



MOTHER'S BUILDING LANDMARK DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION

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Mother's Building, 1925

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Upper left: Fleishhacker Pool and Playfield complex with Mother's Building in upper right, 1925.
Source: SFPL, Historical Photograph Collection

Lower left: Mother's Building with wading pool in foreground, 1934.
Source: Western Neighborhoods Project-wnp14.11465

Lower right: Mother's Building, east façade, c. 2015.
Source: Richard Rothman, San Francisco





Mother's Building, main room, south wall, c. 2015. *The Landing of the Ark*, Helen K. Forbes (1934)
Source: Richard Rothman, San Francisco



Upper and lower left: Details from south wall, *The Landing of the Ark*
Source: Richard Rothman, San Francisco

Upper right: Helen Forbes and Dorothy Puccinelli painting north wall, *Building the Ark*, 1934.
Source: SFPL, Historical Photograph Collection



Detail from *The Ark's Passengers Disembark* (Helen Forbes, 1938) on east wall of main room, 2016

Source: Architectural Resources Group, Inc.,
Mother's Building Conditions Assessment (2016)



Detail from *Loading of the Animals* (Dorothy Puccinelli, 1938) on west wall of main room, 2016.

Source: Architectural Resources Group, Inc.,
Mother's Building Conditions Assessment (2016)



Children and Their Animals (left) and St. Francis (right) by Helen Bruton with assistance from Margaret Bruton and Esther Bruton (1934).

Source: Richard Rothman, San Francisco and Architectural Resources Group, Inc., *Mother's Building Conditions Assessment* (2016)



Above: The Bruton sisters putting finishing touches on painting of their mural “The Peacemakers” for GGIE, 1938. Esther (left), Margaret (standing), Helen (painting).

Source: SFPL, Historical Photograph Collection



Right: Helen Bruton working on tile mosaic for UC Berkeley Old Art Gallery, May 6, 1936.

Source: SFPL, Historical Photograph Collection



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Mother's Building, main lounge, Noah's Ark murals, 1939.
Source: Works Progress Administration