

NEWPORT BEACH (CALIF.) RECORDS

1907 - 1937

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Historical Note

The completion of McFadden's Wharf in 1888 at what was then called Newport Landing marked the beginnings of modern day Newport Beach, California. Although the city was not incorporated until 1906, Newport's early beginnings as a shipping port and recreational destination drew settlers to the area. During the city's formative decades, many efforts to expand and improve the city's infrastructure took place, including the creation of a city sewer system, the installation of electric streetlights, street improvements, and the dredging of Newport Harbor. During this time, the population of Newport Beach grew from 445 in 1910 to 2,203 in 1930.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of correspondence, reports, contracts, plans, specifications, bonds, and other documents related to the early twentieth century development and construction of portions of Newport Beach, California. A significant amount of the material in the collection relates to the city's street system and includes documents related to improvements, paving, closures, and openings. In addition to numerous bonds and contracts filed with the City of Newport Beach for work varying from plumbing to garbage pick-up, the collection also contains items related to the construction of bulkheads and the dredging of Newport Harbor.

Arrangement and Description

The collection is arranged in the following series:

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| 1. Streets | Boxes 1-2 |
| 2. Water | Boxes 3-4 |
| 3. Bonds and contracts | Boxes 4-5 |
| 4. Electric and light | Box 5 |
| 5. Miscellaneous | Box 5 |

Note: Many of the folder titles were transcribed from the original "bandless filing

envelopes” in which the documents were originally kept. Several files had an alphanumeric designation (such as K-31, K-4, etc.), and those codes were also kept.

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	1	Street improvement bonds	1924 & 1930
1	2	Adams Street – Improvements	1914
1	3	Balboa Island – Street Improvement (K-43)	1924
1	4	Resolution 34 – Street proceedings, Lake St. and Bay Ave. - Contractors bond, contracts, affidavits (Folder 2 of 2)	1913-1916, n.d.
1	5	Reopened street proceedings on Alvarado, Adams, Coronado, Fernando, and part of Bay Ave. extending east... (K-42)	1914-1915, n.d.
1	6	Street work proceedings and bond in the improvement of a portion of 28 th and 29 Sts. between Ocean Ave. (K-56)	1913
1	7	Street proceedings – Lake St. and Bay Ave. (K-36)	1913-1917
1	8	Street proceedings – Central Ave.	1914
1	9	Paving – 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , Bay, Montero, Avada, Island, Lindo (K-52)	1916-1917
1	10	Specifications...for street paving with asphaltic concrete pavement in the city of Santa Ana (K-41)	n.d.
2	1	Bay Ave. – Opening and widening paving 28-30 & 31 st Streets (K-47)	1915 & n.d.
2	2	Opening Bay Ave., 23 rd to 30 th	1914-1915, n.d.
2	3	Street lighting system papers (K-31)	1914-1915, n.d.
2	4	Streets – Use of for light and power & application of Newport Bay Electric Light and Power Co. (K-32)	1909
2	5	Streets – Applications for sidewalking	1914-1919
2	6	Street signs – Correspondence	1920
2	7	Objection to closing of portions of Coast Boulevard (K-51)	1923
2	8	Streets – Protests (K-39)	1917
2	9	Protests – Street work – Balboa (K-44)	1914
3	1	Bulkhead plans, etc. as per 1 st amendment for ocean front protection (K-58)	1915, n.d.
3	2	Bulkhead – 9 th to Alvarado St.	1915, n.d.
3	3	Wood bulkhead proceedings – W. Line of 18 St. to E. Line of 33d St. (K-60)	1915
3	4	Bulkheads – 18 th to 33 rd Street – Specifications & contract (K-59)	1916, n.d.
3	5	Contracts with Mercereau Bridge & Construction Company, Madsen Iron works, Byron-Jackson Iron Works, & Frank H. Greene. Also license agreement for bulkhead and order	1922-1923, n.d.

		of railroad commission (K-6)	
3	6	Bulkheads at Balboa – Petition for F.W. Harding Bulkhead (K-62)	1915 & 1917, n.d.
3	7	Protests against the F.W. Harding bulkhead	1915-1917, n.d.
3	8	Reports of city engineer and report on proposed bulkhead (K-61)	1913-1914
4	1	Dredging matters (K-63)	1914-1919, n.d.
4	2	Chace & Bramwell – Newport Bay dredging	1914
4	3	Parkinson Island Bridge	1927
4	4	Newport Bay Proceedings (K-18)	1915, n.d.
4	5	Newport Beach Harbor improvement bonds	1929
4	6	Sewer proceedings (K-30)	1918 & 1928, n.d.
4	7	Bonds	1925 & 1932
4	8	Surety bonds (K-10)	1924
4	9	Bonds and contracts – Bricks and chimneys	1933
4	10	Bonds and contracts – Concrete water pipeline	1935
4	11	Bonds and contracts – Construction	1929
4	12	Bonds and contracts – Dredging	1929 & 1932
4	13	Bonds and contracts – Electrical	1930-1936
4	14	Bonds and contracts – Garbage	1928-1933
4	15	Bonds and contracts – House moving	1930 & 1932
4	16	Bonds and contracts – Lathing and plastering	1933-1937
4	17	Bonds and contracts – Plantings	1927-1931
4	18	Bonds and contracts – Plumbers	1927-1938
4	19	Plumbers bonds (K-9)	1924
4	20	Bonds and contracts – Reservoir	1921
4	21	Bonds and contracts – Streets	1917-1932
5	1	Notice of sale of bonds	1913
5	2	Notice of sale of bonds - \$25,000 issue municipal light bonds (K-8)	1914
5	3	Contracts (K-4)	1919-1923
5	4	Contracts and agreements (K-5)	1910-1914
5	5	Copies of notices to contractors – Bids for two public toilets and for constructing street lighting system (K-27)	1914
5	6	Water and light papers, including annual reports (K-65)	1907-1912
5	7	Franchise and grass receipts	1913-1936, n.d.
5	8	Southern California Edison Co. matters (K-13A)	1919-1932
5	9	Newport Beach (Calif.). City engineer – Agreements (K-1)	1915-1916
5	10	Newport Beach (Calif.). Engineers Department – Maps (K-64)	1913
5	11	Newport Beach (Calif.) – Municipal court – Correspondence	1938
5	12	Orange County (Calif.). Sherriff’s office – Keeper (K-2)	1924

5	13	Southern California Telephone Company	1932
5	14	The Elliott-Horne Co.	1923-1931, n.d.
5	15	Hauser Construction Company	1928
5	16	Continental Law & Adjustment Co. vs. Newport Beach Laundry, et al.	1924
5	17	Edwards, Tommy – Correspondence	1934
5	18	Ephemera	1915 & 1927
5	19	“Bandless filing envelopes” (5)	n.d.

Subjects

Newport Beach (Calif.) – History.

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