

An aerial, monochromatic view of a city skyline, likely San Francisco, with numerous skyscrapers and buildings. A large white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the main title text.

RUSSELL CITY RESEARCH PROJECT

Presentation to City of Hayward Russell City Executive Committee

March 31, 2023

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OVERVIEW

- Three areas for discussion
 - Board of Supervisors records
 - Russell City property transfers
 - Birth/Marriage/Death records
 - Renters

BOS RECORDS

11/21/1963

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 Approved as to Form
 OF CHARLES J. QUINCY, District Attorney
 By: [Signature] Depy

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Ordinance Supervisor: Dweeney, Seconded by Supervisor: Hannon
 and approved by the following vote:
 Ayes: Supervisors Hannon, Murphy, Ruzelo, Dwyer and Chairman Dursel - 5.
 Noes: Supervisors None
 Excused: absent Supervisors None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS NUMBER 11587

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1963 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda did adopt Ordinance No. 775 M.S., Section IX of which, among other things, provides for cash grant-in-aid funds to acquire project land, which funds have been appropriated for that purpose and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors as the Redevelopment Agency of the County of Alameda has authorized the acceptance of each Offer to Sell Real Property designated below by parcel number and owner's name; and

WHEREAS, said Agency has contracted with Title Insurance and Trust Company and with Guardian Title Company for escrow services in the acquisition of real property by said Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditor-Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant or warrants payable to the Title Companies and for the amounts shown below; said warrant or warrants to be payable from funds appropriated as aforesaid and when paid shall be a cash grant-in-aid to said Agency as provided in Ordinance No. 775 M.S., Section IX (a) aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Auditor-Controller be and he is authorized and directed to deliver said warrant or warrants to the Executive Director of said Agency, or his authorized representative.

\$11,620.00 to TITLE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY for

Parcel No.	Name of Owner(s)
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439 45 51	John Gonsalves
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Date of meeting Location of data	Parcels	Owners	Property cost	Property group cost	Title company
Reel 8, image 974	11/5/63 45-1	Annie C. Horst			
	45-11	Reyes Pacheco and Virginia Pacheco			
	45-17	Jose A Rocha and Phoebe L. Rocha			
	45-32	Marie M. Roques			
	45-46	Prospero Milano aka Prospero Milano			
	45-114	Lillie B. Payne			
	51-106	Sara Zamarron Vazquez		\$10,020.00	Title
	54-8-1	Maria Basler			
				\$24,000.00	Guardian
Reel 8, Image 1114	11/12/63 439-45-6, 7	Ana Marie Torres (Anna Torres)			
	439-45-51	John Gonsalves			
	439-45-59	Pete Morales			
	439-45-71	Alverta McCluskey			
	439-48-19	PR Hines and L Hines			
				\$11,620.00	Title
Reel 8, Image 1236	11/19/63 439-45-35	Bernays Hutt and Eudora Mae Hutt			
	439-45-56, 57	Katherine Perrey and Wesley Frederick Harrington and Sara Harrington			
	439-45-58	George S. Blevins and Edna Blevins			
	439-45-66	Melvin Shuster and Sue Shuster			
	439-45-68	Clinton w. Harrison and Rua Harrison			
	439-45-70	Charles Posada and George E. Posada			
	439-45-80	Rudolph Hernandez and Isabel Hernandez			
	439-45-78	V. Valencia			
	439-45-87	Hazel Jenkins			
	439-45-89	John A. Anlyan and Betty Jane Anlyan			
	439-48-64	Blanch Allen			
	439-48-132, 135	Buster Brooks and Evetta Brooks			
				\$36,600.00	Title
Reel 8, image 1448	11/26/63 439-45-13	Ynes Garcia			
	439-45-21	L.G. and Izora N. Pumphery			

BOS RECORDS

	12/17/63	439-45-74	Ruben H. Hernandez and Mary Hernandez				y
Reel 8, image 1810		439-45-104	Melquisedes Pontillas and Akiya Pontillas				y
		439-48-12,13	Saturmino Candelas and Francisca Candelas				y
					\$8,660.00	Title	
	12/24/63	439-45-26	William C. and Alberta Struggs	t			y
reel 8, image 2006		439-45-60	Alfred Bard and Erna Bard	t			y
		439-45-111	Frank Hernandez and Lila Hernandez	t			y
		439-45-121	Felizardo Lomas and Vicenta Lomas	t			y
		439-48-83, 84	Melvin Sanders and Nettie Sanders	t			y
		439-51-47	Larry Cisneros and Lillian Cisneros		\$7,000.00	g	y
						\$21,700.00	Title
						\$7,000.00	Guardian
	12/31/63	439-51-75	Willie McCoy and Sarah McCoy				y
reel 8, image 2083		439-45-91, 92	Robert White (administrator of May G. Stoll estate)				y
		439-45-38, 39	Virginia Pacheco				y
		439-45-73,88	Julia Noniza		\$2,800.00		y
		439-45-85,86	Dan H. and Annie Mae Hassell				y
		439-48-26	Tirso and Florentina Gerardo				y
		439-48-35	Fidel and Maxima Romero				y
		439-48-115	Elvia C. and Hattie Mae Sanders				y

