# JOHN McLAREN COLLECTION

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## INTRODUCTION

**Provenance**

The John McLaren Collection was donated to the San Francisco Public Library by Ralph C. Daniels c. April 1970. Five medals were returned to Valerie Daniels by Gladys Hansen of the San Francisco Public Library in July 1974.

**Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Access**

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**Size**

7.75 cu. ft.

**Materials Cataloged Separately**

Some photographs have electronic versions available through the SFPL online catalog. Books from McLaren's library are represented in the SFPL online catalog and refer patrons to the Collection.

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**Conservation Note**

During processing, the entire collection was refoldered and re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes, and metal paper clips and most staples were removed. Some volumes from McLaren's library had spine repairs and other treatments, and some volumes were discarded due to extensive water damage. Photographs in Box 7 have been digitized and are available through the **SFPL online catalog**.

## BIOGRAPHY

John McLaren was born December 20, 1846 in Craigford, Stirlingshire, Scotland. At age five he was enrolled in the local grammar school; he did not go on to high school. About 1857 his family moved to a farm in Muirside, property that remained in the family until 1935. McLaren's first job was at nearby Bannockburn House, working for the master gardener there starting about 1860. In March 1864 he left to work for three years at a larger estate, Blair Drummond House, near Stirling. Following this, he found employment at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, enrolling in the botany classes there during at least one winter and spring. He also found work at other estates: Mavisbank; Dupplin Castle, near Perth; and Gosford, in the Lothians, which was planted on what had been sand dunes.

McLaren met his future wife, Jane Mill, while studying at the Royal Botanic Garden. While in Edinburgh he was recruited by George Howard to create a garden for his six-thousand acre estate "El Cerrito" in San Mateo, California. McLaren sailed for San Francisco in January 1873, and in February McLaren began work for Howard, continuing as head gardener until 1887. During this time he also landscaped properties owned by Stanford, Mills, Ralston and other wealthy San Francisco peninsula capitalists. Jane Mill followed McLaren to California, and they were married July 31, 1876 in San Francisco. Their son, Donald, was born in 1879. He followed in his father's footsteps, managing MacRorie-McLaren Company (1910- ), landscape engineers and nursery in San Mateo. Donald died in 1925, and Jane died October 4, 1926 in San Francisco.

The Board of Park Commissioners appointed McLaren Assistant Superintendent of Golden Gate Park in 1887, and three years later he was appointed Superintendent of Parks, a position he held until his death January 12, 1943 at age 97. He was awarded the George Robert White Medal of Honor from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society (1924), elected Associate of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society (1930), and honored by the American Institute of Park Executives (1939).

San Francisco's McLaren Park was named in his honor in 1927. While best known for his work transforming sand dunes into Golden Gate Park, McLaren also supervised the landscaping of Lincoln, Harding, and Sharp Parks, and the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition, in San Francisco, and Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon. For a more complete biography, the best one-volume work is Tom Girvan Aikman's *Boss Gardener: The Life and Times of John McLaren* (San Francisco: Don't Call It Frisco Press, 1988.)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Half of the collection relates to McLaren's career before his tenure with the City and County of San Francisco. The earliest material is his daybook of work done at Mavisbank, Scotland, 1866-1871. There are eleven volumes of daybooks detailing his work at Howard's El Cerrito estate and other work on the San Francisco peninsula, 1874-1886. Notes indicate plantings (locations, types, number and costs); Chinese and Irish labor; weather; excursions to various sites. His library of landscape architecture includes imprints dating from 1803 to 1934; some volumes appear to have been collected before he came to the United States.

Diaries of trips to Scotland, the Continent, the eastern United States and outlying areas of California include his observations on the plantings of various parks, estates and open spaces. One folder holds manuscripts of chapters for his *Gardening in California, Landscape and Flower* (1908), as well as notes on the reclamation of sand dunes. One folder of incoming correspondence reflects his activities as Superintendent of Parks in San Francisco (ten letters have McLaren's replies) and as advisor to various individuals and organizations elsewhere in California. Correspondents of note include horticulturist Kate O. Sessions, writer Ednah R. Aiken, Stanford University trustee and Bohemian Club president Vanderlynn Stow, and Harry Lauder, Scotland's famed entertainer. One folder includes a lecture given by Alice Brown Chittenden, flower painter and colleague of botanist Alice Eastwood; and an essay on Golden Gate Park (though attributed to Eastwood by McLaren's grand-daughter, it is not in Eastwood's hand.)

