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Collection Summary

Title: Frederick Law Olmsted Papers

Span Dates: 1777-1952

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ID No.: MSS35121

Creator: Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1822-1903

Extent: 24,000 items ; 73 containers plus 1 oversize ; 23 linear feet ; 60 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Landscape architect. Correspondence, letterbooks, journals, drafts of articles and books, speeches and lectures, biographical and genealogical data, business papers, scrapbooks, maps, drawings, and other papers encompassing Olmsted's career and private life. The papers focus on Olmsted's career as a landscape architect, specifically as a designer of parks and the grounds of private estates and public buildings and as a city and regional planner.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bellows, Henry W. (Henry Whitney), 1814-1882--Correspondence.

Bowles, Samuel, 1826-1878--Correspondence.

Brace, Charles Loring, 1826-1890--Correspondence.

Burnham, Daniel Hudson, 1846-1912--Correspondence.

Cleveland, H. W. S. (Horace William Shaler), 1814-1900--Correspondence.

Curtis, George William, 1824-1892--Correspondence.

Dana, Charles A. (Charles Anderson), 1819-1897--Correspondence.

Frémont, John Charles, 1813-1890.

Godkin, Edwin Lawrence, 1831-1902--Correspondence.

Green, A. H. (Andrew Haswell) 1820-1903--Correspondence.

Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909--Correspondence.

James, William, 1842-1910--Correspondence.

King, Clarence, 1842-1901--Correspondence.

Kingsbury, Frederick John, 1823-1910--Correspondence.

Knapp, Frederick Newman, 1821-1889--Correspondence.

McKim, Charles Follen, 1847-1909--Correspondence.

Norton, Charles Eliot, 1827-1908--Correspondence.

Olmsted family.

Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1822-1903.

Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1870-1957--Correspondence.

Olmsted, Gideon, 1749-1845. Gideon Olmsted papers.

Olmsted, John Charles, 1852-1920--Correspondence.

Olmsted, John Hull, 1825-1857--Correspondence.

Olmsted, John, 1791-1873. John Olmsted papers.

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.

Richardson, H. H. (Henry Hobson), 1838-1886--Correspondence.

Riotte, Charles N.--Correspondence.

Schurz, Carl, 1829-1906--Correspondence.

Strong, George Templeton, 1820-1875--Correspondence.

Vanderbilt, George Washington, 1862-1914--Correspondence.

Vaux, Calvert, 1824-1895--Correspondence.

Villard, Henry, 1835-1900--Correspondence.

Waring, George E. (George Edwin), 1833-1898--Correspondence.

Wormeley, Katherine Prescott--Correspondence.

Organizations

F.L. and J.C. Olmsted (Firm : 1884-1889)
F.L. and J.C. Olmsted (Firm : 1897-1898)
F.L. Olmsted and Company.
Frederick Law Olmsted (Firm)
Olmsted and Vaux (Firm)
Olmsted Brothers.
Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot.
United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)
United States Sanitary Commission.
World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

Subjects

City planning.
Exhibitions--Illinois--Chicago.
Gold mines and mining--California--Mariposa.
Landscape architecture--New York (State)--New York.
Landscape architecture--Niagara Falls (N.Y. and Ont.)
Landscape architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Landscape architecture.
Parks--Design and construction.
Privateering--History--18th century.
Regional planning.
Slavery--Southern States.

Places

California--Gold discoveries.
Central Park (New York, N.Y.)--History.
Mariposa (Calif.)--History.
Niagara Falls (N.Y. and Ont.)--History.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Health aspects.
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Naval operations.

Occupations

Landscape architects.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, landscape architect, were given to the Library of Congress chiefly by members of the Olmsted family. Most of the papers were received in 1947-1948. In the fall of 1975 Olmsted's biographer, Laura Wood Roper, gave the Library approximately 3,000 items, which were added to the Olmsted papers. Two items purchased in 1981 were transferred from the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection to the Olmsted Papers in 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Frederick Law Olmsted were processed in 1963; additional material was processed and a revised edition of the register published in 1975. Items acquired in 1981 were processed and the register revised and expanded in 1996.

