

1. January and February 1874 canceled checks made out to Hamilton & Marston from The Treasurer of the City of San Diego, signed back reads "Hamilton & Marston", one from Road Fund, the other from the City - General Fund, both cashed on Feb. 17, 1874. Another City of San Diego check is made out to "G. P. Marston," George W. Marston's father, for \$2; signed on the back "Geo. P. Marston per Geo. W. Marston." Three checks, fronts and backs.

2. - July 28, 1877 Bond, returned and Cancelled September 21, 1877 by City Clerk, S. Statler, between D. O. McCarthy, President, and the San Diego City Trustees et. al. and the United States of America: "to Maj. Gen. McDowell of the Dept. of the Pacific U.S.A. asking the use of Certain Arms now in the charge of Sergeant Donovan at the Barracks in the City of San Diego for the use of their Citizens of San Diego and for safe keeping of the same a riot being apprehended in said City of San Diego, a telegram has this day been received from B.B. Keeler Capt. & Acting Dept. Com on authorizing the sergeant in charge of said arms at the Barracks in San Diego to issue the said arms to said D O McCarthy President of the Board of Trustees of said city afore(?) shall safely keep and deliver the arms and property in the schedule hereto annexed and deliver the same as required by law to the said United States or her assigns or proper officers as required by law or the proper orders of the officers of the United States. Signed and sealed

D. O. McCarthy, President B of Trustees

J. S.(L?) Gordon

S. Statler, City Clerk" on the back signatures with "seal"

A.F. Hinchman A.E. Horton

A. Overbaugh J. S. Harbison W. R. Porter Theo Kneppers J. M. Asher

M. J. McCarthy

P. C. Remondino

H. I. Willey

J. O. Palm?

Thos. Ganuatt

A. B. Hotchkiss

Wm. S. Pecreer

D. E. Darling

George W. Marston

Theo F. White

Wm Evans

Chas S. Hamilton

D. E. Reers

S. Cave

M. A. Begole

W. T. Ilventon/ Stockton C. R. McLellon

S. Whisten

R.G. Balcom

W.W.Terry
E. Gregory

3. December 1886 letter:

"To the President of the Board of City Trustees:

Sir:

The City was recently visited by Major General O. O. Howard Commanding officer of the Department of the Pacific U. S. A. After an inspection of the Government Barracks in San Diego Gen. Howard came to the opinion that their present location was not a proper one and that the land surrounding them was insufficient. He thought that a change of location might be made which would not only accommodate the Government but be very advantageous to the City. He expressed to me his desire to see the garrison placed in commodious and pleasant quarters, on an elevated site that should be improved and embellished; and he intimated that under the present circumstances it was quite possible that this post would be discontinued. His suggestion was that the Citizens of San Diego should make to the Government a tender of ten acres of land, with water piped thereto, in exchange for the two blocks now owned by the Government in Newtown. On enquiry it is found that the only land available for the purpose is contained in the City Park, many portions of which have met the approval of Lieut. Mason who has the matter in charge here on behalf of the Government.

The acquisition of the two blocks of land owned by the Government in Newtown, which carry with them the wharf franchise rights now obstructing the completion of the wharves at the foot of "H" Street, would be of great advantage to the City, furnishing by their sale at public auction a large sum for city purposes; whilst the improvement of the ten acres of park lands given in exchange would be a step towards reclaiming that waste.

I would therefore respectfully ask that a committee be appointed by the City Council to confer with Lieut. Mason and settle on a proposition acceptable to all parties.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant

Geo. W. Marston

Referred to Com. Whole & City Engineer. H. T. Christian, Clerk. Document No. 2688. "Fort Rosecrans." Four pages, including two-page letter and covers; one back, one separate.

4. February 10, 1893 Petition to the Common Council, City of San Diego, signed by George W. Marston, A. E. Horton and many others:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of San Diego, respectfully petition your Honorable Body, to build a substantial wooden bridge across the ravine on India Street, where the present grade now stops. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego have agreed to put the vagrants and prisoners in the County Jail to work upon the extension of the India Street grade, provided the City will put in said bridge. The City could also work the City prisoners, and so have two guards, which would keep a gang of men continually at work.

The grading of India Street is one of great importance to the County and City, as the present road is a disgrace, and should receive prompt attention.

If your Honorable Body will at once order said bridge put in and have the City Surveyor show required grade, your petitioners will forever pray."

One page petition, multiple pages of original signatures.

5. June 5, 1893 Mayor Wm. H. Carlson letter to the Board of Delegates of the City of San Diego:

“Gentlemen,-

You are hereby respectfully notified that I have appointed Mr. Geo. W. Marston as Member of Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of San Diego, vice Mr. E. F. Rockfellow, term expired.

Respectfully,
signed William H. Carlson
Mayor of the City of San Diego”

“Laid over 1 Week 6/5/93; Confirmed 6/12/93.” Document No. 0230 Message From The Mayor.. Three pages, including two cover sheets.

6. April 15, 1905 letter from the Mayor of the City of San Diego, Frank P. Frary, to the Common Council presenting for their confirmation the name Geo. W. Marston to fill the position of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners; the appointment made according to Chapter VII of article V of the Chapter of the City of San Diego, as amended. Signed by the Mayor.

7.. 1905 Typed notation on a long panel document found within the City of San Diego, Board of Park Commissioners minutes reading:

PARK COMMISSION

APPOINTMENT OF FIRST
COMMISSION ON APRIL 17, 1905

FIRST COMMISSIONERS WERE:

GEORGE W. MARSTON

ERNEST E. WHITE

A. MORAN

One narrow title page within minutes.

8. June 4, 1906 certified/notarized grant deed from George W. Marston to the City of San Diego, California. Right of Way for Public Street:

“KNOW ALL MEN by THESE PRESENTS That I, George W. Marston (signed), grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable consideration, do hereby grant to the City of San Diego, a municipal corporation in the County of San Diego, State of California, grantee, a right of way for the uses and purposes of a public street and highway over and across all that real property, being a part of Block 18 in what is known as Crittenden’s Addition in said City of San Diego, and being more particularly shown and described as that part of Block 18 on that certain map purporting to be a map of “La Canyada Villa Tract”, and included

in the street delineated on the map of said La Canyada Villa Tract and shown thereon to be a part of Ninth street, and reference is hereby made to the aforesaid map of La Canyada Villa Tract, being a re subdivision of Blocks 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Crittenden's Addition in the west half of Pueblo Lot 1124 of the City of San Diego Calif., by Conard, Henking & Osborne, surveyed May, 1906, by A.F. Crowell, C.E., for a more particular description of the portion of said Block 18 included within said Ninth street as delineated upon said map, and being the land over which said right of way is hereby conveyed.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto said grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of June, 1906.

signed George W. Marston (seal)

Second page is certification and notarization

Document No. 14542. also stamped 43 in corner. Filed Aug 16 1906. "Indexed". Recorded on August 17, 1906. Book 394, Page 104; Records of San Diego County. Also Book 1 Page 241. Three pages, including cover and certification.

9. December 16, 1907 Petition signed by George Marston, along with other Mission Hills property owners, for grading of many streets to be established by City Engineer. Two pages, including cover.

10. Board of Park Commissioners' Minutes handwritten "Memo" following entry dated April 29, 1909:

"Memo.

George W. Marston began service as Park Commissioner April 1905 and resigned April 1909, on account of absence from the city from April to October."

One page of bound volume of minutes.

11. June 4, 1910 letter from George W. Marston to H. R. Andrews, City Attorney, San Diego, Cal.:

"Dear Sir:

Referring to our conversation of yesterday, I beg to state that Messrs. John B. Spreckels, E. W. Scripps, A. G. Spalding and George W. Marston are the owners of the property herein after described, which I am authorized to offer for sale to the City of San Diego (with option therefor until Sept. 4th 1910) for the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) {Handwritten addition: Upon condition that the city shall hold it perpetually as a park or memorial reservation}

This property lies along the proposed Fort Stockton Boulevard and is adjacent to other city lands. Either its acquirement, or a right of way through, is necessary to the construction of the Boulevard. It includes the site of the first Spanish Mission and Presidio of California; and also the earthworks of Fort Stockton.