Photographs include 19th century McLaren family portraits taken in Scotland, an album of Gabriel Moulin photographs of Golden Gate Park, photographs of other San Francisco parks and completed landscaping projects, and two views of the Howard estate. Three albums of photographs of Golden Gate Park were worked into the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection; as the albums were not identified "McLaren," their provenance has been lost, as has the provenance of four folders of loose photographs depicting early Golden Gate Park. Also, one folder of photographs of locations outside of San Francisco was incorporated into the San Francisco Historical Photograph Collection's California Places section. Cartes-de-visite, McLaren family, c. 1860-1873 were probably removed from the album in Box 5.

Scrapbooks of news clippings relating to Golden Gate Park (c. 1887-1910) appear to have been compiled by John McLaren, with scrapbooks focusing on McLaren's career (1935-1943) continued by his grand-daughter Martha Jane "Matie" Daniels. Daniels appears to have disassembled some of her grandfather's scrapbooks to create new ones, with the intent of writing a biography. As a result, some clippings and photographs collected by

McLaren and by his granddaughter have been comingled. Her notes can be found on various items, and there are portions of drafts of the biography. There is one folder of her correspondence. Some material in the collection – proclamations, memorials, clippings – was collected posthumously by Daniels. Writings about McLaren, collected by him or by his granddaughter, are also found in the collection. A few personal effects of McLaren's comprise a small box of artifacts, and one oversize box of silver plate.

## ARRANGEMENT NOTE

The collection is organized into eight series: Diaries, Day Books and Writings by McLaren; Correspondence; Writings about McLaren; Awards and Certificates; News Clippings; Photographs; Realia; Library. Within series, folders are generally arranged chronologically. Within folders, items are arranged chronologically. Correspondence is arranged chronologically, though the folder list is an alphabetical arrangement.

## CONTAINER LISTING

### Series 1: Diaries, Day Books and Writings by McLaren, 1866-1915

| Box/Folder | Folder title |
|---|---|
| 1/1 | Diary of work done at Mavisbank [1866-1871] |
| 1/2 | Diary of My Journey from Liverpool to San Francisco [1872-1873] |
| 1/3 | Daily Journal, 1874 |
| 1/4 | Diary for 1876 [and] [Trip from Scotland to the U.S., from Dundee to Lahore, 1876] |
| 1/5 | Daily Journal for 1877 |
| 1/6 | Daily Journal for 1878 |
| 1/7 | [Cash book / journal, 1878-1879] |
| 1/8 | Daily Journal, 1879 [1880] |
| 1/9 | Daily Journal for 1881 |
| 1/10 | Daily Journal for 1882 |
| 1/11 | Daily Journal for 1884 |
| 1/12 | Diary for 1885 |
| 1/13 | Daily Journal for 1886 |
| 1/14 | [John McLaren's account of a visit to the parks of Scotland England, France and the United States, June – August, 1892; notebook, owned (?) by Charles Bingham Livingston, 1874] |
| 1/15 | Diary, 1912 |
| 1/16 | Trip to Sisson's [c. 1915?] |
| 1/17 | Notes on a trip to Killin with Mr. Dow (n.d., 3 leaves, folded) |
| 2/1 | [John McLaren: manuscripts and typescripts]<br>*The Effect of the improvement of G. G. Park on the value of adjacent land*…(ms., 6 leaves, n.d.)<br>*Another very important element…* (ts. 2 leaves, p.3-4, n.d.)<br>*Flowers in Month of January*… (ms., 1 leaf, n.d.)<br>*From drifting sand dune to finished park…* [portion of "Sand Reclamation," Chapter XXI in McLaren's *Gardening in California: Landscape and Flower*, 1909] (ms., 15 leaves and transcription, 15 p.) |
| 2/2 | [Essays and lectures collected by John McLaren]<br>*Artificial Distribution* [signed, 'A. B. C.' – Alice Brown Chittenden?] (ms., 7 leaves, n.d).<br>*Some Observation and a Little Theory from the West End* [by Alice Eastwood?] (ms., 3 leaves, n.d.)<br>*These gates were to have been known…* [notes for a speech given by a sculptor, New York City] (ts., 3 leaves, n.d., c. 1902) |