Additional Guides

The Olmsted papers are described in the *Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, vol. 6, Nov. 1948, pp. 8-15.

Related Material

Collections in the Manuscript Division supplementing the Olmsted Papers include [records of the Olmsted Associates](#), landscape architects, of Brookline, Massachusetts, the successor to the firm established by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux in 1858 and the files of [Laura Wood Roper](#), Olmsted's biographer, which contain original Olmsted material and Olmsted Associates correspondence.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Frederick Law Olmsted in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frederick Law Olmsted are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of all but the 1996 addition of these papers is available on sixty reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1822, Apr. 26	Born, Hartford, Conn.
1838-1839	Studied topographical engineering with Frederick A. Barton
1844-1854	Farmed in Connecticut and New York
1850	Traveled to Europe and Great Britain with his brother, John Hull Olmsted, and Charles Loring Brace
1852	Published <i>Walks and Talks of an American Farmer in England</i> (New York: G. P. Putnam. 2 vols.)
1852-1854	Toured southern states on a commission from the <i>New York Times</i> for a series of articles on the effect of slavery on economic conditions in the South
1855-1856	Editor and partner, Dix & Edwards, publishers of <i>Putnam's Magazine</i>
1856	Published <i>A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States</i> (New York: Dix & Edwards. 723 pp.)
1857	Published <i>A Journey Through Texas</i> (New York: Dix & Edwards. 516 pp.) Appointed superintendent, Central Park, New York, N.Y.
1858	Appointed architect in chief, Central Park, New York, N.Y. Established firm, Olmsted and Vaux; name soon changed to Frederick Law Olmsted

1859	Married Mary Cleveland Perkins Olmsted, widow of his brother John
1860	Published <i>A Journey in the Back Country</i> (New York: Mason Bros. 492 pp.)
1861	Published <i>The Cotton Kingdom</i> (New York: Mason Bros. 2 vols.) based upon <i>A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States</i> , <i>A Journey Through Texas</i> , and <i>A Journey in the Back Country</i> Appointed general secretary, U. S. Sanitary Commission
1863	Became superintendent, John C. Frémont's Mariposa mining estates, California
1864	Appointed commissioner, Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Tree Grove, California
1874	Commissioned to design the grounds of the United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.
1882	Published <i>The Spoils of the Park</i> ([Detroit, Mich.: publisher unknown]. 57 pp.)
1884	Name of firm changed to F. L. and J. C. Olmsted
1888	Began work on Biltmore, George W. Vanderbilt's estate, Asheville, N.C.
1889	Name of firm changed to F. L. Olmsted and Co.
1893	Completed landscaping grounds for World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Name of firm changed to Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot
1897	Name of firm changed to F. L. and J. C. Olmsted
1898	Name of firm changed to Olmsted Brothers (-1961)
1903, Aug. 28	Died, Waverly, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frederick Law Olmsted (1822-1903) span the years 1777 to 1952, with the bulk of the material dated 1838 to 1903. The papers document Olmsted's varied careers as farmer, journalist, editor, and landscape architect, as well as his private life. The collection consists of journals, correspondence, letterbooks, business papers, legal and financial papers, maps, drawings, reports, speeches, lectures, essays, articles, book manuscripts, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items. Numerous family papers are also included.

Journals in the collection were kept from 1777 to 1888 by various members of the Olmsted family. The earliest is by Gideon Olmsted (1749-1845) describing his adventures as a privateer, with additional papers concerning his thirty-year suit against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania claiming prize money for a vessel he captured in the Revolutionary War. There are six journals of John Olmsted, father of Frederick Law Olmsted, which record not only the activities of the Olmsted family, such as trips, expenses, illnesses, and births and deaths, but also local and national events. These journals begin in 1825 and continue with several gaps to 1888. The later entries were made by Mrs. Mary Cleveland Perkins Olmsted after the death of her husband in 1873. There is little material by Frederick Law Olmsted in this series with the exception of two journals covering brief periods in 1843 and 1863.

