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**Guide to**

**World's End Collection**

**WE.MS.Coll.1**

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Extent: 3 folders, 2 flat files

Linear feet: 1.0 linear feet.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **PROVENANCE**

Acquired with the gift of World's End, 1967.

### **OWNERSHIP & LITERARY RIGHTS**

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### **CITE AS**

World's End Collection. The Trustees of Reservations, Archives & Research Center.

### **RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS**

This collection is open for research.

## **WORLD'S END**

Established by John Brewer in 1866, World's End in Hingham, Massachusetts originated as a vast farming estate on a peninsula, Sarah Island, and Langley Island. In 1889 Frederick Law Olmsted designed a series of residential subdivisions at the location. Even though the plan was created and roads were designed, the development never actual occurred. Over the years many suggestions to develop the landscape were proposed, such as a United Nations Headquarters and a nuclear power plant. In 1967, The Trustees of Reservations purchased the land to preserve it. Today, it is also part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

The World's End Collection contains photographs, postcards, transcriptions, correspondence, and booklets. It contains four series, World's End Estates, Photographs, Postcards, and Plans.

Series I, World's End Estates, contains a booklet pertaining to a 1946 plan to divide Seal Cove and Martin's Cove into distinct residences. This is the area that would later be incorporated into the nature park in the same location. The series also includes a photocopy of this booklet.

Series II, Photographs, includes two items. One is a black and white photograph of a group of men identified as the "World's End Crew 1928," and one is a black and white aerial photograph of a building.

Series III, Postcards, contains two copies of a color postcard depicting Rocky Neck at World's End. The other postcard is black and white and depicts two stone pillars at the foot of a drive with a house framed between them.

Series IV, Plans, contains three plans regarding the development of John R. Brewer's property by Frederick Law Olmsted & Company. Included in this series is the General Plan for the Subdivision of Planter's Hill and World's End and preliminary studies for the development of Planter's and Pine Hills and World's End.

Note for further research:

The Oral D. Page, Sr. photographs and diary transcript have been removed to WE.MS.Coll.2. The series numbers for this collection have been updated to reflect the change.

Digital materials exist of:

- ***The Cultural Landscape Report for the Boston Harbor Islands Volumes 1 & 11*** prepared by the Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, 2018.
- ***15 Plans regarding World's End*** – Olmsted Job #1015 – from the Olmsted Archives.
- ***23 Photos*** – from Bob Goodearl of farm in the 1930's.
- ***9 Photos*** – from Kathy (Tong) Lindelof in the 1950's.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
<b>Series I. World's End Estates</b>			
> 0.25 (1 folder)			
Dates: 1946, n.d.			
<b>World's End Estates</b>			
1	1	World's End Estates brochure	1946
1	1	Photocopy of World's End Estates brochure	n.d.
<b>Series II. Photographs</b>			
> 0.25 (1 folder)			
Dates: 1928, n.d.			
<b>Photographs</b>			
1	2	Black and white photograph, "World's End Crew"	1928
		Black and white aerial photograph of World's End	n.d.
Stored in: Historic Oversize Box Mo-W			
<b>Series III. Postcards</b>			
> 0.25 (1 folder)			
Dates: 1915-1960			
<b>Postcards</b>			
1	3	Black and white photographic postcard of stone pillars	1915-1930
1	3	Color postcard, "Rocky Neck, World's End Farm, Hingham, Mass." (2 copies)	1930-1960

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series IV. Plans</b>			
0.5 (2 folders)			
Dates: 1886-1890			
<b>Plans</b>			
		General plan for the subdivision	1890
		Stored in Cabinet 4, Drawer F	
		Preliminary study for development of Planter's and Pine Hill	1886
		Stored in Cabinet 4, Drawer F	
		Preliminary study for development of World's End	1886
		Stored in Cabinet 4, Drawer F	