

42. Box: Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland/CB House: history events, maps, old receipts

Folder 1: CB house as historic home and study center: Items 1-2

1. Brochure for Cohen Bray House, VPOC; four postcards of house
2. Postcard with watercolor print of Cohen Bray House
3. Pencil drawing of the Cohen Bray House
4. Design for 100th Anniversary of the Cohen Bray House stationery
5. Pamphlet with floor plan of Alfred H and Emma B Cohen residence at 1440 29th
6. Typed list of Oakland Heritage Association members who have volunteered to act as docents for the June 5, 1983 Cohen House Benefit
7. Chart indicating room and times for OHA Volunteers at Cohen Bray House
8. Handwritten Mailing List for May 20, 1984 100th Anniversary Celebration of Cohen Bray House; 11 pages
9. Handwritten press release for 100th Anniversary of Cohen Bray house
10. Typed press release of above from Emelita Cohen to SF Chronicle
11. "Pocket of the Past" article by Margot Patterson Doss about Cohen Bray House
12. Handwritten notes by Emelita describing the Bray family 4x6 notes, 4 pages
13. "Memoirs of life in Fruitvale" Handwritten note by Emelita Cohen for the 100th Anniversary of the Cohen Bray House. 1440 29th Ave
14. Handwritten notes by Emelita about 1440 49th Ave neighbors; various papers
15. Items related to the presentation ceremony of the California Heritage Council Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board naming the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, the Pardee House & Alfred H Cohen House; Feb 14, 1978. Invitation, program letter to Emelita from the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and "Three Sites named city Landmarks" newspaper article on the event.
16. 1994 article "The Public Face, the Private Face—the Cohen Bray__?"
17. Photo copies of plat maps showing Sections 194-195-196 which include 23rd-27th Ave east of East 14th (now International)
18. 'A profile study of Alfred Henry Cohen' by Kenneth Gilliland for 1995 mid-summer edition of VPOC newsletter; 4pp typed
19. Interview with Ken Gilliland regarding history of the Cohen-Bray House Conducted in 1996 by David Nicolai
20. Interview #1 with Kenneth Gilliland, August 12, 1997 by Richard Cote
21. Typewritten essay by Ken Gilliland entitled "Another discovery of interest at the 1440 House" relating to the finding of the Horatio Moses family Bible. Handwritten note by Ken suggesting it be used VPOC newsletter
22. "Oakland Man Hears Radio from Berlin" Apr 28, 1917 Re: AH Cohen radio station
23. Domestic help for the Cohen and Bray families compiled from various census

24. Article from Oakland Tribune; The Knave column includes mention of Cohen Bray house at 1440 29th and neighbors Cummings and Derbys, with description of Neighborhood
25. Email copy to Patty (Donald) from David Miura with thank you for CB House tour and information regarding St Matthew's Military Academy attended by AH Cohen
26. "Landmarks and Preservation Advisory Board" Booklet Oakland, CA, Vol 1; Cohen Bray House p 19.
27. Spreadsheet titled Lori Shay Foam Core Photos of Cohen Bray House rooms
28. Photocopy of page from book *Pacific Coast-California Bay Area: Oakland* with entries about Cohen Bray House and Camron-Stanford House

Folder 2: Events at Cohen Bray House

29. Bill from Good Table Caterers dated May 20, 1984 for \$1,900 for cocktail reception for 100th Anniversary of Cohen Bray House Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland
30. Press release dated Feb 23, 1994 Re: Exhibit of Edgar A Cohen photos
31. VPOC invitation to a lecture by Hank Dunlop: "California Treasure: The rich veins of material at Cohen-Bray House; Sat Feb 19 (no year) at Nahl Hall, California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland
32. Typed list "Donald List for May 20th party"
33. 1984 Invitation to 100th Anniversary of Cohen Bray House
34. 1995 Invitation to April 30 reception honoring VPOA founding members and dedication of plaque to Eric Randall Gilliland and William Douglas Gilliland
35. 1996 Invitation to Tea and Tour honoring Florence Cummings on her 80th Birthday Nov 16 at Cohen Bray House
36. Connie, Sandy, & Paul Weaver invitation to an "Open House in a Victorian Home" 5 October 1975
37. Handwritten note (Emelita?) listing "Marriages and receptions at 1440"
38. 1962 Girl Scout calendar page showing Girl Scouts visiting Cohen Bray House

