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HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Richard Whitehead was born July 11, 1907 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After a career as a land use planner for Santa Barbara County, Whitehead joined the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation as a board member in 1969 and became President in 1972. During his retirement he worked for many years on the reconstruction of the Presidio, doing the initial surveys for the archaeology work and collecting all the documentary evidence he could find from libraries all over the world. He organized many paid and unpaid translators as well as spent many hours himself transcribing and translating many of the documents he ordered from the Bancroft Library, the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library, and the Archivo General Nacional. Whitehead established the Presidio Research Center and donated most of his personal research materials which formed the foundation of the Center's collections. His hope was that the Research Center would become a major facility focusing on the four presidios of California, with additional material on Loreto, the southwest U.S. and the northern frontier of Mexico.

In addition to his Presidio research, Whitehead also edited a new printing of *An archeological and restoration study of Mission La Purísima Concepción : reports written for the National Park Service and Voyage of the Frigate Princesa to Southern California in 1782*, as well as several articles. He was also a dedicated board member of the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library and conducted much of his research there. Whitehead died in Santa Barbara on August 25, 1988. His book on the Santa Barbara Presidio, *Citadel on the Channel*, was published posthumously by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation in 1996.

SERIES

Series 1. Presidio Reconstruction

Subseries 1 Land Ownership and Acquisition

Subseries 2 Presidio Reconstruction and Master Plan

These materials represent the effort by Whitehead and the Presidio Volunteers, a group of archaeologists, students, educators, and other interested individuals to research property ownership and land use in the Presidio neighborhood to assist the Trust in obtaining land once occupied by the Presidio, in order to rebuild it. Subject include: title research, land acquisition, copies of deeds, Presidio master plan, Presidio background and history, and the chapel and padre's quarters reconstruction. Many of the research files in Series 2 are directly related to the reconstruction which was based on documentary evidence. Preservation note: many of the photographic copies of deeds are disintegrating, fading, and possibly offgassing and may need to be separately housed or even discarded due to illegibility.

Series 2. Research and Documentary Materials

Subseries 1 Documents and Indexes

Subseries 2 Translations and transcriptions

Subseries 3 Subject Files

The main focus of these materials is the history of the building of the Presidio and its relation with Mission Santa Barbara. These materials were procured over many years and involved the work of Whitehead and a team of interns, paid consultants, and volunteers who transcribed and translated many of the documents. Whitehead also compiled many subject files on various topics related to early Santa Barbara, mission, and presidio history.

Materials include facsimiles of documents (either photocopy or photographs) and indexes; transcriptions and translations by Richard Whitehead and others in various stages of completion; and notes, secondary materials, and subject files.

Series 3. Correspondence

Subseries 1 General

Subseries 2 Personal

This correspondence is divided between general and personal files; however, material in both sections covers a variety of similar subjects, such as translations done by various researchers; requests for research material about the Presidio from various libraries; and discussion with colleagues on many topics, including the garden at Mission La Purisima. Whitehead wrote on his own letterhead as well as that of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation and the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library.

Series 4. Publications

Subseries 1 Writings

Subseries 2 Background Material on the Presidio

This series includes drafts of some of Whitehead's published and unpublished writings as well as subject files. See also series 5 for additional writings.

Series 5. Volunteer Activities

Subseries 1 SB Trust for Historic Preservation 1969-
Subseries 2 Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library
Subseries 3 SB County Landmarks Advisory Commission
Subseries 4 Other Projects and Organizations

This series includes papers created while Whitehead was on the board of the Trust, as well as his activities as President and Vice-President during 1972-73. It covers such activities as working with the Presidio Volunteers, raising money for land acquisition, establishing a research center and library of material about the presidio, with the foundation being his personal library. The correspondence concerns the Trust activities that took place in 1972 and 1973, such as the acquisition of El Paseo and Casa de la Guerra, and the purchase of the chapel site by the state. Also included are Whitehead's resignation from the board (twice) and some of his opinions on the management of El Paseo in the early 1980s.

