AUDUBON PARK COMMISSION COLLECTION
(Mss 56)

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Summary

Size: 58 linear feet

Geographic
Inclusive dates: ca. 1886-1960

Summary: Records of the Audubon Park Commission, consisting mainly of minutes, miscellaneous account books, correspondence, banking records, invoices scrapbooks, photographs, and plans.
Audubon Park occupies a 190-acre site in uptown New Orleans bounded by St. Charles Avenue, Magazine Street, Exposition Boulevard, and Walnut Street, where the World’s Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition was held in 1884-1885. One of the fair’s main buildings, Horticultural Hall, became the principal attraction in the development of the site into a park and served to centralize activity, even after a hurricane destroyed it in 1915. Meanwhile, on May 31, 1886, the New Orleans City Council established a commission to operate the park. Less than two months later, on July 19, the upper section was named in honor of naturalist and artist John James Audubon, who lived and worked in Louisiana.

In 1893, noted park designer Frederick Law Olmsted was invited to draw up plans for a million-dollar improvement program, but not until 1897 did his son, John Charles Olmsted, inspect the site and begin work on what would become the master plan for Audubon Park. Already, in 1891, the park had installed its first kiddie ride, the flying horses. In 1898 the miniature train began operating, and golfing became available. Three years later, Shetland pony rides for children were offered.

When a hurricane destroyed Horticultural Hall in 1915, the insurance payment of ten thousand dollars was used to build a greenhouse and a cage for flying birds. The latter foreshadowed today's zoo. A formal garden took shape in 1921, and in 1924 an aquarium was opened. In the same year, the park regained use of a fifty-acre site which had been occupied by a sugar experiment station, and the additional space opened the way for various athletic facilities. Perhaps the most notable of these was the natatorium, which was, when it opened on May 3, 1928, the largest swimming pool in the South. User fees paid for the facility and set a precedent for the present zoo.
In 1919, Daniel D. Moore, manager-editor of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*, offered five hundred dollars in seed money toward the establishment of a zoo. During the 1930s, Civil Works Administration funds from New Deal agencies and a bequest from Valentine Merz financed zoo construction, and on May 15, 1938, the Merz Memorial Zoo admitted its first visitors. Some of its facilities still remain in use.

Despite national acclaim in the 1950s for its achievement in producing the first whooping cranes—an almost extinct species—hatched in captivity, inadequate funding in the 1950s and 1960s caused the zoo to deteriorate. Its rejuvenation began in 1971 when the Bureau of Governmental Research presented plans for expansion and improvement. The following year, voters approved a tax increase to fund the park’s development, and community efforts to rebuild the zoo began in 1976. An indication of the success of these initiatives is the Audubon Zoo’s receipt in 1984 of the National Landscape Award of the American Association of Nurserymen. It was just the third time in half a century that the prestigious award was presented.

**Source:**


**Series, Subseries, and Descriptions**

**Series I.** Annual Reports (Superintendent), 1940, 1941

**Series II.** By-Laws and Rules, 1916

**Series III.** Charters, 1919-1923

**Series IV.** Clippings, n.d., 1922-1927, 1943-1956

**Series V.** Committee Books, n.d., 1939, 1942, 1943
Standing committees and their duties; with lists of members of Board of Commissioners.

Series VI.  Correspondence, 1896-1960

  Subseries VI.1  Audubon Park Auxiliary Association

  Subseries VI.2  Audubon Park Commission

  Subseries VI.3  Audubon Park Natatorium

  Subseries VI.4  New Orleans Zoological Society

Series VII.  Equipment Distribution Lists, 1956

Series VIII.  Financial Records, 1900-1959

  Includes bank and payroll records, audit reports, bids/contracts, budgetary information, cash books, etc.

  Subseries VIII.1  Audubon Park Auxiliary Association

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Subseries VIII.3  Audubon Park Commission

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Subseries VIII.7  Miscellany

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Series IX.  Minutes, 1886-1960

Subseries IX.1  Audubon Park Commission

Subseries IX.2  Audubon Park Natatorium

Subseries IX.3  New Orleans Zoological Society

Series X.  Miscellany, 1901-1941
Includes government publications, price lists, advertisements, and related miscellany.

Series XI. Personnel Records, 1936-1957

Includes insurance records, lists of employees, time cards.


Series XIII. Plans

Various buildings and sites at Audubon Park, including Administration Building, Bandstand, Natatorium, and topographical and general plans.