Folder 3: Other Historic Homes and Places

39. Pamphlet for Pardee Home Museum, 672 11th Street, Oakland
40. Alameda Victorian Preservation Society Calendar for 1973
41. Photocopy of "History of Oakland, California Post Office 1851-1975" by Rod Mabe
42. Photocopy of "The History of California Post Offices 1849-1990-Second Edition" by H.E. Salley, edited by Edward L. Patera; pages relating to Alameda County
43. Oakland Heritage Alliance (OHA) Newsletter Spring 1986
44. Article from Los Angeles Times on Mendocino Village

Folder 4: Correspondence and misc

45. Letter from Barbara Donald to Maurice dated 6/12/01 re: research about Michael Oppenheim
46. Letter to Ruth Borger, Calif. State Library, Calymea Room, from Norman Ronneburg requesting an 8x10 glossy print of Muybridge's stereo view of "Fernside" mansion in Alameda; request print be sent to Mrs. Wm G Donald,
47. Letter to Mr Coulter regarding research about W. A. Coulter and including details about Watson Bray and his brother John Grandin of Brays Bros Hay, Grain, and Beans; letter is missing a page as the narrative ends abruptly; note on the other side of this page is a note to Barb and Bill from "Jan"? 4/1/88
48. Letter to Barbara Donald from 'Sister', New Haven, CT reminiscing about her first trip to Europe and marriage in Paris, no date
49. "Between Nature and Culture: Charles Nahl's *Peter Quivey and the Mountain Lion*" Article by Timothy Anglin Burgard; from Fine Arts journal; p 14; heading says Acquisition, American Art Dept., DeYoung Memorial Museum, Gallery 17 Note on article says: "CC Nahl painted A H Cohen's portrait in 1857 when AH was four" Painting hangs in dining room of Cohen Bray House
- 50 "A tragic life, a fortunate find-Photographs by Carelton E Watkins" Newspaper extract from *This World* dated May 14, 1989
51. Photo envelope addressed to Mrs D. Cohen from Ivan Hurndall, Chilliwack, B.C. with three 2x3 B/W photos enclosed

Folder 4: Receipts relating to Cohen family at 1440 29th Ave, Oakland; 1885-1921

- 1885 Nov 14: Shroeder and Co, Hay, Grain, and Coal, etc
- 1891 Oct 5 : \$5 receipt for Assessment #1
- Jul 22 : \$11 receipt from Superior Court, Alameda County
- Sep 12: \$32 American Investment Union
- 1892 Jun 4 : \$35 balance due Oakland Gas, Light, & Heat Co.
- May 24: \$34.50 invoice: scarf pin \$4, silk purse \$8.50, gold pin \$17, bread fork \$5
- Sep 6 : \$67.57 receipt Dunham, Garrigan, & Hayden Co
- 1891, 1899, 1900 receipts for Contra Costa Water Co.
- 1894 : Mortgage to 1440 29th Street property torn in pieces
- 1896 : receipt Anson, Barstow Hay, Grain, Heat & Coal
- 1911 Jul 21 : Invoice for \$2.50 Abbott & Barnes Practical Horseshoeing
- 1914 Bank deposits to Wells Fargo, SF
- 1915 Mar 16 : \$13 invoice for goods, I.H. Parks General Hardware, 1344 Fruitvale Ave
- 1916 Nov 29 : \$1.70 assessment for paving, gutters, curbing from Oakland Paving Co

- 1916 2 Dec : Empty envelope to Alfred Cohen from Wells Fargo Nevada Bank,
- SF
- 1916 Jan 19-Feb 18: \$8.85 People's Water Co, Oakland
- Mar 10-Apr 11 : \$2.47 PG&E
- 1916 Jul 7 : Postcard to RSVP for Harvard Picnic Aut 29th; not filled out
- 1917 Mar 8 : Letter from L.C.Manor, Attorney; collection claim for PG & E
- 1918 Sep 25 :Holmes and Samuels Real Estate
- 1919 Sep 30 : Invoice for document copies from Oakland Title Insurance &
Guarantee,Co, 1308 Broadway
- 1919 May 31: Bill for "long overdue merchandise purchase Feb 22 from Issac
Upham Co. -Stationers, printers, bookbinders, engravers
- 1919 Aug PG&E bills from Oct 1918 referred to Collections
- 1921 Dec 6 : Overdue notice for \$18.25, 'unpaid since Oct 1920' Hardware,
Tools,& Cutlery

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