Oral history interviews called "Conversations with Dick Whitehead" were conducted in 1986 by Linda Moore at Whitehead's home and at the Presidio. In the interviews, they discussed most of the historical research materials that Whitehead was intended to give the Research Center and other materials that were already there. This valuable resource is helpful in understanding the intent of Whitehead's research, how he acquired many of the historic documents in the collection, his gifts to the Trust, and his hopes for the continuation of his research projects.

Subseries 2 documents some of Whitehead's activities while he was on the board of the SBMAL including the publication of the *Voyage of the Frigate Princesa to Southern California in 1782*. Subseries 3 includes resource files from a Santa Barbara County survey headed by Whitehead in 1974 to determine historic sites, part of a state parks resource inventory.

SEPARATED MATERIALS

A file regarding library acquisitions was transferred to the Research Center office files. Maps from Whitehead's collection are located in the oversize map files. Books from his collection are located in the reading room and are listed in the online catalog. Original illustrations and artwork have been refoldered separately in flat files or are part of the curatorial collection.

RELATED MATERIAL

See also the Richard Whitehead Papers, UCSB Special Collections, SBHC Mss 9, <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf067nb0kw>.

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1 18	Extra Forms
1 19	Deeds—Grants Book A and copy of “Land Titles and Maps” article
1 20	Misc. Lot Book and Map List
2 1	Santa Barbara Title Company—Deed Materials (Tub Cards)
2 2	Assessment Rolls—Index
2 3	Presidio Land Use—Chronology
2 4	Presidio Boundary Documents
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2 6	Presidio Land Ownership: 4 Blocks (155, 156, 172, 173) 1805-1971
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Subseries 2 Presidio Reconstruction and Master Plan

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2 10	Archaeology 1982-1988
2 11	Archaeology 1977-1979
2 12	Acquisition Plan 1979
2 13	Presidio Property Areas and Costs 1975
2 14	Vance Bente, Archaeology Report 1983
2 15	Assessed Valuation of Santa Barbara Presidio Lots 1960
2 16	Computations 1979
2 17	Costs 1979
3 1	Economic Impact 1979

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3	3	Introduction	1979
3	4	Outline	1979
3	5	Parking	1979
3	6	Preface	1979
3	7	Present Land Uses	1979
3	8	Presidio Chapel Artifacts—Draft report	
3	9	Presidio Master Plan Draft	
3	10	Presidio Master Plan Notes	1976-1979
3	11	Presidio Master Plan Notes	1979
3	12	Proposed Uses	1979
3	13	Reconstruction Plan	1979
3	14	Schedule	
3	15	Suski Parking Lots	1963-1966
3	16	Traffic	1979
3	17	Bill Windroth—Chapel Design	1974
3	18	Santa Barbara Presidio Chapel Inventory	
3	19	Final Report: Presidio Chapel and Cemetery Burials	1977
4	1	Cemetery: Presidio Chapel Excavation	1967-1986
4	2	Images of Chapel	
4	3	Padres Quarters Reconstruction Plan	1974
4	4	Tile Kiln	

Series 2 Research Files and Documentary Materials 1775-1986

Subseries 1 Documents and Indexes (Note: all documents are facsimiles.)

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4	6	Bancroft Library
4	7	Orders to Bancroft Library
4	8	Biblioteca Nacional—Mexico City
4	9	California Historical Society Library
4	10	Huntington Library
4	11	Society of California Pioneers
4	12	Southwest Museum
4	13	Sutro Library
4	14	UCSB Library
5	1-4	AGN Californias 5, 45, 46, 74,
5	5	Presidios de California, Roll 1, Frame 26
5	6	Obras Publicas Californias, Najalayegua? Warfare
5	7	Obras Publicas Californias, Tomo 15
5	8	Rafael Gonzalez. Experiencias de un Soldado de California
5	9	“Occurences Curiosas” Jose de la Guerra, 1830-1831
5	10-11	AGN Reels, 3,4
5	12	Beltran, Joseph Maria. Ordenenza Provisional de los Presidios....1795
5	13	AGN Tomo 35, 36. Meheu, A. Josef. Diario de Navegasion Penteninciente