RUSSELL CITY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- ~3330 records in search for “Russell City”
 - Compared to 734 for “Redevelopment agency...”
- Concerns
 - Continues to emphasize property owners
 - May or may not be related to redevelopment
 - People who could leave likely better off than those who stayed
 - Likely a couple hundred hours of searching

BIRTH/MARRIAGE/DEATH RECORDS

- Alameda county availability:
 - Marriage records starting – 1971
 - Birth records starting – 1940
 - Death records starting – 1960
- To search: name of person or date
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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRY OF MARRIAGE
(PERSONAL DATA, LICENSE TO MARRY, CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE)

STATE FILE NUMBER		1a. NAME OF GROOM—FIRST NAME CLARENCE		1b. MIDDLE NAME HARDY		1c. LAST NAME JOHNSON		2. DATE OF BIRTH November 17	
3. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY) 22 YEARS		4. COLOR OR RACE Negro		5a. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED		5b. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED 0		5c. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	
7a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF GROOM—STREET ADDRESS 2254 West Winton Ave.		7b. CITY OR TOWN Hayward		7c. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE Alameda		7d. COUNTY OF BIRTH Louisiana		7e. COUNTY OF BIRTH Alameda	
8a. PRESENT OR LAST OCCUPATION U.S. Navy		8b. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS Government		10a. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF GROOM Jessie Jefferson		10b. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Louisiana		12. DATE OF BIRTH May 25,	
9a. NAME OF FATHER OF GROOM David Johnson		9b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Louisiana		11a. NAME OF BRIDE—FIRST NAME JESSIE		11b. MIDDLE NAME MAE		11c. LAST NAME PATTERSON	
13. AGE (LAST BIRTHDAY) 19 YEARS		14. COLOR OR RACE Negro		15a. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED		15b. NUMBER OF TIMES PREVIOUSLY MARRIED 0		15c. LAST MARRIAGE ENDED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH	
17a. USUAL RESIDENCE OF BRIDE—STREET ADDRESS 20867 Nebraska St.		17b. CITY OR TOWN Hayward		17c. COUNTY OF RESIDENCE Alameda		17d. COUNTY OF BIRTH Oklahoma		17e. COUNTY OF BIRTH Alameda	
18a. PRESENT OR LAST OCCUPATION At home		18b. KIND OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS		19. MAIDEN NAME OF BRIDE, IF F		20a. NAME OF FATHER OF BRIDE Fred Patterson		20b. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Oklahoma	
20c. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF BRIDE Bessie Newton		20d. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Oklahoma		We, the bride and groom named in this certificate, each for himself, state that the foregoing information is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief, and that no legal objection to the marriage nor to the issuance of a license to authorize the same is known to us, and hereby apply for the same.					
22a. BRIDE (SIGNATURE) <i>Jessie Mae Patterson</i>		22b. GROOM (SIGNATURE) <i>Clarence Hardy Johnson</i>							
23. Authorization and license is hereby given to any person duly authorized by the laws of the State of California to solemnize the marriage of the above named persons. Required consents for the issuance of this license are hereby given.									
23a. SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON August 12, 1960		23c. DATE LICENSE ISSUED August 12, 1960		23e. LICENSE NUMBER 215553		23c. COUNTY CLERK JACK G. BLUE			
23b. EXPIRATION DATE Nov. 10, 1960		23d. COUNTY OF ISSUE OF LICENSE ALAMEDA		23f. COUNTY OF ISSUE OF LICENSE ALAMEDA		BY <i>[Signature]</i>		24c. ADDRESS OF WITNESS Hayward	
24a. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS <i>[Signature]</i>		24b. ADDRESS OF WITNESS—STREET ADDRESS 1111		24c. ADDRESS OF WITNESS Hayward		24d. ADDRESS OF WITNESS Hayward			

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- In 1960s, approximately ~32,000 births and deaths per year
 - Every birth and death in AC would need to be manually searched
- Other sources
 - Yearbooks: have not been able to locate (City of Hayward Library, Alameda County Library, San Lorenzo School District (still waiting on callback), Hayward Historical Society)
 - [LA library guide to vital records](#)
 - Familysearch.org: no unique Russell City identifier; 1960: 263,516 records for “Hayward”

NEXT STEPS

- Current contract
 - Deeds, historical media sent to RC
 - Finalizing loose ends
 - Finalize BOS search records
 - Write up final report
- Questions?