Series XIV. Scrapbooks, 1896-1961

Series XV. Sketchbook, 1897

Sketches by Olmsted Brothers, planners, Brookline, Massachusetts, of park buildings and sites.

Series XVI. Tax Records, 1942-1944

Series XVII. United States. War Production Board. Application for Priority Assistance, 1943
For Natatorium.

**Series XVIII.** United States. Works Progress Administration File, 1933-1939

Consists of proposals, plans, computations, estimates, quotations, bids, government forms and applications, correspondence, and related miscellany for various construction projects initiated under sponsorship of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Civil Works Administration, State Emergency Relief Administration, and Works Progress Administration).

**Container List**

**Series I. Annual Reports (Superintendent).**

56-1 1940, 1941.

See also Minutes. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-142 to 56-151).

**Audubon Park Auxiliary Association.** See Correspondence. Audubon Park Auxiliary Association ... (56-6); Financial Records. Audubon Park Auxiliary Association ... (56-17 to 56-19, 56-80).

**Audubon Park Baseball League.** See Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-7 to 56-13); Financial Records. Audubon Park
Baseball League ... (56-20), ... Audubon Park Commission. Bids/Contracts ... (56-39).

**Audubon Park Commission.** For specific series within record groups, see Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-7 to 56-13); Financial Records. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-21 to 56-63, 56-81 to 56-124); Minutes. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-142 to 56-151); Personnel Records. Lists of Employees ... (56-160), ... Time Cards ... (56-165 to 56-172).

**Audubon Park Country Fair and Livestock Show.** See Financial Records. Audubon Park Country Fair and Livestock Show ... (56-125).

**Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc.** See Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-7 to 56-13), ... Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. ... (56-14); Financial Records. Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. ... (56-64 to 56-66, 56-69 to 56-75, 56-126 to 56-138); Minutes. Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. ... (56-152, 56-153); Personnel Records. Insurance Records ... (56-157), ... List of Employees (56-161)... New Orleans, Department of Civil Service ... (56-164), ... Time Cards ... (56-173); Photographs ... (56-174, 56-175).

**Bank Records.** See Financial Records. Audubon Park Auxiliary Association ... (56-17, 56-18), ... Audubon Park Commission ... (56-22 to 56-34), ... Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. ... (56-64 to 56-68); ... New Orleans Zoological Society ... (56-78); Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission, May 1940 (56-9).

**Board of Commissioners.** See Committee Books ... (56-5); Minutes. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-142 to 56-151).
**Series II.** By-Laws and Rules.

56-2  1 vol., 1916.

**Series III.** Charters.

Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc.  *See* Minutes. Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. ... (56-153).

56-3  Louisiana State Parks Association, November 1922, May 11, 1923.


**Series IV.** Clippings.


*See also* Correspondence (56-7 to 56-15); Scrapbooks. (56-176 to 56-190); Whooping Crane File ... (56-220 to 56-224).

**Series V.** Committee Books.
Standing committees and duties; with lists of members of Board of Commissioners.


See also Minutes. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-142 to 56-151).

Series VI. Correspondence.

Includes both incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Subseries VI.1: Audubon Park Auxiliary Association.

56-6 n.d., 1938, 1940.

Subseries VI.2: Audubon Park Commission.

Attachments include advertisements, photographs, clippings, press releases, proposals, financial statements, bank records, minutes, newsletters, court cases, city ordinances, plans, and specifications; Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc., including charter; Federal Security Agency; National Youth Administration for Louisiana, Work Progress Administration; and whooping crane miscellany).
56-7 n.d.

56-8 1896, 1902, 1903, 1907, 1923-1935.

56-9 January 1936- July 1940.

56-10 August 1940-May 1941.

56-11 June 1941-December 1943.

56-12 January 1944-1955.


**Subseries VI.3: Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc.**


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56-20 Financial Reports (with tax statements on admissions), 1943-1945.

Subseries VIII.3: Audubon Park Commission.


56-21 Audit Reports (monthly), March, April, June, December 1942; January-June, August, October, November 1943; November 1945; February, March, August 1946; February-May, July-December 1948.

Bank Records.

56-22 Check Stubs (with void checks, 1 bd. vol.), November 13, 1950-June 18, 1951.

Deposit Slips.

56-23 Payroll Account, January-December 1942.

56-24 (Regular Account), June 1930.
Receipts.

56-25 Miscellaneous, June 1930, April 1940.

56-26 Music Fund, February 1, 1940-August 1, 1942.

56-27 Reconciliation Statements (with cash tapes; monthly) March 31-November 30, 1944.