6	1-2	AGN, Reel 5
6	3	Documentos para la historia de California. Tomos I-VI, excerpted
6	4-5	Misc. AGN documents
6	6	AGI Documents 61b, 62a, 1770
6	7-8	Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library, misc. documents
6	9	Simancas. Legajo 7026, 7027, 7029, 7031
6	10	Miscellaneous Documents and Notes, p. 002-124
7	1-6	Miscellaneous Documents, p. 125-1098
8		Assorted articles, book chapters, and handwritten documents. Bancroft Library 12434B. 180p. Indexed by RSW at front of volume.
8		Alex S. Taylor. The Discovery, Founders, and Pioneers of California. 109 p. Bancroft Library C-E 185, 12435B.
8		Salvador Vallejo. Notas Historicas sobre California. Sonoma, 1874. C-D 22
8		Provincias Internas vol. 216. AGN, Roll 8. Photocopy from Library of Congress duplication service, Mexico City. 514 p.
8		AGN, Reel 4, Fr. Francis Guest. 1964. 852 p.
8		AGN, Reel 5, Fr. Francis Guest. 1964.
8		Memorias y Facturas. San Francisco, San Diego, Monterey, Multiple, Misc.
9-11		CA Archives series vol. 1-62. Photostats from microfilm
11		Elldredge, Zoeth Skinner. Various notes and lists of Spanish soldiers on expeditions, at presidios and at missions. Copied from Elldredge papers at Bancroft Library.
12	1-2	California Documents. Notes
12	3	Archives of California C-A 1-63 Report. Monterey County Archives C-A 150 Bancroft Library
12	4	Bancroft Library Notes
12	5	Index to Newspaper Articles
12	6	Indexes to Research Materials
12	7	AGN Microfilm Reels
12	8	Indexes to Microfilm Reels
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12		Index. Vol. 1-14 Archives of California, Provincial State Papers, Tomos I-XXII 1767-1822

Subseries 2 Translations and Transcriptions

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13	4 For RSW Translation
13	5 RSW Translations
13	6 Ortega Diary, June 17, 1795

- 13 7 Fr. Estevan Tapis to Fr. Fermin Lasuen, October 23, 1798 (Re: proposed site for Mission Santa Ines)
- 13 8 Fr. Tapis to Governor Arrillaga, June 30 1803
- 13 9 Fr. Tapis Protest to Ortega Claim on Refugio, June 1, 1804
- 13 10 Borica to Viceroy, December 31, 1798
- 13 11 Pablo Cota to Borica, October 27, 1798
- 13 12 Fr. Martin Expedition to Tulares, April 26, 1815
- 13 13 Documents from Fr. Jose Senan to Jose de la Guerra, 1821
- 13 14 Jose Maria Garcia. Investigative Report on the Santa Barbara Presidio District, July 25, 1834.
- 13 15 Gold and Silver Discoveries—Various Documents, 1865-1876
- 13 16 Gonzalez, Rafael, 1812-1845
- 13 17 Joaquin Solis Revolt, 1830
- 14 1 Avila Marriage Investigation, Ventura Nov. 19, 1822
- 14 2 Fages, Pedro. Cavalry Inspection Papers, 1788
- 14 3 Pablo de la Portilla Diary of Expedition to the Tulares, June 1824
- 14 4 Jose Rosas Criminal Case, 1800-1801
- 14 5 Our Lady of Sorrows Archives
- 14 6 Distances by Stage-Route to Los Angeles from San Francisco (c. 1885)
- 14 7 Statement of Gonzalez Rubio Describing Opening of Apost. College of Our Lady of Sorrows, July 23, 1857.
- 14 8 Account of tiles and beams sold to various individuals under Nicholas.A. Den, renter Mission Santa Barbara
- 14 9 Fr. Ripoll to Jose de La Guerra April 26, 1820
- 14 10 Ramirez Case, CMD 3146 San Gabriel, July 26, 1828
- 14 11 Dispute Concerning Camulos, CMD 634 Loreto, March 26, 1804
- 14 12 Sasha Honig--Various Translations
- 14 13 List of documents translated by Geraldine Sahyun for Santa Barbara Historical Society
- 14 14 Doris Wright. Summary of Archives of California in Bancroft Library, CA 1-63
- 14 15 Letters of José Francisco Ortega
- 14 16 Goycochea-Fages correspondence
- 14 17 State Provincial Archives—various correspondence between de Neve, Navarro, Soler, Fages, Goycochea, Ortega, Galvez, Zuñiga, Velasquez
- 14 18 Hojas de Servicio
- 15 1 Hojas de Servicio
- 15 2 Presidio Papers
- 15 3 Padrones 1781-1833
- 15 4 Padrones 1834-1852
- 15 5 Misc. California documents translated by Irene McHenry
- 15 6 Misc. California documents translated by Ruth Adams
- 15 7 Misc. California documents translated by Henry Schewell
- 16 1 Misc. California documents translated by Henry Schewell
- 16 2 Misc. California documents translated by Elaine Graves and Jean England
- 16 3 Presidio
- 16 4-7 Miscellaneous documents, some transcribed and translated

