kings Canyon National Park" (1939)
      [pamphlet on park proposal]

1.7: SF HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE MINUTES (1938) [incl. list of sites to be marked]

1.8: RLZ. "HISTORIC SPOTS IN SF MARKED BY THE DAR" [radio talk]