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**Series 2: Correspondence, 1888-1941**

| Box/Folder | Folder title | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/3 | [John McLaren: correspondence received, 1888-1941] | | |
| | Aiken, Ednah | 1909 | 1 leaf |
| | Balfour, Guthrie & Co. | 1918 June 26 | 1 leaf |
| | Brown, Thomas W. (Ministry of Agriculture, Cairo) | 1921 February 8 | 1 leaf |
| | Campbell, Alma, Marchioness of Breadalbane | 1899 March 29 | 1 leaf |
| | Cobb, Ralph (+ reply) | [1939 December] | 1 leaf |
| | Crooks, Herbert W. (San Fernando Valley *Press*) | 1909 February 9 | 1 leaf |
| | Daingerfield, Wm. R. | 1918 April 7 | 1 leaf |
| | Dolenz, Antonia (+ reply) | 1940 December 20 | 1 leaf |
| | Dow, Jas. J. (Bohemian Grove) | 1918 October 2 | 1 leaf |
| | Drieger, W. J. | n.d. January 12 | 1 leaf |
| | Drieger, W. J. | n.d. January 18 | 1 leaf |
| | Eaton, Howard (Eaton's Ranch, Wolf, Wyoming) | 1918 March 25 | 2 leaves |
| | Eaton, Howard | [1918?] | 1 leaf |
| | Finlayson, Thomas (to Mrs. Jane McLaren) | 1920 October 2 | 1 leaf |
| | Friedman, Florence (Vis.Valley Comm.Center) (+reply) | 1941 February 26 | 1 leaf |
| | Gadbois, J. P. (Departement des Parcs, Montreal) | 1918 May 7 | 1 leaf |
| | Garoutte, Eudora (California State Library) | 1909 February 1 | 1 leaf |
| | Goodspeed, T. H. (UC Berkeley) | 1940 March 19 | 1 leaf |
| | Hallweger, George (Camp Curry) | 1918 September 5 | 1 leaf |
| | Herbert L. Schmitz Co. | 1918 May 22 | 1 leaf |
| | Hickey, Joseph R. (S.F. Liberty Loan Committee) | 1918 October 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Hill & Whyte, Solicitors | 1900 April 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Hill & Whyte, Solicitors | 1901 December 31 | 1 leaf |
| | Hoffmann, F. J. (California Redwood Park Commission) | 1917 November 13 | 1 leaf |
| | House of Friendship, San Francisco | [1918] October 8 | 1 leaf |
| | Jung, C. | 1918 July 3 | 1 leaf |
| | Koster, F[rederick] J. (S. F. Chamber of Commerce) | 1918 February 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Kusche, J[ohn] A[ugust] | 1918 February 18 | 4 leaves |
| | Lauder, Harry | 1941 November 25 | 1 leaf |
| | Lighting Service Committee, City and Co. of S.F. | 1918 August 30 | 1 leaf |
| | Lyser, Abigail S. | 1918 February 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Magrane, A[ndrew] F. | 1918 October 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Mayor's Office, San Francisco | 1918 April 24 | 1 leaf |
| | McBryde, Warren H. | 1934 September 6 | 1 leaf |
| | McLean, L[aughlan] M. | 1888 January 9 | 1 leaf |
| | McSheehy, James B. (S.F. Board of Supervisors) | 1918 April 18 | 1 leaf |
| | Meyer, Henry G. (Daniel Meyer) | 1905 January 19 | 1 leaf |
| | Morrison's Academy, Crieff | n.d. | 2 leaves |
| | Murdo MacKenzie (St. Andrew's Society) | 1930 November 8 | 3 leaves |
| | Newman, O. W. (State Commission of Horticulture) | 1918 June 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Phelan, James D. | 1927 | 1 leaf |
| | Presidio of San Francisco | 1918 January 10 | 1 leaf |