- 11, 17-18 Transcripts and translations of documents by year 1775-1806
 17 Partial index to translations
 19 1-22 Translation of California Provincial Papers, various volumes

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19 25	Goycochea Map, Santa Barbara Presidio
19 26	Panjoja Maps
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20 1	Adobes—General
20 2	Ortega Adobe, Hondo Canyon
20 3	Tajiguas Adobe
20 4	Areas of Mission Lands, Road, Vineyards (writings by J.N. Bowman)
20 5	Chumash Villages (1 binder)
20 6	1812 Earthquake
20 7	1857 Earthquake
20 8	Fumaroles
20 9	Genealogical Materials
20 10	Historical References to Oil Seeps
20 11	Mission Bicuñer, Arizona
20 12	Monterey Presidio
20 13	San Diego Presidio
20 14	San Francisco Presidio
20 15	Other presidios
20 16	Arroqui, J.P
20 17	Bell, John S.
20 18	Birabent, Frank L.
20 19	Bonilla, Florentino
20 20	Brown, Mary J.
20 21	Carrillo, Jose Antonio
20 22	Carrillo, Ray
20 23	Dana, John F.
20 24	De la Guerra, Santiago
20 25	Dibblee, Francisca De la Guerra
20 26	Donahue, James P.
20 27	Dover, Joe
20 28	Flores, Ignacio
20 29	Foxen, Thomas F.
20 30	Garcia, Manuela Lugo
20 31	Goodchild, John T.
20 32	Gutierrez, Benigo
20 33	Gutierrez, F.N.
20 34	Hall, Charley
20 35	Heath, James Russell
20 36	Lataillade, Caesar

20	37	Lopez, Frank
20	38	Lorenzana, Apolinaria
20	39	Lucas, William T.
20	40	Maguire, Frank J.
20	41	Malo, J. Ramon
20	42	Ord-Peshine, Rebecca R.
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21	4 Paula Juelke 1985-1987
21	5 Mary Haggland 1986
21	6 John Ellis 1981-1987
21	7 David Marley 1984-1987
21	8 Jeanne Muñoz 1982-1983
21	9 McNally and Loftin (<i>Voyage of the Frigate Princesa</i>) 1976-1982
21	10 Translators
21	11 Jack Williams 1983-1985

Subseries 2 Personal

21	12 Eric Hvolboll 1977-1978
21	13 Elena Graves 1977-1983
21	14 Harry Knill 1978-1982
21	15 Luann Powell 1973-1984

