

Frederick Law Olmsted

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

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Abstract: 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.

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Olmsted, John Hull, 1825-1857--Correspondence
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Vaux, Calvert, 1824-1895--Correspondence
Villard, Henry, 1835-1900--Correspondence
Waring, George E. (George Edwin), 1833-1898--Correspondence
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Olmsted and Vaux (Firm)

Frederick Law Olmsted (Firm)
F.L. and J.C. Olmsted (Firm : 1884-1889)
F.L. Olmsted and Company
Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot
F.L. and J.C. Olmsted (Firm : 1897-1898)
Olmsted Brothers
United States Capitol (Washington, D.C.)
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Olmsted, Gideon, 1749-1845. Papers of Gideon Olmsted
Olmsted, John, 1791-1873. Papers of John Olmsted
World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

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Landscape architecture--Niagara Falls (N.Y. and Ont.)
Landscape architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Gold mines and mining--California--Mariposa
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United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--Naval operations
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Health aspects

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

Copyright Status:

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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.

Related Collections

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.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eight series:

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	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
	ca. 1854, instructions for mountain artillery (notes)
	ca. 1857, "A New Song on the New Reservoir," composed by Hough O'Reilly Gardner
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	1862, on the Negro population of the Sea Islands, argument addressed to the secretary of the treasury (draft and typed copy)
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- "Manganese-Notes From Prof. Blake's Rept." (handwritten notes)
"Plan of Narrative for Clarks and Yosemite" (draft)
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.)
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Notes on activities, June-Sept. 1875
"Park," *American Cyclopaedia* (clipping and notes)
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"Observations on Future of New York" (notes)
"Passages in the Life of an Unpractical Man" (draft)
1876
"Mr. Olmsted on Landscape Gardening," letter to the editor, *Garden*, 12 Aug. (clipping)
Tree museum, draft of proposal to the Board of Commissioners, New York, N.Y.
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1879, on Riverside Park, New York, N.Y., corrected notes
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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)
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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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Undated

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"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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Mazes, fragment

"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

Plants, lists of, fragments

Pony service, memorandum on

"Present State of Gardening," fragments

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"Ship," typescript

Trees and shrubs, notes

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