

Plaque #1 on the Strand



Beachgoers Louise & Byron Kenner in front of Bruce's Beach, circa 1920. Courtesy of the Miriam Matthews Photograph Collections, Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



Willa Bruce, left, with her daughter-in-law Meda Bruce and her sister Ms. Tillman in Manhattan Beach in the 1920s. Courtesy of the California African American Museum.



Circa 1886, Charles and Willa Bruce at their wedding in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Courtesy of the California African American Museum.



Looking north/northwest from Marine, circa 1916. Peck's Pavilion is on the beach, west of The Strand, and the Bruces' resort was on the eastside of The Strand. The pier in the distance is the Standard Oil Pier and the pilings in the near background are what remained of Peck's Pier. Courtesy of the Manhattan Beach Historical Society.



Visitors standing on the boardwalk north of Bruce's Beach. Fannie Washington; Journee W. White and his wife, Mamie Cunningham White; and Elbridge Lee. Courtesy of the Miriam Matthews Photograph Collections, Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



California Eagle Headline, Friday, January 6, 1927



California Eagle Headline, Friday, August 18, 1927

Plaque #2 at the Park



James Slaughter, Courtesy of the Miriam Matthews Photograph Collections, Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



Friends gather on the sand in front of the Bruces' resort. Courtesy of the Miriam Matthews Photograph Collections, Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



(left to right) Mary Prioleau (Stafford King), Ethel Susanna "Sue" Prioleau (Bowdan), Ethel G. Prioleau, George Prioleau Jr, Major George Prioleau (before birth of Lois Emma Prioleau (Patton), Circa 1920. Courtesy of Ana Gonzales, Prioleau Granddaughter.



Mary Ethel King (1930-2014), daughter of Mary Prioleau and Ralph King, 1st Prioleau grandchild, standing on a table with Prioleau Manhattan Beach cottage in the background, circa 1932. From the files of Mary King, courtesy of the Prioleau-King family.



George, Sue, Mary Prioleau with family friend Geneva, *Circa 1929*



Mrs. Willa Bruce, standing in front of James Stafford (1848 – 1927), father of Ethel Prioleau, with family friends. *Circa 1920's*



Elizabeth Catley. Courtesy of Lorraine Cook-Curry.



(left to right) Meda Simmons Bruce, Harvey Bruce, and Willa Bruce, date unknown.
Courtesy of the California African American Museum.



Ms. Elizabeth Patterson. Courtesy of the Patterson Family.



Visitors to Manhattan Beach often traveled from Los Angeles on the Red Car, circa 1916. Courtesy of the Manhattan Beach Historical Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mrs. Bruce has built a new and up-to-date Bath at the famous resort known as "BRUCE'S BEACH" or formerly Peck's Pavilion. Surf bathing, those good, bounteous fried Fish Meals and many other attractions. A modern life line with every safety device will be installed. Come and enjoy the day, week-end or longer at this home-like outing place.

Advertisement in the California Eagle, April 29, 1926

MEET ME THERE!—WHERE?

Bruce's Beach

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1922

GRAND EXCURSION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Given by the St. Paul Baptist Church

Advertisement in the California Eagle, May 27, 1922



Manhattan City Park in 1959, looking south/southwest toward Highland. Courtesy of the South Bay History Collection, CSUDH.

MAP OF PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE 1924-1929 CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS



NAME	PLOT NUMBER
B. H. Dyer, R. L. Rice, & H. M. Eichelberger	1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
C. W. Stone	3
G. W. Yarrow	4, 6
L. D. Dosta	7
W. A. Bruce	8, 9

NAME	PLOT NUMBER	NAME	PLOT NUMBER
M. B. & A. E. Johnson & E. K. Barnett	1	R. C. Ruperd	10
B. H. Dyer, R. L. Rice, & H. M. Eichelberger	2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12	G. W. Yarrow	11
E. Patterson	4	G. Stuart	13
Maj. G. & E. Prioleau	4	L. A. Dreisbach (M. W. Mitchell)	14
M. R. Sanders	6	C. M. Monroe	15
S. I. Ambrose, M. R. Wyser, (So. Calif. Bond & Finance Corp.)	7	H. A. Eccleston	16