Series 4 Publications 1979-1988

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22	2-3 <i>Citadel on the Channel</i> —Draft 1985-1988
22	4 Armaments (unpublished chapter)
22	5 Gregory Silverio: Bell Ringer
22	6 "The Visit of Queen Elizabeth II", typescript 1983
22	7 "San Jose Winery: A Landmark of Old Mission Times" (M.L. Days co-author)
22	8 "Santa Barbara's Volcanoes", typescript
22	9 "Santa Barbara's Billboard Blight", typescript
22	10 "Santa Barbara's Latent Asset: The Royal Presidio" 1979

22	11	“The Search for Authenticity at the Santa Barbara Royal Presidio”
22	12	La Purisima Mission -- Then and Now, typescript 1987
22	13	Miscellaneous talks and articles, published and unpublished
22	14	Edits by Whitehead for article (author unknown) “When Crown Met Cross at Santa Barbara”

Subseries 2 Background material on the Presidio

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22	16 Burials
22	17 Castillos
23	1 Chronological Historical Chart
23	2 Chumash Sites
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19	28 Padrones/Census Materials
23	8 Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library Registers—Presidio Buildings
23	9 San Buenaventura Gu’d
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Series 5 Volunteer Activities 1935-1986

Subseries 1 Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

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23	14 Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation General Materials 1959-1971
23	15 Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation Presidency 1972-1973
23	16 City College Property
23	17 Management Plan—Draft
23	18 Research Center
23	19 Archivist’s Duties and Library Committee
Flat files	Oral History Interview conducted by Linda Moore in 1986, 8 audio cassettes

Subseries 2 Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library 1981-1982

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24	2 Father Maynard’s Diary (includes photo)
24	3 SBMAL Guidance Committee 1981-1982
24	4 Index to Oral History of Whitehead, conducted by Deni Stevenson, 1983

24	5	Pantoja—Log of <i>La Princesa</i> and <i>La Favorita</i> —Notes and correspondence regarding the publication of <i>Voyage of the Frigate Princesa to Southern California in 1782</i> , 1981-1982
24	6	Pantoja Log, 1782
24	7	Pantoja in Spanish
24	8	Martinez in Spanish
24	9	Pt. 3—Navigation and Maps—Draft and edits
24	10	Pantoja Glossary

Subseries 3 Santa Barbara County Landmarks Advisory Committee 1963-1978

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24	12	Minutes and Activities 1974-1978
24	13	Santa Barbara Historic Sites Survey 1974
24	14	Inventory Workshop April 5, 1974
24	15	Historical Sites Inventory State Parks Project 1974
25	1	Historical Sites—Legal Aspects 1963-1973
25	2	Historic Sites—Carpinteria and Montecito
25	3	Historic Sites—Santa Barbara County
25	4	Santa Barbara County Historical Landmarks
25	5	St. Vincent's School
25	6	Mission Aqueduct—Paul Huebner
25	7	Los Alamos General Store
25	8	Santa Barbara Courthouse
25	9	De Anza Trail
25	10	Chapel of San Ramon (Foxen Memorial Chapel)
25	11	Cieneguitas Chapel
25	12	Dabney Cabin
25	13	Gaviota Adobe
25	14	Goleta Cannon
25	15	La Patera Cemetery
25	1	Henry Penry Brick House
25	17	Jesus Maria Rancho
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25	19	Madulce Cabin
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Subseries 4 Other Projects and Organizations

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25	26	Mission La Purisima Garden c. 1935-1957

25	27	La Purisima Mission Project 1983
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4	16	Santa Ines Mission Project
4	17	Documents re: Founding Santa Inez Mission 1983
4	18	Mission San Jose Restoration Project 1979-1980
4	19	Mission Creek 1986
4	20	Prelado de los Tesoros (La Purisima Mission Volunteers)
4	21	California Mission Studies Assn.
4	22	Book Catalogs, Bibliographies, Reviews
4	23	Graphics