Description:

Blocks numbered 414, 421, 422, 437, 438, 439; lots 3 and 4 in block 413; lot 1 in block 448; and the fractional part of block 423 lying east of Short st. - all in Old San Diego,

according to the map thereof made by James Pascoe in 1870, on file in the office of the City Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,
signed George W. Marston

additional notation at bottom: "Memorial Grounds"
One page letter.

12. August 15, 1910 letter from the Mayor of San Diego, Grant Conard, to the Common Council:

"Gentlemen: -

At the bond election in 1907, the sum of \$2,500.00 was voted for what is known as the Fort Stockton and Old Town Boulevard. This money has not been expended for the reason that it is not sufficient to build the roadway, and for the further reason that it is impossible to build the boulevard through the streets of Old Town on account of the canyons.

About two years ago a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. G. W. Marston, William Clayton, A. G. Spalding, E. W. Scripps and Charles Kelly concluded that a counter road must be provided for through private property, and purchased blocks numbered 414, 421, 422, 437, 438, and 439; also lots 3 and 4 in block 413, and lot 1 in block 448, and the fractional part of block 423, lying east of Short street, all in Old San Diego. Two of these blocks is the site of the First Old Mission built in California, known as Presidio Hill, another blocks the site of Fort Stockton. This is historical ground, and should be preserved to the city. It was on Presidio Hill that the first cross of Christian civilization on the Pacific Coast was erected by Juniperro {sic} Serra in 1769, and not far from this site was Fort Stockton, a land mark of the Mexican War.

On June 4, 1910, Mr George W. Marston, representing the owners of this land above mentioned, offered to sell to the city the entire seven blocks, including the site of the Old Mission and Fort Stockton, for the sum of \$13,000.00. The proposition seemed to me such a splendid opportunity for the city to acquire this historic land, that I secured from Mr. Marston an option until September 4, 1910, and through my recommendation your Honorable Body presented the matter to the voters at the bond election on August 9th, under propositions No. 2 and No. 8. While there propositions did not receive the necessary two-thirds majority they did receive the endorsement of a substantial majority of the electors voting at said election.

These seven blocks of land are offered to the city at cost price, to-wit, \$13,000.00, notwithstanding these same lands are estimated to be worth from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 at the present time. I believe it impossible to purchase these lands at the price offered, and build the boulevard, retaining the site of the Old Mission and Fort Stockton, and sell the remaining portion of the land for a sufficient amount to pay the entire cost of the land and the building of the boulevard.

This seems to me an opportunity to secure a picturesque driveway over the hills {sic} of Old Town, and a piece of land, which on account of its historical interest, will in the near future be worth many times the sum asked for it.

I therefore earnestly recommend the acquisition of this land before the option expires on September 4, 1910.

Respectfully,
signed Grant Conard
Mayor of the City of San Diego

Three pages, including cover title sheet. Document No. 36070 filed August 15, 1910; "Message from the Mayor, Recommending Acquisition of Site of Presidio, etc, at Old Town." Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council August 15, 1910; Presented to Committee 10/26/10; Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed October 31. 1910.

13. December 9, 1910 Deed by George W. Marston to City of San Diego California, for an easement and right of way for the construction and maintenance of a line of sewer on Pueblo Lot 1122. Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed Jan 16 1911. Recorded Records of County Book 507 Page 382. City Book 2 Page 43 File C. Three pages, including cover and certification page.

14. October 26, 1911 Communication from Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, City of San Diego, submitting a report on all franchises that have lapsed. Excerpt relating to George W. Marston under section labeled "U.S. Grant Et Al.":

"Ordinance No. 672, approved by the Mayor November 16th, 1899, granted to U. S. Grant jr., George W. Marston, G.H. Ballou and M. A. Luce a franchise for a steam railroad in and through the city of San Diego, with a time limit of January 1st, 1903.

Ordinance No. 1239, approved by the Mayor December 31, 1902, extended the time to January 1, 1904. Ordinance No 1453, approved December 22, 1903 extended the time to January 1, 1905, and on December 31, 1904, Ordinance No. 1856, granting an extension to January 1, 1906, was approved by the Mayor. Ordinance No. 2308, approved January 11, 1905, granted further extension of one year to January 1, 1907. No subsequent step has been taken by the Council."

Five pages, including back cover. Document No. 45931 filed October 30, 1911. Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed October 30, 1911. Referred to City Attorney November 6, 1911. Received by Attorney March 7, 1912.

15. May 20, 1912 Grant Deed: George W. Marston and Anna L. (handwritten) Marston, husband and wife, to The City of San Diego; Described portion of Villa Lots in University Heights Re-subdivision of a portion of Pueblo Lots "D" and 1117 of the Pueblo Lands; for \$10 in consideration; for street purposes as an extension and a part of New Hampshire Street, University Heights. Sealed signatures of both. Certified and notarized on second page.

Document No. 51594. Filed May 31, 1912. Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed May 31 1912. Three pages, including cover and certification page.

16. October 16, 1912 Right of Way Contract of George W. Marston to City of San Diego, California, for the purposes of construction of a sewer line through Lots 27- 32, Block 222 of University Heights. Book 2 Page 185 File C. Document No. 55622. Presented to Common Council and ordered filed Oct 23 1912. Two pages, including cover.

17. October 16, 1912 Right of Way Contract of George W. Marston to City of San Diego, California, for the purposes of construction of a sewer line through Lots 9 - 17, Lot 1 and Lots 25 -26, Block 222 of University Heights. Book 2 Page 186 File C. Document No. 55623. Presented to Common Council and ordered filed Oct 23 1912. Two pages, including cover.

18. October 16, 1912 Right of Way Contract of George W. Marston to City of San Diego, California, for the purposes of construction of a sewer line through Lots 36 - 45, Block 221 of University Heights. Book 2 Page 182 File C. Document No. 55619. Presented to Common Council and ordered filed Oct 23 1912. Two pages, including cover.

19. October 16, 1912 Right of Way Contract of George W. Marston to City of San Diego for sewer line through Lots 30 - 38, Block N.E.218 in University Heights, San Diego. Document No. 55621; Filed Oct 23 1912. O. K. by N. R. Andrews. Good 2 Page 184 File C. Presented to Common Council and ordered Filed Oct 23 1912. Compared: Harold I. Angier, Office of County Recorder. Two pages, including cover.

20. Same as above for Lots 14 - 16, Block 217. Document No. 55624. Book 2 Page 187 File C.

18. Same as above for Block 18, La Canyada Villa Tract. Document No. 55625. Book 2 Page 188 File C.

21. "George W. Marston —The Candidate. One page summary on Mr. Marston on the back of Marston Campaign Headquarters letterhead 1913:

"Mr. Marston has been a resident of San Diego since 1870. He came here as a boy and immediately secured employment as a clerk in the old Horton House, which stood on the site of the U. S. Grant Hotel. He afterwards became a clerk in a general store. Later, he and Charles S. Hamilton bought a small store. In 1878 Mr. Marston sold out to Mr. Hamilton his interest in the grocery and general merchandise business. He then commenced a dry goods business on his own account, and thus established a mercantile house which has been known as the "Marston Store" for thirty-five years.

Mr. Marston has always been actively interested in public matters. He was president of the first volunteer fire company in (New) San Diego, and later City Fire Commissioner. He was also President of the Chamber of Commerce for two terms, and has served on its important committees almost continuously for thirty years.

He was the first President of the Board of Park Commissioners, and for ten years he has been actively interested in the improvement and development of Balboa Park and the other park lands of the city, contributing largely of his personal funds to this purpose.

HIGHEST TYPE OF BUSINESS MAN AND CITIZEN.

Mr. Marston is an able and successful business man, and his name is a synonym for integrity and public spirit. He is a man of genial and attractive personality, and a man of liberal views, conceding to all people the right to follow their own convictions and to differ with him upon any and all questions.