| Box/Folder | Folder title | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/3 | [John McLaren: correspondence received, 1888-1941] | | |
| | Reeve, C[hristopher] C. | 1918 December 6 | 1 leaf |
| | S. P. Townsend & Co. | 1918 November 4 | 1 leaf |
| | San Francisco Riding School | 1918 April 18 | 1 leaf |
| | San Francisco Riding School | 1918 January 12 | 1 leaf |
| | Sanjines, C. | 1918 August 24 | 1 leaf |
| | Sargent, B. V. (Automobile Owners' Rental Assn.) | 1918 May 31 | 1 leaf |
| | Scheepers, John | 1918 February 19 | 1 leaf |
| | Schramm, W. M. (to Mayor James Rolph) | 1918 February 22 | 1 leaf |
| | Schwartzlose, Noah | 1918 July 22 | 1 leaf |
| | Scott, Francis Seymour | 1918 January 18 | 2 leaves |
| | Scotti, Francois | 1918 February 26 | 2 leaves |
| | Sessions, Kate O. | 1918 April 11 | 1 leaf |
| | Sessions, Kate O. | 1918 October 20 | 3 leaves |
| | Shearer, Frank (Park Department, Los Angeles) | 1918 January 3 | 1 leaf |
| | Shebley, W. H. (Fish and Game Commission) | 1918 April 19 | 1 leaf |
| | Shebley, W. H. (Fish and Game Commission) | 1918 April 20 | 1 leaf |
| | Shebley, W. H. (Fish and Game Commission) | 1918 January 17 | 1 leaf |
| | Shebley, W. H. (Fish and Game Commission) | 1918 March 1 | 1 leaf |
| | Sherman School, San Francisco (+ reply) | 1940 May 16 | 1 leaf |
| | Sierra Auto Supply Company | 1918 June 26 | 1 leaf |
| | Silveria, J. F. (+ reply) | 1918 April 9 | 1 leaf |
| | Simon, H. M. (Fillmore Club) | 1918 February 16 | 1 leaf |
| | Sinsheimer, May (S.F. War Camp Community Service) | 1918 September 23 | 1 leaf |
| | Skutt, Gilbert L. (Park Dept., Los Angeles) (+ reply) | 1940 April 18 | 1 leaf |
| | Sleesman, C. C. (Board of Health, Bayonne, NJ) | 1918 February 23 | 1 leaf |
| | Slosson, Dorothy (Sunset Branch, SFPL) | 1918 April 15 | 1 leaf |
| | Smart, Gordon S. (San Francisco Model Yacht Club) | 1918 February 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Society of American Florists | 1918 | 1 leaf |
| | Spring Valley School, San Francisco (+ reply) | 1940 May 15 | 1 leaf |
| | Sproul, Robert G. (to John L. McNab) | 1940 February 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Stocking, Leonard (Agnews State Hospital) | 1918 December 11 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Nellie | [1895?] | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, V. | 1895 March 21 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 January 14 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (to Edgar W. Stow) | 1918 November 16 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (+ reply) | 1918 September 10 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 April 25 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 January 3 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 May 13 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 May 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn (Stanford University) | 1918 October 5 | 1 leaf |
| | Stow, Vanderlynn | 1918 February 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Sutliffe, Mrs. E. C. [Mary] | [1918?] | 1 leaf |
| | Sutro, Rose | 1938 October 25 | 1 leaf |
| | Tetrazzini, Luisa | 1914 March 22 | 1 leaf |
| | Tevis, H. L. | 1918 August 10 | 1 leaf |
| | Tevis, H. L. | 1918 October 3 | 1 leaf |
| | Thane, A. C., Mrs. | 1918 June 3 | 1 leaf |