Statements and Cancelled Checks.

56-29 Gasoline Ration Account (with ration deposit slips), September 30, 1943-August 13, 1945.


56-30 Music Account, February, May, June, August 1942.

Payroll Account.

56-31 February 1942; October-November 1943; January-May 1944.
56-32 June-December 1944.

56-33 Regular Account (with deposit slips, January-December 1942, September 1943-January 1945).

56-34 Valentine Merz Legacy Account, February, June 1942.

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56-36 September 1941-July 1942.

56-37 August-November 1942, September 1943-March 1944.

56-38 April-December 1944.

56-39 Bids/Contracts (with Inventories and related correspondence; of concession stands, baseball leagues and golf course), n.d., 1928, 1933, 1936-1940.

56-40 Budget Reports, 1940-1942.
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Cash Books (24 bd. vols.).

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56-46  Income Cash Ledgers (of Music Fund), June 1939-February 1942.
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Ledgers (20 bd. vols.).

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56-60 Receipts (loose; relating to delivery of Granite Rock by the City Engineer's Office to Audubon Park), February 17-April 19, 1943.

56-61 Trial Balance Sheets, January 1940-December 1941, June-December 1953.


56-63 United States. Works Progress Administration. Civil Works Project. Labor and Building Costs (item 1, 2, 3), 1933.

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Subseries VIII.4: Audubon Park Country Fair and Livestock Show.
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56-65 Deposit Slips (of regular and payroll accounts), February-April 1942, January 10-December 30, 1944.

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56-133 May 15, 1933-December 31, 1936.


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56-76 Receipts, n.d.

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Subseries VIII.8: New Orleans Zoological Society.

56-78 Bank Records.

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Cash Books (2 bd. vols).

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56-141  September 1925-December 1934.

56-79   Dues Collections Sheets, April 3, 1933-June 14, 1934.

See also Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-7 to 56-13).


Louisiana State Parks Association. See Charter ... (56-3); Correspondence. Audubon Park Commission ... (56-7 to 56-13); Financial Records. Louisiana State Parks Association... (56-76, 56-139).

Series IX. Minutes

Subseries IX.1: Audubon Park Commission.
Includes minutes of special and regular meetings, committee meetings and reports, lists of Commissioners, Bank Records, amendments, annual reports, financial statements, Treasurer's reports, and clippings; loose and 9 bd. vols.).


56-143 1886-1894.

56-144 1894-1899.

56-145 1899-1905.

56-146 1899-1909 (Grounds and Improvements Committee only).

56-148 1903, 1911-1922.

56-147 1922-1926.

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56-150 1933-1941.

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**Subseries IX.2:** Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc. (loose and 1 bd. vol.).


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**Subseries IX.3:** New Orleans Zoological Society (2 bd. vols.).

56-154 April 1939-May 1941 (with reports).

56-155 July 1941-September 1942 (with charter, 1919).

See also Charters ... (56-3).

**Series X.** Miscellany.

Includes government publications, price lists, advertisements, and related miscellany.
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Charters. See Charters ... (56-3).

Correspondence (incoming/outgoing). See correspondence ... (56-15).


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Insurance Records (of the Audubon Park Commission and Natatorium Inc.).

56-157 Invoices (Hospital Service Association of New Orleans), n.d., December 15, 1940-October 15, 1945.

56-158 Miscellany (invoices, policies, claims with related correspondence), 1936, 1937, 1939-1944, 1956. For additional correspondence, see Correspondence ... (56-7 to 56-13).
56-159  Public Accidents Reports, 1941, 1943, 1944.

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56-163  Classification Questionnaires, 1942, 1943.

56-164  Personnel Requisitions and Reports of Appointments (Audubon Park Commission and Natatorium, Inc.; chronological by agency transaction number), 1957.

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See also United States.  Works Progress Administration ... (56-199).
Series XIII. Plans.