The Correspondence series contains both personal and business letters. A large number of family letters, particularly from Olmsted's father, John, and brother, John Hull, dominate the early years while correspondence with his son, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., and nephew and stepson, John Charles Olmsted, is found with increasing frequency in later years. Business details in these letters relate to John Olmsted's support for his son's early ventures in farming and publishing and Frederick

Law Olmsted's son and stepson, who exhibited considerable ability as landscape architects and eventually assumed positions in the family firm.

Correspondence with friends and business associates relates to almost every phase of Frederick Law Olmsted's professional career, from his commission in 1852 by the editor of the *New York Times*, Henry J. Raymond, to investigate slavery in the South, to his last creative efforts shortly before his retirement in 1895 in the landscape design of Biltmore, the North Carolina estate of George W. Vanderbilt. The papers include material on his brief partnership with the publishers of *Putnam's Magazine*, his long association with New York's Central Park, his two years as manager of John C. Frémont's Mariposa mining estates in California, and his career in city and regional planning.

For the Civil War period, there are papers documenting Olmsted's work as general secretary of the United States Sanitary Commission and his activities relating to former slaves. Other papers related to Olmsted's work with the Sanitary Commission are housed in the New York Public Library.

An extensive [Subject File](#) is composed for the most part of papers relating to Olmsted's practice of landscape architecture. It contains correspondence with clients and partners, instructions to workers, progress reports, recommendations on projects, drawings, maps, pamphlets, and other material concerning the numerous parks, private estates, educational institutions, and public facilities for which he prepared landscape designs. In this series may be found information concerning the work of Olmsted's firm, which changed names and composition a number of times between its establishment in 1858 and Olmsted's retirement in 1895. (See the [Biographical Note](#) for details concerning the firm's history.)

The [Speeches and Writings File](#) includes research notes, drafts, and printed copies of speeches, articles, and other writings, some of them fragmentary. Although a major topic is landscape architecture, there are writings on other subjects, including a number of general writings and Olmsted's drafts and notes for a proposed book on the history of civilization in the United States. Autobiographical information appears in a manuscript entitled "Passages in the Life of an Unpractical Man."

The [Miscellany](#) series contains biographical material, financial and legal papers, notebooks, scrapbooks, and membership certificates in various organizations.

Prominent correspondents include Henry W. Bellows, Samuel Bowles, Charles Loring Brace, Daniel Hudson Burnham, Horace W. S. Cleveland, George William Curtis, Charles A. Dana, Edwin Lawrence Godkin, Andrew H. Green, Edward Everett Hale, William James, Clarence King, Frederick John Kingsbury, Frederick Newman Knapp, Charles Follen McKim, Charles Eliot Norton, Whitelaw Reid, Henry H. Richardson, Charles N. Riotte, Carl Schurz, George Templeton Strong, George Washington Vanderbilt, Calvert Vaux, Henry Villard, George E. Waring, Jr., and Katharine Prescott Wormeley.

[Additions](#) to the Olmsted Papers include correspondence, a diary and memorandum book, financial papers, reports, genealogical notes, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other items dated from 1821 to 1924 but concentrated in the period of the 1880s and 1890s. The material focuses on Niagara Falls, New York, and the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, as well as adding information on other areas of Olmsted's career.