| Box/Folder | Folder title | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2/3 | [John McLaren: correspondence received, 1888-1941] | | |
| | Tibbitts, H. C. (Greenwich St. Improvement Assoc.) | 1918 February 12 | 1 leaf |
| | Tobin, John P., Reverend (St. Cecelia's Church) | 1918 February 12 | 2 leaves |
| | Tobin, John P., Reverend | 1918 March 3 | 1 leaf |
| | Turner, Frank I. (Exposition Preservation League) | 1918 June 25 | 1 leaf |
| | Turner, George C. (Boys and Girls Aid Society of CA) | 1918 August 28 | 1 leaf |
| | Vanderbilt, Newell F. (+ reply) | 1941 March 18 | 1 leaf |
| | Walsingham, F. G. (Ministry of Agriculture, Cairo) | 1918 May 7 | 1 leaf |
| | Williams, R. H. (to E. O. McCormick) | 1918 April 13 | 2 leaves |
| | Wilson, W. F. (Hotel Ramona) | 1918 November 17 | 1 leaf |
| | Wirth, Theodore (+ reply) | 1939 December 18 | 1 leaf |
| | Wismer, E[inar] | 1918 May 14 | 1 leaf |
| | Woolsey, Ella L. | 1918 July 6 | 1 leaf |
| | Wragge, Clement L. | 1918 May 28 | 1 leaf |
| 2/4 | [John McLaren: correspondence sent, 1894-1940] | | |
| | Hill and [Whyte], Solicitors | 1894 April 15 | 1 leaf |
| | Dibble, Oliver | n.d. | 1 leaf |
| | [Mill family? "I am grateful to you…"] | n.d. | 1 leaf |
| | Wismer, Hother | 1939 December 20 | 1 leaf |
| | Spencer, Mrs. Eldridge T. | 1940 April 12 | 1 leaf |
| 2/5 | [14 postcards, including 8 addressed to Andrew and Bessie McNair, from John Reid, Annie Reid, Jeanie Reid, and Jessie---, 1907-1908] | | |
| 2/6 | [Matie McLaren Daniels: correspondence, 1923-1965] | | |

**Series 3: Writings about John McLaren, 1921-1941**

2/7 [Writings about John McLaren]
*Parks & Recreation*, Vol. XXIV, No. 8 (April 1941) John McLaren Issue
Margaret Geddes, *John McLaren: A Sketch* [2 photocopies]
John L. McNab, *John McLaren… Tribute Delivered Extemporaneously Before the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco on December 6, 1939*
*Uncle John McLaren* by Frank J. Taylor, St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco, 1939

2/8 Poetry (12 leaves)

2/9 [Matie McLaren Daniels writings]
*Before 1887 in San Francisco…* (ts., n.d., 14 leaves)
*On the Howard Estate 1872-1887* (ts., n.d., 1 leaf)
*Park Lodge, Golden Gate Park* (ts., n.d., 3 leaves)
*The Blacksmith* (ms., n.d., 1 leaf)
*My Christmas Tree* (The Olympian, December 1921, 1 leaf)

**Series 4: Awards and Certificates, 1904-1943**

Box/Folder Folder title

3/1 *Souvenir to John McLaren: [presented by] the Citizens of the State of California, Represented by His Excellency… San Francisco, June 2, 1904* [oversize]

2/10 [Certificate of appointment; award letter; certificate; proclamation]
Certificate of appointment, San Francisco Division, State Council of Defense of California, November 11, 1918
Award letter, *George Robert White Medal of Hono*r, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1924
Certificate, Royal Horticultural Society, 1930
Proclamation, *John McLaren Day* by Office of the Mayor, San Francisco, 1963

2/11 [Testimonial book], *To John McLaren, Our Honorary Member…* American Institute of Park Executives, Philadelphia, 1939

2/12 *In Memoriam: John McLaren* (Senate Resolution, California Legislature, Fifty-fifth Session, 1943)

**Series 5: News Clippings, 1887-1943**

2/13 Book I of newspaper clippings about Golden Gate Park, 1894-

2/14 Book II of newspaper clippings about Golden Gate Park, 1887-

2/15 [Newspaper clippings relating to John McLaren and Golden Gate Park]

2/16 Scrapbook, 1935-1943 [created by Matie McLaren Daniels?]