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1  Administration Building
   Includes unidentified plans, fragments
   Artist’s rendering (damaged)
   Blueprints 1-12, E1, F1, F2

2  Bandstand
   General Plan blueprint
   Seating Plan for Bandstand blueprint (3 copies)
   Newman Memorial Bandstand (#207) blueprint (2 copies)
   Newman Memorial Bandstand (#207) blueprint (2 copies)
   Newman Memorial Bandstand millwork blueprint (4 copies)
   “Instructions for Erecting L & B Century Greenhouses”
   Bandstand Plaza blueprint
   Color rendering (damaged, in pieces)

3  Bridge
   Concrete Bridge blueprint (3 copies)
Foot Bridge blueprint (3 copies)
Foot Bridge line drawing
Concrete Bridge line drawing
Hurst St. Bridge line drawing (sheets 1 [on linen] and 2)

4 Drainage/Plumbing

Sewerage & Water Board Drawing #4713 (blueline)
Folder containing fragments
“Yeomans Portable Drainage Pump,” “Drain-Dri by Yeomans,” and attached correspondence
West Ditch blueprint (fragments, in envelope)
Drinking Fountain Details blueprint
10’ Servitude . . . for Installing Sewers to Serve Crippled Children’s Hospital blueline
Drainage of Engineering Department blueline with copy
Cross section, River Drive – Magazine St. to Pony Ring blueline with copy
Proposed & Existing 21’ Drain for New Gate & Weir Dam blueline (2 copies)
Proposed Dam and Gate Chamber (2 copies)
Drainage Ditches blueline (2 copies)
Drain Pipes blueline (2 copies)
[Untitled drainage plan] drawing
Drainage Plan sheet no. 2 drawing
Drainage Plan sheet no. 1 drawing and blueprints (2 copies)
Drainage Plan sheet no. 2 blueprint
[Drainage Plan of St. Charles Avenue, sheet no. 3] blueprint (2 copies)

Drinking Fountain blueprint

Water Mains & Smaller Water Pipes in Audubon Park blueprint (2 copies)

Walnut & Prytania to Pony Ring Survey & Obstructions line drawing (mirror image) and blueline

Walnut & Prytania to Pony Ring Existing & Proposed S.S.D. blueline (5 copies and drawing [mirror image])

Audubon Park S.S.D. Walnut St. to Pony Ring Profile blueline and drawing (mirror image)

Magazine St., Walnut St. to Calhoun St. thru Audubon Park, Proposed and Existing S.S.D. blueline

Proposed Sub-surface Drainage blueprint

Sub Surface Drainage blueline (3 copies)

Proposed Sub-surface Drainage blueprint and blueline (2 copies)

Storm Drain for Open Ditch West of Refectory blueprint

Nursery Water Sprinkler Lines blueprint (3 copies), line drawing

Proposed Pumping Plan for Monkey Island line drawing

Camp St. at Audubon Park Special Drain Manhole blueline and drawing (mirror image)

Location Plan for Drains drawing (damaged)

5

Greenhouse


Potting Shed & Boiler House blueline

Greenhouse Plan at End of Building blueprint
Proposed New Addition to Greenhouse blueprint

Foundation Plan for Greenhouse blueprint (6 copies)

Potting House blueprint

Detail of Eaves, End-wall & Etc. blueprint (2 copies)

Greenhouse Plan at End of Building blueprint (2 copies)

Forming Details line drawing

Foundation Plan for Greenhouse line drawing and blueprint

Foundation Plan for Greenhouse line drawing

Potting Shed & Boiler House (2 copies)

Potting House blueprint

Potting House blueprint and line drawing

Detail of Roof Construction, Ventilating, Sash, Etc. blueprint (2 copies) and line drawing

6 Landscaping/Lighting

Landscape Addition blueline

Plan Showing Proposed Drives Audubon Park blueprint (damaged)

Rail Holder blueprint

Lighting for Audubon Park Zoo blueprint (2 copies)

Audubon Park Court Lighting blueprint

Audubon Park Tennis Court Lighting blueprint

Lighting Layout for Tennis Court blueprint

Tennis Courts Lighting Layout blueprint

Audubon Park Tennis Court Lighting, Elevation of Typical Pole Line blueprint
Proposed Maze redline

Tentative Plan Memorial Esplanade blueprint

Lighting Service for Audubon Park and Buildings line drawing

Details of “Red Dog” Curb Installation line drawing

Typical “Red Dog” Quarter Mile Track drawing

[Track and Football Plans] blueline (2 copies)

Proposed Connection of Hurst St. with Roadway in Audubon Park blueprint and blueline

Plan Showing Proposed Drives blueprint (3 copies) and line drawing (all damaged)

Lighting for Outdoor Tennis blueprint (5 copies)

Landscaping Plan for Otter Pool line drawing; with invoice from Kraak Nursery

[Audubon Park Lagoon] landscape drawing

Audubon Park Landscape Addition blueline

Audubon Park Landscape Addition blueline (damaged)