HIS POSITION ON SOME PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Mr. Marston proposes a forward movement for the business interests of San Diego, this movement to include the completion before 1915 of three great and very important undertakings, namely:

The Railroad to Arizona

The Harbor Improvements The Exposition.

THE RAILROAD TO ARIZONA.

From 1902 to 1907, Mr. Marston was Chairman of the San Diego Railroad Promotion Committee and President of the San Diego-Eastern Railway Company. It was under his leadership that this company induced Mr. Spreckels to undertake the building of the present San Diego & Arizona Railroad.

The railroad problem is facing the city and must be speedily settled. While the municipality cannot give direct aid to the enterprise, a Mayor who understands the situation and has been in touch with the leading railroad men of all the southwestern systems will be in a position to represent the city properly in this matter and to co-operate vigorously with those who are now engaged in the undertaking.

THE HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Marston considers it vitally important that the municipal piers should be constructed in accordance with the vote of the people. He would give this work his careful features of this work would be in the best possible hands.

THE PANAMA-CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION.

Mr. Marston is a worker for and a strong supporter of the Exposition. He is Chairman of the Commission appointed by the Governor to have charge of the erection of the California State Building. He was Chairman for the first two years of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Exposition and is still a working member of that committee. As Mayor he would be in a peculiarly advantageous position to secure the co-operation of State, City and Exposition Company in pushing forward this great enterprise.

MR. MARSTON AND ORGANIZED LABOR.

There is no better friend of the workingman than the employer who gives short hours, good wages and superior conditions of labor. In this respect Mr. Marston's store sets a high standard. Among other things, he has, within the past year, introduced a plan by which employee {sic} who have been with him for three years may participate in the profits of the business. Aside from the fact that he let a part of the construction of his store building to an open-shop contractor (whose bid for the work was several thousand dollars less than any other), he has never been seriously criticized by the labor unions. The workingman who casts his vote against George W. Marston will turn down one of his best friends among the merchants of this city.

HIS ATTITUDE REGARDING THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

At all times a temperance man and yielding none of his convictions on that subject. Mr. Marston believes the present ordinances and police regulations are wise and should be enforced. He regards the present system and its administration by the police department as the best that San Diego has ever had, and advocates a continuance thereof.

HIS VIEWS ON THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Marston's conception of the responsibility of the Mayor's office and the immediate duties that will devolve upon him, have been personally presented to the undersigned, in brief, as follows:

He desires to emphasize the importance of an effective business administration and thinks that just now the city needs a business reform rather than a moral reform. He recognizes

the great improvement that has taken place in city government during the past ten years and heartily commends the present administrative work. With all this, he points out that the excellence lies in individual departments and that the city lacks that balance of parts and unity of the whole which makes for economy and fullest efficiency. He looks on the municipality as a kind of big corporation for the people, and it would be his purpose as Mayor to act as a "Chairman of the Whole Committee." He believes in leadership and co-operation, not in arbitrary power. He looks forward to working in pleasant and effective relations with councilmen, engineers, attorneys, accountants and other officers. He says that such success as he has had in his own business and in various lines of public work has been on their basis; that he is willing to work harder for the city than he has ever worked for himself, and if necessary devote his entire time and attention to the city's interests.

The undersigned, in consenting to act as the Executive committee for the Marston campaign —being ourselves men of widely different political, social and business affiliations—are united in the conviction that his candidacy for Mayor presents to San Diego at the present juncture an unexampled opportunity.

The fact that the opening of the exposition will fall within the term of office of the Mayor now to be chosen, makes it especially desirable that he should be one who can represent the city with dignity and grace at the reception of distinguished guests and on other public occasions. Mr. Marston would be an ideal man for such service.

While we have indicated in the above statement his views on some matters, the real platform is the man himself and the things he has done for San Diego. His record is an open book and one of which the whole city may well be proud. This is the time for San Diego to have such a man in the Mayor's chair, and we sincerely hope that our fellow citizens of whatever shade of opinion will elect him by an overwhelming vote.

(signed) M. L. Ward, Chairman; Melville Klauber, Patrick Martin, Col. Ed. F. Fletcher, John Smith, Dr. D. Gochenauer, Philip Morse, J. Edward Keating, Secretary.

22. Affidavit of Election Expenses of George Marston for Mayor filed April 7, 1913. (original to be filed with Clerk with vouchers attached. Document No. 61320 "Candidate's Affidavit Regarding Expenditures and Receipts for Primary Election Expenses": Geo. W. Marston, Candidate for Mayor at the primary election held in the City of San Diego, California, on the 25th day of March, 1913. Itemized expenses total \$1,298.25.

23. Numerous vouchers, receipts and other records of J. Edward Keating, Secretary of the Marston Campaign Committee (Candidate for Mayor 1913) for contributions and expenses. Filed together with the Affidavit Of Election Expenses.

24. December 15, 1913 letter to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Diego from George Marston, on The Marston Company stationery, protesting the granting of licenses for the sale of liquor on the grounds of the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park:

Gentlemen:

It being reported upon good authority that your honorable body would soon be petitioned to grant both Class A and Class B licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors upon the grounds of the Exposition in Balboa Park, I desire, as a citizen and as a stockholder in the Exposition, to protest against such licenses.

This city has enacted in the past a restrictive liquor policy which has stood the test of time and become an accepted condition in our municipal life. For several years neither

the so called temperance forces nor their opponents have made any serious effort for a change. In this generally accepted and popular policy the limitation of saloons to the number of fifty-five and the prohibition of liquor selling in the residential sections of the city are two of the most important features. It is now proposed to override established ordinances and to secure a very dangerous concession.

I believe that the majority of our people are opposed to saloons and liquor cafes in the Exposition. The temperance sentiment is dominant in Southern California. Undoubtedly the San Francisco Exposition will be "wide open" in the liquor way. But it has been widely heralded that the San Diego Exposition is to be "different," and why shouldn't it be really representative of its home sentiment and custom in this matter as well as in others? Let us be provincial if you please. It's a better advertisement for bringing the home building, law abiding classes of people to San Diego than to follow the example of Chicago and San Francisco. If the American people were capable of the restraint in drinking that characterize the French and Germans in their outdoor cafes and gardens there might be some reason for adopting their customs. But there is not such moderation here, and what is still worse is that retail (hand edit) liquor selling in this country is (crossed out "nearly always commercialized and made") so often made (hand edited addition) the ally of all the vices. The concessionaires of Expositions are generally the most unmitigated offenders of this sort and the City Council should use the same precautions for good order and moral control in the Exposition that it has so successfully done in the rest of the city. It was never intended, and it is obviously contrary to all precedent and usage, that the park lands should be treated differently from the residential sections in the matter of the liquor traffic.

(signed G. W. Marston)

Two-paged letter.

25. Resolution No. 37367 Appointing George W. Marston as member of Park Commission. Filed and Adopted by Common Council, City of San Diego on March 29, 1916. Book 45, Page 295 File:

RESOLUTION NO. 37367

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

That the appointment by Mayor Bacon of George W. Marston as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Two pages, including back cover.

26. October 23, 1916 Police communication. Petition of George Marston to shoot quail and rabbits on his premises. Record returned to Police Department, City of San Diego.

27. October 25, 1916 letter from the Mayor of the City of San Diego, Edwin M. Capps to The Common Council:

"Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in presenting for your confirmation the name of Mr. Geo. W. Marston to serve on the Board of Park Commissioners of this City, to take the place of Mr. John F. Forward, Jr., resigned.

Very truly,
signed Edwin M. Capps, Mayor of the City of San Diego, California"

Document No. 103520. Filed Oct 25 1916. Appointments confirmed by Council 10/25/16. Two pages, including cover.

28. "Primary Election 1917, March 20" handwritten title on "instructions To Voters." Vote tallies, including those for Mayor (18,829 Total Votes Cast)::

Charles H. Bartholomew	2297
George W. Marston	7502
Louis J. Wilde	8729

29. April 25, 1917 letter to George W. Marston, Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, City of San Diego from H W. Sumflin, Executive Secretary, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, forwarding copies of all papers filed by D. C. Collier with the Secretary of War. Menions receipt of telegram from Collier that morning advising that the offer was referred today by Secretary of War Baker to General Bell with power to act.