Organization of the Papers

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BOX 48 REEL 41-42	1839, "The Lungs of London," <i>Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine</i> (typed copy) 1843, "Real China" (draft and typed copy) circa 1848, "A Talk About Public Parks and Gardens," <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) circa 1849 "Critique on the July Horticulturist," <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) On rural cemeteries, <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) 1850, "The Derby Arboretum," <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) circa 1851 "Mr. Downing's Letters From England," <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) "The New-York Park," <i>Horticulturist</i> (typed copy) 1854, 4 Sept., extracts from a letter of Adolf Douai concerning Germans and slavery in Texas; a plan for the formation of a free western Texas circa 1854, instructions for mountain artillery (notes) circa 1857, "A New Song on the New Reservoir," composed by Hough O'Reilly Gardner 1860, "Nebraska in Germany" (book review) circa 1860-1870 "History of Civilization in the United States" (unpublished book) Drafts, notes, and fragments (3 folders) (3 folders)
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1866, *A Few Things To Be Thought of Before Proceeding To Plan Buildings for the National Agricultural Colleges* (New York: American News Co. 23 pp.)
circa 1866-1870, on education and common schools (fragment)
1870, *Public Parks and the Enlargement of Towns; Read Before the American Social Science Association at the Lowell Institute, Boston, Feb. 25, 1870* (Cambridge, Mass.: Printed for the American Social Science Association at the Riverside Press. 36 pp.)
circa 1870, drafts of preface (unpublished) to Andrew Jackson Downing's *Cottage Residences of Landscape Gardening*
1871, disposition regarding Blake's stone breaker (draft)
1873, "The Eucalyptus, or Fever Tree," letter to the editor, *Druggist* (clipping)
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Notes on activities, June-Sept. 1875
"Park," *American Cyclopaedia* (clipping and notes)
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Tree museum, draft of proposal to the Board of Commissioners, New York, N.Y.
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- "Relation of Architecture to Landscape Architecture: Use and Misuse of Landscape Architecture Terms" (typed lecture to architecture students)
Lectures to architecture students (notes and fragments)
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1881, *A Consideration of the Justifying Value of a Public Park; Prepared at the Request of the American Social Science Association and Read at Its Meeting in Saratoga, 1880* (Boston: Tolman & White, Printers. 20 pp.) (2 copies)
1882
"Forestry Notes," *The Gardener's Monthly and Horticulturist*, June 1882 (clipping)
The Spoils of the Park; With a Few Leaves From the Deep-Laden Note-Books of "A Wholly Unpractical Man" (cover only)
"Trees in Streets and in Parks," *Sanitarian*, Sept. 1882 (clipping)
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- 1887, "On Gardening," *Art Review* (clipping)
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"Description of a Plan for a Park at Pawtucket, R. I." (fragment)

- "Plan for a Small Homestead," *Garden and Forest*, 2 May (clipping)
- "Terrace and Veranda, Back and Front," *Garden and Forest*, 6 June (clipping)
- "Foreign Plants and American Scenery," letter to the editor of *Garden and Forest*, 24 Oct. (clipping)
- 1889, *Observations on the Treatment of Public Plantations, More Especially Relating to the Use of the Axe* (Boston: T. R. Marvin, Printers. 24 pp.) with J. B. Harrison
- circa 1889-1892, "...Architectural Fitness..." (typescript)
- 1890
- Excerpt from "Among the Euganean Hills" by John Addington Symonds, *Fortnightly Review*
- "Landscape," letter to the editor, *American Florist*, 15 Jan.
- 1891, "Architects and Architects," *American Architect*, 25 July (typed copy)
- 1892, "The Proposed New Street From Holborn to the Strand" by Lewis W. Leeds, *Builder*, 13 Aug.
- 1893, "Frederick Law Olmsted" by M. G. Van Rensselaer, *Century Magazine* (clipping)
- circa 1898, excerpts from writings on London's parks and gardens
- 1903, "The Art of Frederick Law Olmsted" by Arthur Spencer, *Craftsman*, Nov. 1903 (clipping)
- Undated
- Address to civil engineers, draft
- "Anent Landscape Gardening," typescript
- "Appreciation of outdoor scenery....," fragment
- Bear Valley, Calif., census notes
- "The Boyhood of Frederick Law Olmsted: Some Autobiographical Passages" by Theodora Kimball
- Catalog of plants (notes)
- "Civilization not material wealth: Effect of immigration on taste"
- "A few dollars to help the cause of future freedom in Texas"
- "A Homestead: Its Constituent Parts and Essentials," fragments
- "Illustrations of the folly of cheap planting" by H. W. S. Cleveland
- "Landscape Gardening," excerpts
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- "Museum and Decorative Gardening," draft and typescript, fragmentary
- "The Need of Parks for Cities," draft
- "Old and New Gardening," fragment
- "On the development of taste through the garden," fragment
- On religion, fragments
- "Our homesteads and their improvement as measure of civilization," draft and typed copy
- Parks, definition of, draft
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