3/2 Scrapbook, [created by Matie McLaren Daniels; includes her ts., 9 leaves, *Recollection of an Era: John McLaren and the Construction of Golden Gate Park;* oversize]

**Series 6: Photographs, c.1860-1940**

4/1 [Cartes-de-visite, McLaren family, c. 1860-1873]
[family portrait, McLaren Family Album] photographer: A. Donald, Dundee
Yours truly, Robert McLaren. photographer: Buel's Gallery, Pittsfield
[man's portrait, standing, McLaren Family Album] photographer: Cramb Brothers, Glasgow
Katherine McDougall McLaren mother of John.
[McLaren Family Album] photographer: G. Smart, Stirling
[woman's portrait, McLaren Family Album] photographer: A. Stewart, Aberfeldy
Jane Mill McLaren. [McLaren Family Album] photographer: W. K. Munro, Edinburgh
[woman's portrait, McLaren Family Album] photographer: Wm. Towert, Edinburgh
[woman's portrait, McLaren Family Album] photographer: G. Smart, Stirling
[woman's portrait, McLaren Family Album] photographer: J. Jamieson, Edinburgh
[woman with child standing on chair] photographer unknown
Isabella Mill [McLaren Family Album] photographer: J. Abbot, Dundee
[woman, seated, McLaren Family Album] photographer: A. Donald, Dundee
[two men behind and two women, McLaren Family Album] photographer unknown
[woman standing, McLaren Family Album] photographer: George F. Roger, Dundee
[man seated, McLaren Family Album] photographer: W. K. Munro, Edinburgh
[John McLaren? McLaren Family Album] photographer: Houseworth, San Francisco
Katherine and Donald McLaren, parents of John McLaren. [McLaren Family Album] photographer: John Henderson, Stirling

| Box/Folder | Folder title |
|---|---|
| 4/2 | [Structure on grounds of El Cerrito, estate of W. D. M. Howard, San Mateo, n.d.] |
| 4/3 | View of Uyeno; Wisteria; Maple Garden at Takinogawa near Tokyo [3 prints] [n.d.] |
| 4/4 | St. Andrew's Society of S. F., October 8, 1940 |
| 4/5 | Presenting the [Colors] to Returned Regiment from Boer War [2 prints] |
| 4/6 | [Bust of John McLaren, Baccari, photographer] |
| 4/7 | [The Howard Estate, El Cerrito, San Mateo c.1880] |
| 5 | [McLaren Family Photograph Album] [52 prints] |
| 6 | [Golden Gate Park. Gabriel Moulin, Photographer.] [44 prints] |
| 7 | [John McLaren Collection Photographs] |
| 7/1 | Districts. Haight–Ashbury |
| 7/2 | Hospitals. San Francisco General (old) |
| 7/3 | Hotels. Fairmont (interiors) |
| 7/4 | Parks. Alamo Square |
| 7/5 | Parks. Balboa |
| 7/6 | Parks. Columbia Square |
| 7/7 | Parks. Dolores |
| 7/8 | Parks. Duboce |
| 7/9 | Parks. Franklin Square |
| 7/10 | Parks. Garfield Square |
| 7/11 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Aerial Views |
| 7/12 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Big Rec. |
| 7/13 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. De Young Museum (early) |
| 7/14 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Horse Stalls |
| 7/15 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Kezar Stadium (site) |
| 7/16 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Lakes. Middle |
| 7/17 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Lakes. Spreckels |
| 7/18 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Lakes. Unknown |
| 7/19 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. May Day |
| 7/20 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Monuments. Ball Player |
| 7/21 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Monuments. Francis Scott Key |
| 7/22 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Monuments. Garfield |
| 7/23 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Monuments. Grant |
| 7/24 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Monuments. McKinley |
| 7/25 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Music Concourse |
| 7/26 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. General Views |
| 7/27 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Nurseries |
| 7/28 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Polo Field |
| 7/29 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Pumping Station |
| 7/30 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Rhododendrons |
| 7/31 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. South Drive |