30. Letter dated April 28, 1917 from Melville Klauber, Chairman of the Army & Navy Committee, San Diego Chamber of Commerce to George W. Marston, Chairman of the Park Commission, regarding offer of Exposition Grounds offer to the Army referred at Washington to the Commanding General of the Western Department. Klauber states that General Sibert has wired that, although the offer was appreciated, the Grounds will not at this time be used by the Army Department as it is not in line with the present plans. Also states that, meanwhile, Admiral Caperton took up with Mr. Davidson the matter of using the Grounds as a training school for the Navy. "Admiral Caperton says the Navy Department is badly in need of facilities for training the young men who are rapidly enlisting. He strongly recommends the use of the buildings and grounds for that purpose and states that they would have about one thousand d boys to send at once and thought that this number would probably be ultimately increased to ten thousand." References wire with Admiral Caperton asking him to first confer with General Sibert, to be absolutely certain that there is no prospect of the Army's use of the property. After such consultation, Klauber states that it would be wise for the city to make offer of the Exposition Grounds to the Navy. Army & Navy Committee has tentatively made this offer to the Navy, subject to the Park Commission passing favorably on the matter. Requests that Marston take the matter up as promptly as possible with the Park Commission.

One page, signed letter.

31. Two forms of Park Commission Resolution dated April 30, 1917 stating that all unoccupied buildings on the Exposition Grounds East of the Plaza de Panama which have not been tendered to the 21st Infantry are hereby tendered to the U.S. Government for naval purposes. Also, such unimproved lands in Balboa Park outside the Exposition Grounds as may be considered suitable by the Navy Department are tendered by the City. Col.D. C. Collier is hereby authorized to tender the use of said buildings and grounds to the Navy Department for emergency concentration training camp. Rental of said buildings and grounds to be free. All water, gas, electricity, etc. used shall be paid by the Navy Department. Permit for said use to be the same as that made to the U.S. Marine Corps. Signed by George W. Marston,

President of the Board of Park Commissioners, Henry Ryan and Arthur Cosgrove. Other copy of said resolution is entitled Resolution with "Whereas" paragraphs and no signers.

32. November 18, 1924 Board of Park Commissioners, City of San Diego, resolution naming the Level Plateau near the corner of Sixth and Date Streets, "Marston Point":

WHEREAS the real development of Balboa Park which lead up to its present significance began in the area at the corner bordering on Sixth and Date Streets; and

WHEREAS the plans for beautification of this area will, when completed, make it one of the most popular portions of Balboa Park; and,

WHEREAS the accomplishing of this first important development of Balboa Park was made possible by the generosity of Mr. George W. Marston; and

WHEREAS Mr. George W. Marston has, from the very beginning, by reason of his liberality in the expenditure of time and money been one of our most consistent supporters of Park Improvement; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners and that a copy of same be filed with the City Clerk and a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. George W. Marston.

Three pages, including cover letter to the City Clerk, City of San Diego, dated the same; and back over identifying it as Document Number 16612, "Communication from Park Dept. Submitting copy of Resolution naming Marston Point." Presented to Common Council and ordered filed November 24, 1924.

33. Letter dated September 22nd, 1924 to the Common Council, City of San Diego, from the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, City of San Diego, F. H. Dixon, regarding the purchase of pipes in City Park owned by Kate O. Sessions. The letter quotes a petition signed by George W. Marston for the Park Committee:

Gentlemen:

We herewith transmit to your Honorable Body for your consideration a copy of a communication this day received from the Park Committee of the City of San Diego, California. The said petition has the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Department, stating that it is very cheap at the price quoted.

We would respectfully recommend that you authorize the purchase of the same.

The petition reads as follows, to-wit: _

"The Park Committee respectfully petitions the Board to purchase from Miss, K. O. Sessions the water pipe which is laid in the ten acre tract of land at the north west corner of the City Park, Miss Sessions is now surrendering to the City her lease of this land and is leaving on it a great many trees and shrubs which the committee desires to take of. Her water pipe system covers nearly the whole of the ten acres tract and would cost to put in a new over five hundred dollars. She offers it to the City for \$125.00 and its purchase now would be a economical {sic} and valuable addition to the Park equipment.

(signed) George W. Marston for the Park Committee."

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Public Works,
By (signed) F. H. Dixon

Secretary.

Two pages with cover.

34. December 4, 1925 Communication from Manager of Operation regarding Subdivision Description of Land requested by Geo. W. Marston to be sold by City of San Diego. "DESCRIPTIONS FOR DEED IN PROPOSED GEORGE W. MARSTON TRACT IN OLD SAN DIEGO, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, BLOCK 478, LOT 2, BLOCK 493, LOTS 1 AND 4, BLOCK 495, OLD SAN DIEGO, AND A PORTION OF HARNEY STREET, WHITMAN STREET, CONDE STREET AND CHESTNUT STREET, CLOSED TO PUBLIC USE, ADJOINING SAID PROPERTY."

Map included in description. George Marston Track in Old San Diego. "Closed Res. No. 34024, May 11, 1925. Doc. No. 1383.

Document No. 182301. Filed Dec 5, 1925. Recommendation adopted Dec 7, 1925. Presented to Common Council Dec 7- 1925. Four pages, including map of tract and cover.

35. December 24, 1925 Proposal Of Exchange Of Property In Presidio Hills, Old Town, Correcting and changing memorandum of November 16, 1925:

"In exchange or through purchase, George W. Marston will convey title to the City to the following property in Old Town Addition:

Lot 1, Block 446, a part of Fort Stockton site area, including vacated streets, 237 1/2 ft. by 175 ft.

Block 437, Area, including vacated streets, 350 ft. by 350 ft.

Lot 2, Block 420, Area 150 x 150. The City now owns Lot 3 and by getting Lot 2 will have all the north half of the block.

Lots 2 and 4, Block 449, Area including vacated streets, each lot 175 x 175. The City now owns lot 3 in this a block.

All of Lot 2, Block 414. All below the bank just opposite south and of San Diego River bridge.

Right of Way across Lot 1 and Block 420.

(signed) George W. Marston

handwritten post note: "I will include in my deed to the city all of the above property not described in the ordinance." Signed G. W. Marston.

Document No. 1842(may be more numbers). Filed January 21, 1926. Two pages, including cover.

36. January 21, 1926 Resolution No. 36601 Accepting Bid Of George W. Marston For Certain Property In Old San Diego, And Authorizing The Mayor and City Clerk Of The City Of San Diego To Execute Deed of Conveyance:

"WHEREAS, at a public action sale held in The City of San Diego, California, on the 21st day of January, 1926, pursuant to the terms and provisions of Ordinance No. 10287 of the ordinances of The City of San Diego, entitled, "An Ordinance authorizing the superintendent of the Purchasing Department to sell at public auction certain lands now owned by The City of

San Diego not dedicated or reserved for public use," approved December 19, 1935, George W. Marston was the highest and best bidder for the property described in said ordinance and hereinafter described; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Common Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

That the bid of George W. Marston, in the sum of Forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500.00) for the property described in said Ordinance No. 10287, and hereinafter described be, and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of The City of San Diego and the City Clerk of The City of San Diego, a municipal corporation in the County of San Diego, State of California, an indenture of deed granting and conveying to George W. Marston all that real property situated in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, not dedicated or reserved for public use, to-wit:

A portion of lots 1, 2 and 3, block 478; Lot 2, Block 493; Lots and 1 and 4, Block 495; all in Old San Diego, in The City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, according to map thereof made by James Pascoe i the year 1870, a copy of which map is filed in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, together with a portion of Whitman Street, Harney Street, Conde Street and Chestnut Street closed to public use by Resolution No. 35024 of the Common Council of said City, Which said parcels of land are more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Whitman Street with the northeasterly prolongation of the center line of Harney Street; thence south 36degrees 15' west along the northeasterly prolongation of the center line of Harney Street, a distance of 136.70 feet to a point; thence southeasterly and easterly, along the arc of a circle the center of which bears north 65 degrees 12'37" east 309.58 feet from said last named point, a distance of 440.06 feet to a point; thence north 72 degrees 06' east, a distance of 58.17 feet to a point on the southeasterly prolongations of the center line of Whitman Street distant 84.91 feet south, 57 degrees 45' east from the intersection of the northeasterly prolongation of the center line of Conde Street with the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Whitman Street; thence north 53 degrees 45' west along the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Whitman Street to the point or place of beginning:

