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**Guide to**

**World's End Collection**

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Extent: 4 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**

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### **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 five series, World's End Estates, Oral D. Page, Sr. Collection, 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, Oral D. Page, Sr., contains a typed transcript of his diary over the course of two years at World's End. This covers the day-to-day life of the farm he was working on and observations on the weather. The series also contains twenty-three copy print photographs of the Page Family, Hersom Family, and the employees on the farm. People in the photographs are identified, if known, on the back of the copy print. There is also a sheet of contact information in this series.

Series III, 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 IV, Postcards, contains two color postcards depicting a lake. The third postcard is black and white and depicts a path through a gate to a house.

Series V, 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.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
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**Series I. World's End Estates**

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: 1946

Series I. brochure booklet and photocopy.

**World's End Estates**

1	1	World's End Estates brochure	1946
1	1	Photocopy of World's End Estates brochure	n.d.

**Series II. Oral D. Page, Sr.**

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: 1917-1918, n.d.

Series II, typed transcription of diary, followed by photographs.

**Oral D. Page Sr.**

1	2	Oral D. Page, Sr. diary	1917-1918
1	2	Photographs	n.d.

**Series III. Photographs**

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: 1928, n.d.

Series III, two photographs.

**Photographs**

1	3	Photographs Ariel photograph of Worlds End, black and white Stored in Historic Oversize Box: Mo-W	1928, n.d. n.d.
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**Series IV. Postcards**

> 0.25 (1 folder)  
 Dates: n.d.

Series IV, postcards.

**Postcards**

1	4	Postcards	n.d.
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**Series V. Plans**

0.5 (2 folders)  
 Dates: 1886-1890

Series V, oversized plans.

**Plans**

General plan for the subdivision	1890
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Stored in Cabinet 4, Drawer F

Preliminary study for development of Planter's and Pine Hill	1886
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Preliminary study for development of World's End	1886
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