| Box/Folder | Folder title |
|---|---|
| 7/32 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Strawberry Hill |
| 7/33 | Parks. Golden Gate Park. Trees, Shrubs |
| 7/34 | Parks. Harding |
| 7/35 | Parks. Holly Park |
| 7/36 | Parks. Jefferson Square |
| 7/37 | Parks. Lafayette Square |
| 7/38 | Parks. Lobos |
| 7/39 | Parks. Precita Park |
| 7/40 | Parks. Washington Square |
| 7/41 | Streets. Dolores |
| 7/42 | Streets. Folsom |
| 7/43 | Streets. Hayes |
| 7/44 | Streets. Park Presidio Blvd. |

**Series 7: Realia, 1905-1923**

8 Copper printing plate, engraved *Mrs. John McLaren*; John McLaren's eyeglasses (one pair with lenses, one without); baby bootie; sporran

9 Shreve & Co. silver cup, 15", inscribed: *Weavers, spiders come not here / Mrs. John McLaren from some friends in Bohemia Oct. 19th, 1915*

Shreve & Co. silver plate, 17", inscribed: *Jane / Christmas 1905 / John*

Derby Co. silver cup, 13", inscribed: *Presented to John McLaren at the California Fall Flower Show, San Francisco, Oct. 26, 1923 / Awarded by California Association of Nurserymen for Exceptional Contributions to Horticulture*

**Series 8: Library, 1803-1934**
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American estates and gardens / Barr Ferree (New York, Munn & Co., 1906)
*Frontispiece reverse inscribed: John McLaren to Daniel McRorie  Christmas 1909*

An anthography of the eucalypts / Russell Grimwade (Sydney: Angus & Robertson Ltd., 1920)

Dreamthorp, with selections from 'Last leaves' / Alexander Smith and Hugh Walker (London: H. Milford, Oxford University Press, 1934) *Front free endpaper inscribed: To John McLaren LL.D., from the Hawthorn Clan  David Anderson*

Edinburgh. Picturesque notes / Robert Louis Stevenson (London:  Seeley & Co., 1895)
*Front free endpaper inscribed: To John McLaren Christmas 1895 from Jas. McNab*

Farming for pleasure and profit.  Third section. Tree-planting for ornamentation or profit, suitable to every soil and situation / Arthur Roland (London, Chapman and Hall, 1879)
*Half-title inscribed: John McLaren  San Mateo.*

Forest culture and eucalyptus trees / Ellwood Cooper and Ferdinand von Mueller (San Francisco: Cubery & Company, 1876)
*Front free endpaper inscribed:  John McLaren  San Mateo*

The forester; or, A practical treatise on the planting, rearing, and general management of forest-trees / James Brown (Edinburgh:  W. Blackwood, 1871)
*Front free endpaper inscribed: John McLaren from W. H. Howard  San Mateo*

The fruit garden; a treatise intended to explain and illustrate the physiology of fruit trees, the theory and practice of all operations connected with the propagation, transplanting, pruning and training of orchard and garden trees, as standards, dwarfs, pyramids, espaliers, etc ... the laying out and arranging of different kinds of gardens ... Illustrated with upwards of 150 figures ... / Patrick Barry (Rochester, N.Y.: s.n., 1863)
*Front free endpaper inscribed: William A. Bowld  January 1874.*

The fruits and fruit trees of America or, The culture propagation, and management, in the garden and orchard, of fruit trees generally; with descriptions of all the finest varieties of fruit, native and foreign, cultivated in this country / Andrew Jackson Downing (New York, J. Wiley, 1860)

The gardener's assistant: practical and scientific: a guide to the formation and management of the kitchen, fruit, and flower gardens, and the cultivation of conservatory, green-house, and hot-stoves plants: with a copious calendar of gardening operations / Robert Thompson (London: Blackie, 1859)
*Front free endpaper inscribed: John McLaren  Blair Drummond 1866.*

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