Also, beginning at the point of intersection of the northeasterly prolongation of the center line of Conde Street with the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Chestnut Street; thence north 36 degrees 15' east along the northeasterly prolongation of the center line of Conde Street, a distance of 49.47 feet to a point; thence easterly along the arc of a circle, the center of which bears north 17 degrees 59'40" east 80 feet from said last named point, a distance of 20.89 feet to a point; thence easterly along the arc of a circle, the center of which bears south 03 degrees 02' west 270.00 feet from said last named point, a distance of 108.70 feet to a point; thence easterly and southeasterly along the arc of a circle, the center of which bears south 26 degrees 06' west 150.00 feet from said last named point, a distance of 120.43 feet to a point; thence south 17 degrees 54' east, a distance of 54.38 feet to a point; thence southeasterly, easterly and northeasterly along the arc of a circle, the center of which bears north 72 degrees 06' east 30.00 feet from said last named point, a distance of 66.89 feet to a point on the northwesterly line of Arista Street, distant 64.79 feet north 36 degrees 16' east from the intersection of said northwesterly line of Arista Street with the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Chestnut Street; thence south 36 degrees 15' west along the northwesterly line of Arista Street to an intersection with the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Chestnut Street; thence north 53 degrees 45' west along the southeasterly prolongation of the center line of Chestnut Street to the point or place of beginning.

Presented by _____

Form approved by _____

Passed and adopted by the said Common Council of the said City of San Diego, California, this 25th day of January 1926, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES—Councilmen Bruschi, Heilbron, Held, and Stewart

NOES—None

ABSENT—Councilman Maire

signed John L. Bacon

President of the Common Council of the City of San Diego,
California

certified and stamped by Clark M. Foote Jr. , Deputy City Clerk

Document No. 184447. Filed Jan 25 1926. Adopted by Common Council Jan 25, 1926.

Five pages, including cover and certification.

37. February 23, 1926 Petition to the Common Council, City of San Diego, California by George W. Marston: "For permission to lay sidewalk and curbs on Cypress Way by private contract. North side of Cypress Way to be contiguous walk and curb 4 feet in width, and on South side to be 4.28 feet in width. Reason for this request is that Myrtle Way is 36 feet wide. The above improvement is in Marston Hills.

Signed George W. Marston
Owner of Marston Hills.

Document No. 185498. Filed Feb 23, 1926. Referred to City Engineer Feb 23 1926.

"Gr" (granted). Two pages, including cover.

38. February 27, 1926 Letter from the Operating Department, City of San Diego, California, Bureau Engineering and Streets, F. A. Rhodes, City Engineer to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Diego:

"Gentlemen:-

Document numbered 185498 asks that the sidewalk width on Cypress Way in Marston Hills be fixed at 4 feet on the north and west sides, at 4.28 feet on the south and east sides.

I recommend that this petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
signed F.A.Rhodes
City Engineer.

Document No. 185823. Filed March 1, 1926. Two pages, including cover.

39. March 23, 1926 Petition of George W. Marston for extension of time to sidewalk and curb Cypress Way. Document No.187060. Filed March 24, 1926. Petition granted by Council March 23, 1926.

40. July 13, 1926 Petition of George W. Marston for Permit to Pave, etc., by Private Contract, Cypress Way and Cypress Avenue. Document No. 191755. Filed July 14, 1926. Referred to City Engineer on July 13, 1926. "grant". Two pages, including cover.

41. Resolution No. 38125 "Accepting deed of George W. Marston et ux" filed and Adopted by Common Council June 14, 1926. Document No. 190588. Book 46 Page 87:

RESOLUTION NO. 38125

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

That the deed of George w. Marston and. Anna L. Marston, husband and wife, executed on the 25th day of March, 1926, conveying to The City of San Diego all that real property situated in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 414, Old San Diego, together with the adjoining one-half of all abutting streets; Right of Way across Lot 1, Block 420, Old San Diego; Lot 2, Block 420, Old San Diego, together with the adjoining one-half of all abutting streets; All of Block 437, Old San Diego, together with the adjoining one-half of all abutting streets; Lot 1, Block 448, Old San Diego, together with the adjoining one-half of all abutting streets; Lots 2 and 4, Block 449, Old San Diego, together with the adjoining one-half of all abutting streets;

Be, and the said deed is hereby accepted; and the City Clerk of said City is hereby directed to file said deed of record in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California.

Accompanying document: June 15, 1926 Certificate of Title No. 2817, certifying that the City of San Diego is the owner of an estate in Fee Simple of Lots 2 and 4 in Block 449 of Old San Diego. Volume 10 Page 2817. Document No. 191528 filed July 8, 1926.

Four pages, including resolution and back cover as well as Registrar's Certificate of Title and back cover.

42. May 10, 1927 letter from George W. Marston to Allan H. Wright, City Clerk's Office, City Hall, San Diego, on George W Marston letterhead:

My dear Sir:

Last year I conveyed to the City, as an extension of Cabrillo Canyon in Balboa Park, about ten acres of canyon land. I now wish to add a little piece of ground on the north side of this tract in order to make a straight line on the south boundary of Cypress Terrace, which is a sub division of Marston Hills

Herewith find the deed of myself and my wife to City of San Diego for a portion of lots C and D of Cypress Terrace according to Map No. 1989.

The piece of ground is only about fifty feet wide and one hundred fifty five feet long and is not a contribution of any particular value to the city or the park. It simply gives both the Cypress Terrace and the Park a better boundary line.

If the city will accept this I would thank you to advise the Board of Park Commissioners.

Very Truly yours,

signed G. W. Marston

GWM
Encl.

Two pages, including back cover.

43. August 6, 1928 letter from Mayor Harry C. Clark, City of San Diego, to the Common Council regarding George W. Marston's appointment to succeed himself as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners; as well as Lester T. Olmstead to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. W. Templeton Johnson. Mayor Clark respectfully requests that the appointments be confirmed. Resolution of the same:

RESOLUTION NO. 46683

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

That the appointment by Mayor Harry C. Clark of Mr. George W. Marston and Mr. Lester T. Olmstead as members of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of San Diego, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Three pages, including cover letter, resolution and back document cover. Document No. 229065. Filed and Adopted by Common Council August 6, 1928.

44. June 11, 1929 Petition "For permission to grade, at private contract, CHESTNUT STREET, between Taylor Street and Jackson Street" by Geo W. Marston per Tom J. Allen (?), Civil Engineer. Ok'd notation by F. M. Lockwood.

File No. 9, Document No. 244283. Filed Jun 11 1929. Petition Granted Jun 17 1929. Two pages, including cover.

45. July 15, 1929 letter to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, San Diego, California from George W. Marston and Anna L. Marston:

"Dear Sir:-

We hand your herewith: (1) Deed to the City of San Diego, conveying certain property in Old San Diego for street purposes and (2) Deed conveying certain property in Old San Diego for public park purposes, You will please hold these Deeds until the City Engineer shall determine the exact descriptions to be included therein. Upon determination of the correct descriptions to be used, we shall prepare new Deeds containing such corrected descriptions and deliver them to your for recordation. You will then kindly return to us the Deeds submitted herewith.

We understand that new proceedings for the closing of certain streets within the boundaries of the property conveyed by these Deeds will have to be taken because of certain errors in the original proceedings, and that in the new proceedings there will be included certain portions of streets not as yet closed. After such new proceedings have been completed your City Engineer's office will furnish us with corrected descriptions,

including the portions of streets vacated in the new proceedings, from which to prepare our new Deeds to the City.

We understand that the matter of determining street liens, if any, on the property conveyed by these Deeds and the payment of such liens or assessments is yet to be determined.

