

Biography

William Peyton Day, architect and engineer attended the California School of Mechanical Arts in San Francisco. He attended the University of California graduating in 1905 with a B.S. and a degree in Civil Engineering. He held licenses in both architecture and engineering although his first listing in the San Francisco City Directory in 1907 was as a civil engineer. In 1908 he went into partnership with John b. Leonard in the firm of Leonard and Day. This lasted until 1915, and the following year the firm of Weeks and Day was formed with new partner Charles Peter Weeks. This partnership was to last for eleven years and was responsible for such buildings as the Mark Hopkins Hotel, the Chronicle Building, the Loew's State Theater in Los Angeles, the Huntington Apartments, and other major residential, commercial and public buildings throughout the state.

In 1938, Day was appointed as Vice President and Director of Works for the Golden Gate International Exposition. He also served as its Chief Engineer. He was the architect in charge of building the San Francisco International Airport in 1951 and retired in 1955. He was married to Eva Greene (Day).

Scope & Content

The W.P. Day Collection consists of office records for the architectural firm of William P. Day for the period 1929-1958. Included in the collection are correspondence, financial records, personnel records and project files. The bills paid material has been weeded as to bills relating to PG&E, garbage, water and etc. All materials relating to professional matters have been retained. A sampling of the others is also included. Good sources for project information are the employee time sheets and the bills from Watson Brooks. The documents in the files are in descending chronology as that is the way in which they were received. Also included with the collection are photographs (see S.F. Int'l Airport, and photo album 81), plans (see attached) and printed material (see book #17705, possibly taken from this collection).

Arrangement

BOX 1

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| folder 1 | Personal Papers - Apartment |
| 2 | Personal Papers - Automobile |
| 3 | Personal Papers - Health |
| 4 | Correspondence - General, 1952, 1954 |
| 5 | " - Clyde Bentley, 1946-49 |
| 6 | " - Clyde Bentley, 1950-55 |
| 7 | Employee Records- tax forms, 1937-55 |
| 8 | " - tax correspondence, 1943-50 |
| 9 | " - unemployment tax records, 1943-56 |
| 10 | " - health bebefits & insurance, 1949-56 |

BOX 2

folder	11	Employee Records - worksheets, 1950
	12	" " timesheets, 1955
	13	Bills Paid, 1951
	14	" 1952
	15	" 1953
	16	" 1954
	17	" 1955-56
	18	Project Billing - California General, 1945-56
	19	" - San Mateo, 1948-55
	20	" - S.F. Commercial Buildings, 1943-56
	21	" - S.F. Public Buildings, 1950-55
	22	" - S.F. Mark Hopkins Hotel, 1945-55
	23	" - S.F. Prudential Insurance Co., 1929-47
	24	" - Oakland Mt. View Cemetery, 1943-56

BOX 3

		San Francisco International Airport
folder	25	General Correspondence & Misc., 1947-1955
	26	Bills- Pacific Coast Blueprint Company, 1951
	27	Public Utilities Commission - Correspondence & documents, 2/1950-7/195
	28	" " " " , 8/1950-12/50
	29	" " " " 1/1951-6/51
	30	" " " " 7/1951-1/52
	31	Utilities Engineering Bureau, 1952 (Jan-Feb)
	32	" " (Mar-Apr)
	33	" " (May-Jun)
	34	" " (Jul-Aug)
	35	" " (Sep-Oct)
	36	" " (Nov-Dec)
	37	" " 1953 (Jan-Feb)
	38	" " (Mar-Apr)
	39	" " (May-Jun)
	40	" " (Jul-Sep)
	41	" " (Oct-Dec)
	42	" " 1954 (Jan-May)
	43	" " 1954 (Jun-Aug, 1955)
	44	Clinton Construction Co. - Correspondence, 1/1953-6/53
	45	" " " " 7/1953-12/53
	46	" " " " 1/1954-7/1954, 1955
	47	" " - Modifications
	48	Marble Plaque for Dedication - Specifications, 1954

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Records

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Added Entries

- 1929-1956
- Airports
- Airports--Design & Construction
- Airports--Planning
- Apartment Houses (f. 1, 18)
- Architects
- Architecture
- Architecture--California
- Architecture--Designs & Plans
- Architecture--San Francisco
- Architecture--San Mateo (f.19)
- Architecture, Commercial (f.18-23)
- Baumberger, Walter E. (f. 7-12)
- Bentley, Clyde E. (f. 5,6, 25-48)
- Building Materials
- Burr, George D. (f. 31-42)
- California Sound Engineers
- California Building Codes
- Cathedral Apartments (f.1)
- Cemeteries (f.24)
- Church (Thomas D.) & Associates
- Clark (Hervey) and Buettler (John F.)
- Clinton Construction Company (f. 44-47)
- Commercial Buildings
- Concrete
- Day, Eva Greene (f. 1-3)
- Dondero Marble Company (f. 31-43, 48)
- Engineers
- Engineering--Estimates & Costs
- Engineering, architectural
- Griffith, Charles W. [city engineer]
- Hillcrest Elementary School, S.F. (f. 21)
- International Airports
- International Airports-- Contracts & Specifications
- Irwin, Lyle L (f. 7-12)
- Matsuda (Gumpei) & Hirata [architects & engineers, inc., Japan]
- Mausoleums (f.24)
- Michelson, Harry M. (f. 7-12 & elsewhere)
- Mountain view Cemetery, Oakland (f. 24)
- Olson, A O [PUC] (f.27-30)
- Public Buildings (f.18, 21)
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Republicans
- Robinson, Elmer E.
- San Francisco International Airport
- Sedgwick, George A. (f. 7-12)
- Specifications
- Turner, James H.
- Warnes, Alicia (f. 7-12)

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Projects (from project billing folders)

San Francisco:

Mark Hopkins Hotel (f. 22)
Adam Grant Building
Hillcrest Elementary School
Brickell Building
Cadillac Store
The White House
Sparrow, Kempner Insurance Co. (parking lot)
530 Market St.
Joseph Magnin
Sparrows
Lanz
Blums
Union Furniture
Sterling Furniture
Amerol
Howqrd
Guittard Chocolate Co. Warehouse
South End Warehouse CO.
Hanlon Residence
38 Sansome
Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children
O'Connor Moffat Building
Schlage Lock Co.
111 New Montgomery
Prudential Insurance Co. (f. 23)

San Mateo: (f. 19)

Woolworth
Roos-Werner
J.C. Penney Store
Building on 4th Ave.
Fox Store
Blums
Lucky Store

Oakland:

Mountain View Cemetery (f.24)
Crocker Bank Buildings

Emeryville:

plant for Hubbard & Co.

San Jose:

Hotel Sainte Claire

Chico: (f. 18)

Bunk House (J.A. Donohoe)

Richmond:

Proctor & Gamble property

Stockton:

building (for Smith & Lang)