[Artist’s Conception of Audubon Park Flower Clock] landscape drawing

Letter Details for Audubon Park Flower Clock line drawing

Flower Clock blueline (3 copies, one with ink revisions)

Flower Beds in Vicinity of Aquarium blueline

Cyclone Fence Details blueprint

Baseball Grandstand line drawing

Floodlights for Baseball Diamond line drawing and blueprint (3 copies)

Specifications for Iron Work typescript
7 **Miscellaneous**

Bicycle Room blueprint

Proposed development for New Orleans Bridle Club landscape drawing (copy)

Buggy Shed blueprint

Proposed Golf Club Left Side Elevation line drawing

Proposed Golf Club Right Side Elevation line drawing

Proposed Golf Club Floor Plan line drawing

Proposed Golf Club Roof Plan line drawing

Estimated Cost of Bicycle Room manuscript

Baseball Grandstand line drawing

Baseball Grandstand blueprint (3 copies) and line drawing

8 **Miscellaneous**

Merz Memorial Plot blueprint (damaged)

Memorial for Norman Mayer blueprint

Gumbel Memorial Fountain and Surroundings blueprint

Survey for Crippled Children's Hospital line drawing

Mengle Property Addition blueprint (2 copies) and line drawing

Proposed Baseball Grandstand line drawing

Proposed Baseball Grandstand line drawing

Wire Cages for Children's Mesa, San Diego Zoological Society blueprint; with envelope

Perrier St. Weir Box line drawing (damaged) and blueprint
Sidewalks line drawing
Louisiana Industries Inc. Nashville Wharf Plant Layout blueline
Base Line Showing Upper Property Line of Audubon Park blueline
Public Bent R.R. Commission blueprint (damaged; in 2 pieces)
Sidewalks blueprint (3 copies)

9 Mississippi River Batture
Specifications typescript
Proposed Improvements to Audubon Park blueprint
Additional blueprints, bluelines, line drawings, typescripts: 91 items

10-11 Natatorium
Blueprints, line drawings: 7 items

12 Olmsted Brothers
General Plan for Audubon Park blueprint (2 copies)
Additional blueprints, bluelines, line drawings: 9 items

Shelters
13 Blueprints and line drawings: 21 items
14 Blueprints and line drawings: 32 items
15 Blueprints: 23 items
16  Skating Rink

“Discrptive [!] Specifications for Proposed Ice Skating Rink” (4 copies)

17-18  Topographical and General plans

19-27  Zoo

Alligator Pool plans

Barn

20  Blueprints and bluelines: 11 items

21  Blueprints, etc.: 36 items

22  Bear Cage

Blueprints: 2 items

Bird Cage

22  Blueprints: 19 items

23  “Specifications for a Flying Bird Cage for Audubon Park” (7 copies); with letter from Crowell Construction Co. to Audubon Park Commission, May 31, 1949, returning “plans and specifications for the flying bird cage project”

Blueprints, etc.: 48 items

24  [Elephant and Lion House, Entrance to Zoo, General Layout of Zoo plans borrowed previously]
25  Flamingo House
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    Horned Animals (Small) and Deer Enclosure
    Blueprints: 10 items

26  Horned Animals (Large) Enclosure
    Blueprints:

    Horticultural Hall
    Blueprints: 1 item

    Lion House
    Blueprints: 16 items

    Monkey House
    Blueprints: 5 items

    Rabbit House
    Blueprints: 1 item

    Raccoon Cage
    Blueprints: 1 item

27  Small Animals - Peccaries
    Blueprints: 6 items
Snake House
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Stork and Crane House
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Blueprints: 1 item

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See also Financial Records. Audubon Park Baseball League ... (56-20).


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56-194 Application for Audubon Park Natatorium, Inc.), 1943.

Series VIII. United States. Works Progress Administration File.
Consists of proposals, plans, computations, estimates, quotations, bids, government forms and applications, correspondence, and related miscellany for various construction projects initiated under sponsorship of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Civil Works Administration, State Emergency Relief Administration, and Works Progress Administration), 1933-1935, 1938, 1939. Note: These papers were found together in a largely disorganized condition; where an original order could be discerned it was retained; where no order could be determined arrangement was made by type of document or subject.

56-195 Correspondence. December 5, 1933-May 6, 1935.

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Labor and Material Estimates (detailing type, quantity, and cost of material and labor for proposed construction projects; included are working notes, material quotation and bids, government forms and application, maps and plans, and a few pieces of related correspondence and miscellany; arrangement by groups in apparent original order), n.d., 1933-1935.

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