Respectfully yours,
signed George W. Marston
signed Anna L. Marston”

Two pages.

46. July 15, 1929 letter to the Mayor and Common Council, City of San Diego from George W. Marston and Anna L. Marston:

“Gentlemen:

In accordance with our agreement made when the City dedicated ten acres of land in Old San Diego, for public use as a park, we have executed a grant deed to the City of San Diego for approximately twenty acres of land in Old San Diego, which is, by the terms of the deed to be also a public park. This property is adjacent to that of the City and includes the site of the presidio and mission founded by the Spanish people in 1769.

It is our desire that this historic ground shall be named Presidio Hill.

Having built upon the high point overlooking Mission Valley a building that is named Junipero Serra Museum and entrusted it to the care of the San Diego Historical Society, we hope that the City will allow to this Society the same tenure and privileges that are given to the museum and art societies located in Balboa Park.

The above deed and some other papers pertaining to the land will be delivered today by our attorney.

Respectfully yours,
Signed George W. Marston
Signed Anna L. Marston

Two pages, including cover sheet. Document No. 246301 filed July 19, 1929, “Communication from George W. Marston re Deed to Presidio Hill Park.”

47. July 22, 1929 Resolution No 50897 “Accepting donation of park from George Marston.”:

WHEREAS, Mr. George Marston and his wife have generously donated to the City of San Diego some twenty acres of land, including the site of the old Presidio for Park purposes and to preserve the ancient land marks of the City, as well as the memory of those ancient pioneers who laid the foundations of our City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this City Council on behalf of the City and of the entire community, accepts the generous donation and takes this occasion to honor and

commend the generous and sympathetic spirit the donors have shown in their life and labors in our midst.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the said City of San Diego, California this 22nd day of July 1929, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES—Councilmen Alexander, Dowell, Irely, Maire and McMullen.

NOES—none.

ABSENT—none.

Signed by Harry C. Clark

President of the Common council of the City of San Diego, Calif.

certified by City Clerk, Allen H. Wright by Clark M. Foote, Jr., Deputy and city seal stamp.

Three pages, including cover sheet. Document No. 246438

48. November 21, 1929 letter to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Diego from F. M. Lockwood, Manager of Operation, Operating Department, City of San Diego:

“Gentlemen:

In the matter of the deed tendered the city by George W. and Anna L. Marston for the Presidio Hills Park and Museum, I would suggest that before the deed is accepted, provision should be made for a street or streets to serve Lot 1, Block 446, Old Town.

It is deemed advisable, by Deputy City Attorneys, to institute suit quiet title for the purpose of clearing up any flaws there may be to the title, and I would recommend that this be done.

Very respectfully,
signed F. M. Lockwood,
Manager of Operation.

FML/1”

Two pages, including cover sheet. Document No. 251037 filed November 23, 1929:

“Communication from Manager of Operation Relative to Deed from Geo. W. Marston.” “Rec adopted” “Re Attorney for a suit to clean title, etc.”

49. Un-numbered, failed Resolution filed June 30, 1930:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

That this common council be furnished by the proper authorities with a statement covering the following:

The amount of city taxes now paid by George W. Marston upon the property for which he now offers deeds, located in the Presidio Hill section.

The amount which it would cost the city to furnish free water for the proper irrigation of this tract of land and its shrubbery, etc.

The amount which it would cost the city yearly for the paid personnel for operating the Serra Museum and the upkeep of the grounds, etc.”

Attached Tally Sheet showing the Common Council votes 2-3 - failed.

Three pages, including resolution, tally sheet and back title sheet. Document No. 258656 1/2 filed June 30, 1930, “Calling for Figures Relative to the Marston {sic} Property Offered the City

on Presidio Hill." Failed of adoption: Ayes: Alexander and McMullen, Noes: Dowell, Irely and Maire.

50. January 7, 1931 Communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, Park Department, City of San Diego regarding the resignation of George Marston:

The Honorable,
The Mayor and Common Council,
City of San Diego,
San Diego, Calif.

We have the honor to hand you, herewith, copy of Resolution passed and adopted by this Board on the occasion of resignation of Mr Geo. W. Marston as Park Commissioner.

Yours very truly,
Board of Park Commissioners,
By
A. S. Hill
Executive Secretary

Attached Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is with feelings of deepest regret that we, the continuing members of the Board of Park Commissioners, regard the resignation of our associate, Mr. George W. Marston.

Mr. Marston has been closely identified with the City's Park System for many years. Having been first appointed Commissioner in the year 1905 - when the Park Commission was created by Charter Amendment - he has served on a number of succeeding boards; and while our regret over his resignation remains the dominant note of this Resolution, we congratulate him in that he is leaving the service of the city in good health with, we trust, many years left to him in which to enjoy the rest from public duty which he so well deserves and which his years of service have earned for him.

A service so thoroughly devoted and so cheerfully rendered, at personal sacrifice and with no compensation other than the pleasure derived from the performance of a duty imposed by public call, is worthy of grateful recognition; and it is with such feelings that we adopt this resolution and cause the same to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy hereof, duly attested, be transmitted to Mr. Marston and a copy sent to each of the daily newspapers of the city.

Sig < Lester T Olmstead
President.

Sig< W. C. Crandall
Member

Three pages including cover letter, resolution and document title cover. Document No. 264663 filed January 9, 1931. Presented to Council and ordered filed January 12, 1931.

51. February 5, 1932 letter from George W. Marston to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Diego:

"Gentlemen:

Referring to the attached map and also to the conference between your honorable body and myself on January 29th, this year, I respectfully petition for certain changes in the following streets and roadways in Old Town Sub Division:

1. To close Sunset Boulevard from Taylor Street to Wallace Street in Block 411, and also from Wallace Street to Mason Street between Blocks 424 and 425.

2. To close the northwest 25 feet of Wallace Street from Juan Street to Whitman Street.

3. To establish a contour roadway from the intersection of Jackson, Wallace and Whitman across Blocks 424, 449 and 465 to a junction with Presidio Drive.

These streets and this whole roadway are shown on the attached map. Street closing areas are show in green; proposed roadway in red; City streets already closed in this district are shown in blue; completed roadway through Presidio Park.

Referring to the closing of Sunset Boulevard, this misnamed street is not much of a "boulevard". East of Mason Street it is so steep as to be impassable and has never been graded. Between Mason and Taylor it has a bad jog on Wallace Street, as will be seen on the map. Your petitioner is the owner of ten acres of land in Blocks 410, 411, 424 and 425 on which a golf course has been constructed, running across the Sunset Boulevard areas. This part of the boulevard has never been opened and never used as a street. The opening of the streets would destroy the value of the golf course. When the golf course is not necessary the owner in order to sell the property for homesites would put through new streets that would better meet requirements of traffic and the convenience of householders.

In reference to Wallace Street, it is desirable to have this street the same width, namely 50 feet, that Juan Street and Jackson Street have. There is much less traffic on Wallace than there is on Juan, which is a paved thoroughfare. Besides, the Casa de Cabrillo, an historic house of Old Town, stands out several feet into Wallace Street, as also does the house of Mr. Louis Serrano, who has lived on the place since his birth 86 years ago. It seems advisable to me to protect these historic places when it can be done so reasonably and with real advantage to the appearance of the street.

The proposed roadway that is shown in red is already graded and has been cared for by the City for several years. However, it lies for the most part on private land owned by the M. Hall Estate and myself. For a part of the way it lies on Presidio Park land.

May I suggest that this roadway be surveyed and a legal description made of its alignment and grade so that the owners can convey to the City the land that is required. The Hall Estate and George W. Marston are willing to grant a right-of-way 50 feet wide. This width corresponds to the width of Presidio Drive. The road has been in use for many years and is now only 20 to 24 feet in width.

Very respectfully yours,

signed George W. Marston

GWM

Attached, colored-penciled map by Mr. Marston.

Four pages, including two-page letter, map and back title page. Document No. 274373 filed February 5, 1932 as "Communication from George W. Marston re Closing Certain Sts. and Dedicating Others in Old Town." "mgr" noted.

52. June 23, 1933 letter from George W. Marston to the Honorable, the Common Council of the City of San Diego:

"Gentlemen: Re Presidio Hill Park

In July 1929 I advised Mayor Harry C. Clark that I would maintain the park "Presidio Hill" for two years. After three years of my maintenance I requested the City Park Commission to assume a half of the annual expense for the year 1932-33. The Commission informed me later that the City could not cooperate with me in such a joint operation, but gave me to understand that the entire maintenance would be assumed on July 1, 1933.

Working on this basis I have taken care of the park until the present time and must now give my third notice that my responsibility ceases at the end of this month. Your Director of Parks, Mr. John Morley, has been arranging for several weeks to take over the maintenance of the park and has presented a budget of expense. He is not informed that Presidio Hill has never been formally dedicated as a park and is doubtful whether the City will authorize him to proceed according to our understanding.

In view of this situation, I beg to make the following statements:

On the 23rd of January 1930, George W. Marston and Anna L. Marston conveyed to the City of San Diego, by grant deed, approximately twenty acres of land in Old San Diego, described by metes and bounds, and lots, blocks and streets; with this provision: "To have and to hold the above granted and described premises unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever, to be used solely for the purposes of a public park."

On July 7, 1930, I received the certificate of Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, of the passage of Resolution No. 54217, to wit: "Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of San Diego, as follows: That the deed of George W. Marston and Anna L. Marston, husband and wife, executed on the 23rd day of January 1930, conveying to the City of San Diego for the purposes of a public park" certain lots, blocks and closed streets in Old San Diego, described by 1100 words in the deed, "be, and the same is hereby accepted; and the lands therein conveyed and hereinabove described be, and the same are hereby accepted as and for a public park, and the same are hereby dedicated and devoted to the public use as and for a public park in The City of San Diego,"

Since the above acceptance and dedication three years ago the City has supplied free water, has kept the main driveway well graded and watered, has contributed some plants from Balboa Park nursery. In this same time I have paid all costs for gardeners,

engineers, tools, general supplies and fertilizers. I am also leaving on the place for city use a Ford truck, several hundred dollars worth of gardening tools, hose, fertilizer, supplies, and a lath house full of plants.

Considering all the facts of the matter, especially my maintenance of the park for three years after conveyance to the City, I feel that the city government should not let any technicalities of procedure or any slight shadow of title stand in the way of releasing me from all responsibility for maintenance after June 30 of this year.

Respectfully requesting your consideration and action at your next meeting, on Monday, June 26th, I remain

Very truly yours,
signed George W. Marston

GWM"

Three pages, including back title page. Document No. 283555? filed June 24, 1933, "Communication from Geo. W. Marston re Presidio Hill Park. "Cont. July 3"; Jun 26, 1933.

53. May 10, 1934 letter from G. W. Marston to Mr. John A. Thornton, City Attorney's Office, City Hall, San Diego, Calif.:

"My dear Mr Thornton:

I am returning herewith the map of Presidio Hill park lands and the letter of Union Title Insurance Company concerning the same.

Thanking you very cordially for the opportunity of seeing these papers and making copies, I am

Yours sincerely,
signed G. W. Marston

GWM Enclosures (see map listed separately)

54. July 16, 1935 handwritten note/letter from George W. Marston on letterhead from 3525 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, California letterhead (the Marston House) to the Mayor and City Council "and other members of the city administration":

"...are cordially invited to attend the Opening of the Franciscan Gardens on Presidio Hill, this afternoon at 3:30 to 4:30.

This is the 166th anniversary of the founding of San Diego.

Very respectfully,
George W. Marston

Two pages, including back title page. Document No. 293951 filed July 16, 1935 as "Invitation to attend the opening of The Franciscan Garden on Presidio Hill

55. November 2, 1935 letter to George W. Marston, The Marston Company, San Diego, CA from A. M. Wadstrom, Deputy Cit Clerk, City of San Diego, regarding Marston Hills deeded land Lot 35(?) donation:

Dear Sir:

You will probably recall that approximately one year ago you inquired in this office about lot 35 Marston Hills, deeded by you to the City for park purposes.

At that time we could find no record of such deed having been filed for acceptance by the Council.

Yesterday Mr. John Morley, superintendent of Parks, came in with that same deed, which had been in his files for two or three years.

It was felt here that you would like to know about the incident, since you would undoubtedly want to get in touch with Mr. Morley regarding the deed.

Yours very truly,
signed A. M. Wadstrom
Deputy City Clerk

56. November 7, 1935 letter to Mr. John Morley, Superintendent of Parks, City of San Diego, from Deputy City Clerk, A. M. Wadstrom (cc: Mr. Marston):

Dear Mr. Morley:

Following your bringing to this office of the deed from Mr. George W. Marston for Lot 35 (38?33?)Marston Hills, I communicated with Mr. Marston, to let him know that the deed - which we had been looking for - had been located in your office. In response the following was received from the Grantor:

“—- There are two or three pieces of land, including this lot 35?, on the edge of present Park lands between Marston Hills subdivision and the Park. I think you better keep this deed without recording it for the present and within a few weeks I will make another deed, including Lot 35?, which will clear up the existing condition. The other pieces are not of as much value as Lot 35?, but they ought to belong to the Park just as much as 35? should. _ _ _”

It is suggested that you retain the present deed, which was returned by E. H. Brooks, right of way agent, until a new one is filed by Mr. Marston. The raw deed should properly be ark for submitted to the Council with the recommendation of the Park Commission and City Manager for its acceptance, If it is desired that the land be made a part of the Park.

Very truly yours,
signed A. M. Wadstrom
Deputy City Clerk

cc. Mr. Marston

One page.

57. December 26, 1936 letter to Robert W. Flack, City Manager, San Diego, from George W. Marston regarding the transfer of a Grant Deed to three small pieces of land in Marston Hills:

My dear Sirs:

I am today handing to the City Clerk a Grant Deed to three small pieces of land in Marston Hills, lying between Balboa Park and certain residence sites of the subdivision. I offer this property to the City of San Diego for public park purposes in consideration of the City securing a certificate of title and making payment for the same.

This deed has been checked and approved by the City Attorney's office and by the Engineering Department. It needs approval and acceptance by yourself and the City Council.

Thanking you for your consideration and attention, I am

Very truly yours,

signed George W. Marston

Letter attached to a folded map showing "Land given to the City for Park purposes by Geo W. Marston by deed dated December 23, 1935, shown enclosed in black lines. Large map and close up of park, included.

58. November 21, 1938 letter from George W. Marston to Mayor and Members of the City Council of San Diego:

"Gentlemen:

I wish to join with my associates in the Young Men's Christian Association in the plan to establish a playground at 30th Street and Ocean View Boulevard. It has been definitely proved in many cities that good recreational grounds do a great service to communities by reducing the delinquency of boys and girls.

The proposal for an exchange of real estate properties seems to be a feasible one for acquiring the necessary land and the support of several welfare organizations is practically assured.

Very truly yours,
signed George W. Marston

GWM"

Document No. 310994. Filed Nov 21 1938. Note "File Dec-8 1938." Two pages, including cover.

59. September 5, 1939 City of San Diego Inter-Departmental Communication from W. Allen Perry, Park Director to Mr. Fred A. Rhodes, City Manager concerning Marston Deed Block 445, Old San Diego. Park Department:

"Returned herewith is the deed of George W. and Anna L. Marston, Block 445, Old San Diego. At the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on September 1st, it was unanimously recommended that this deed be accepted by The City Council, and thanks extended to Mr. and Mrs. Marston.

signed W. Allen Perry
Park Director."

Document No. 315534. Filed Sep 11 1939. Referred to Attorney for Res. of acceptance. Sep 12, 1939. Two pages, including cover.

60. August 19, 1941 An Open Letter To The Common Council, City of San Diego from Julius Wangenheim, Southern Title Building, and George W. Marston opposing the granting of a concession in Balboa Park of a Radio Station:

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

We have as you know been associated with the Park for a long, long time, and have fought many a battle for its preservation. We early sought the establishment of a principle that no concessions be granted except only for such as could rightfully be considered as Park activities; and we had the satisfaction of seeing this principle adopted by practically every subsequent Park Board.

It is true that this procedure was departed from in the case of Schools, the Navy Hospital and the Expositions, but these were not only Public Activities but were voted on and approved by the People or by the Legislature.

Now comes a request for a purely private concession in behalf of a Radio Station, and we ask you not to open the door to a new innovation which not only might provide a dangerous precedent, but would directly oppose a policy that has been valiantly fought for and that has been sanctified by public approval for many years.

Our City is no longer the peaceful quiet place it once was. It has grown tremendously and with it the inevitable bustle, congestion and confusion. At times it is almost bedlam. But no matter how confused and crowded, we are fortunate indeed to have an outstanding haven of peace and refuge, and one that will ever give character to our City - and the more crowded the City becomes, the more need for that peaceful haven of beauty.

But it needs protection even more than in our more quiet time, and we trust that you and the new generation will carry on the good fight for its defense.

Yours,
signed Julius Wangenheim,
and George W. Marston

Two pages, including cover. Letter stamped received August 20, 1941, City Clerk's Office

61. Resolution No. 78412 filed July 6, 1943, "REF EXCHANGE OF LANDS BET. CITY & GEORGE W. MARSTON - PRESIDIO GOLF COURSE FOR PARCEL ADJ PRESIDIO PARK ON THE EAST" :

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

The matter of exchange of the Presidio Golf Course property, owned b Mr. George W. Marston, for property owned by the City of San Diego adjoining Presidio Park on the east, be, and it is hereby referred to the City Manager for investigation and report to the Council.

Adopted by Council (blank). Moved by SIMPSON; Seconded by DAIL. Book 67 Page 150.

62. Unidentified, news clipping entitled "Public Mourning Period for Marston Declared By Public Set". Article begins on Page, continues on Page 2. George W. Marston passed away on Friday, May 31, 1946.

63. Marston Memorial Dedication Ceremony, A Memorial to GEORGE WHITE MARSTON , The Donor of Presidio Park and Junipero Serra Museum, On the Mission Terrace, South Entrance, October 22, 1950. "Centennial of the Birth of George Marston, San Diego's Great Civic Leader."

"GEORGE WHITE MARSTON

1850-1946

FRIEND OF HIS FELLOW MEN

LOVER OF ALL GROWING THINGS

PIECE BY PIECE THROUGH MANY YEARS HE ACQUIRED THESE ACRES, THE SITE OF THE FIRST SPANISH SETTLEMENT IN CALIFORNIA. HE ERECTED THIS BUILDING. HE PLANTED THE TREES AND SHRUBS AND NURTURED THEIR GROWTH WITH TIRELESS DEVOTION AND WHEN THE BARREN HILLSIDE HAD BLOSSOMED INTO BEAUTY HE PRESENTED PRESIDIO PARK TO THE CITY HE LOVED AS A MEMORIAL TO FATHER JUNIPERO SERRA.

"A bronze tablet bearing the above text, made possible through the generosity of friends of Mr. Marston, Founder of the San Diego Historical Society, will be dedicated by the Society at the south entrance of the Museum.

Remarks in tribute to Mr. Marston will be given by Mr. Wm. Templeton Johnson, the Architect of the Museum

The Tablet will be unveiled by Master George Marston, 8-year-old great-grandson of the Pioneer.

A PIONEER CIVIC LEADER

George White Marston was born October 22, 1850, at Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, son of George P. and Harriet Marston. At the age of 20 he came to San Diego, entering at once into the commercial and cultural life of the new community. May 3, 1878, he married Anna Lee, daughter of Dr. L. C. Gunn, to which union five children were born: Arthur, Mary, Harriet, Elizabeth and Helen. Mrs. Marston passed away on October 7, 1940, in her 87th year; Mr. Marston on May 31, 1946.

George Marston took a prominent part in the economic development of the city, being the founder of the Marston Company and its active head for six decades. An early member of the Chamber of Commerce, he served as secretary, vice-president and president, and was chairman of an important railroad committee.

A leader in civic and cultural enterprises, his activities were manifold: organizer of our first baseball club; sponsor for a town band; city councilman; fire commissioner; champion of an adequate public library; prominent layman of the Congregational Church; founder and first president of the local Y. M. C. A.; member of its State, National and international Boards. A founder of Pomona College in 1887, he was its trustee for half a century, and president of its board for 25 years.

He formed a civic group to develop the city's parks and beaches; he forwarded the improvement of Balboa Park and of Anza Desert Park in Borrego; he was the creator and donor of this lovely Presidio Park. Author of our Civic Center idea early in the century, he headed its development committee for three decades and turned the first earth in its groundbreaking, October 5, 1935.

In 1928 he founded the San Diego Historical Society. In 1929 he erected this building as a Civic Memorial to Father Serra, founder of the California Missions. In 1937 he generously gave both Presidio Park and Junipero Serra Museum to the City of San Diego."

Two-paged, three-paneled ceremony brochure.

64. Blank Sample Primary Election Ballot, March 25, 1913, listing mayoral candidate, George W. Marston. One page.

65. April 10, 1931 letter from George W. Marston to Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, City Hall, San Diego:

"My dear Mr. Wright;

Referring to your letter of March 17th I beg to advise you that all the signers of the petition for the name of Cabrillo Canyon Road on Ninth Street from Upas to Tenth are united in asking that the name be changed to Canyada Way.

This name was our first choice, but we thought that as the name of the road for a mile and a half through Balboa Park was Cabrillo Canyon Road the extension of the same should be named the same.

The name Canyada is logical and appropriate, because the subdivision through which it runs, excepting one block, is named La Canyada Villa Tract.

There is a petition signed by several persons suggesting the name of Sylvan Way. The dictionary defines sylvan as 'characteristic of forests'. The forest on 9th Street is rather thin. It would not be noticed by most people driving through.

The owners of the frontage petitioning for Canyada Way are:

Mrs. Rachel Wegeforth

Mrs. W. P. B. Prentice

Mrs. F. R. Burnham

George W. Marston

Board of Park Commissioners

Their frontage represents a majority of the ownership.

Very truly yours,

signed George W. Marston

GWM"

One page, cover on back; Doc. No. 268020, filed April 11, 1931.

66. February 9, 1931 Petition "To change the name of 9th Street between Upas Street and 10th Street to Cabrillo Canyon Road," signed twice by George W. Marston as a frontage owner Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50 on Block 12 in Crittenden's Addition, 300 ft frontage; and 100 feet Eastside of Blk 12 in Crittenden's Addition. Lester T. Ohmstead,

President of Park Commissioners also signed for 425 ft (or 25 ft.) in Balboa Park, north of Upas St.

“The old Ninth Street, now vacated, runs north and south through Balboa Park for about a mile and a half. For many years it has been known as Cabrillo Canyon Road and is so named on park maps.

We respectfully submit that the continuation in the same canyon from Upas to Tenth should have the same name.”

Two pages including cover; Doc. No 265930. Referred to City Engineer Mar 2, 1931.

67. June 28, 1910 K. O. Sessions property owners' Petition “For permission to grade by private contract Plumosa Way from Randolph St its eastern end to the western northern end - which is in line with the north line of Hunter St - a distance of two blocks. Its width is 25 ft & there are no sidewalks planned for this Street.

K. O. Sessions Lots N 1/2 2 (smudged) Blk 1 N.F. Hts - 100

John H. Ferry Lot 3 Blk 1 “ “ 100

George W. Marston Lot 10 Blk 1 “ “ 100

Ralph M. Ward Lot N 1/2 11 Blk 1 “ “ 100

Rebecca F. Doyle Lots 10, 11 & 12 Blk 2 “ “ 225

approximately

John Dement per K. O. Sessions- Lots 1 & 2 B;k 2 225”

One page, both sides. Referred to Committee of the Whole By Council Jul 25, 1910. Petition granted by Council Aug 1, 1910. Document No. 35817, filed Jul 22, 1910.