Louis Smaus Collection 2018.002

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Title: Louis Smaus Collection
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Abstract: The Louis Smaus Collection spans the years c.1915-1922 and documents Smaus's career. The collection is one series: Project records and Professional Papers, and consists of drawings, photographs, and blueprintsclippings, film reels and Kelley's personal scrapbook.
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Biographical / Historical
Louis Smaus (born 1885-died 1962) was born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, now Slovakia. Smaus attended horticultural school near Hamburg, Germany where he began his career working as a landscape gardener at Paul Hauber Baumenschulen. Smaus emigrated to the U.S. at age nineteen and found work, with a large firm in New York, as a landscape gardener of private and commercial grounds. He was in charge of the greenhouses for five years at Lyndhurst, the Jay Gould New York estate. He and Marie Muller, the Gould girls' governess, were married there.
In 1910, Smaus moved to California where he then worked at Stanford University and had charge of the Lathrop grounds. Following this Smaus became an employee of A.B. Spreckels, sugar magnate, and maintained the Spreckels estate in Napa, CA for five years. In 1919, he was briefly involved with his brother-in-law's poultry farm in Los Gatos which quickly grew to 6,000 birds.
In the early 1920s he joined the MacRorie-McLaren Company in San Mateo which did landscaping for major clients such as Mrs. Henry Allen and Andrew Welch and provided a majority of the trees and plants for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. Smaus went into business for himself as a Landscape Engineer, working on Milton Haas estate in Los Altos starting in 1931 while continuing to work on the Lachman estate among others, retiring in the early 1950's. He lived in Burlingame where he had a garden and greenhouse filled with begonias hybridized by friend and fellow Czech Frank Reinelt.
Sources:
Arrangement
The collection is organized into a single series. Within the series, original order has been maintained where evident. In the case of no evident order, an order has been imposed by the archivist.
Scope and Contents
The Louis Smaus collection spans the years 1920-1922 and documents the projects that Smaus primarily worked on during his time with the MacRorie-McLaren Company. The collection is represented in one series: Project Records.
The Project Records series is primarily comprised of reproductions of plans and proposed plans for educational, recreational, and residential properties. Distinguished projects include University of California Memorial Stadium, The Stanford University Stadium, and The Carolands Estate.
The Smaus collection also contains photographs from his time with the MacRorie-McLaren Company, including images of the nursery and showcases of plants used for the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. Many of the photographs within the collection were taken by the well-known Moulin Studios as seen by the stamp on the back side.
There is one oversized folder that contains four blueprints from projects such as:___

Project Index

The following is a list of architectural projects from the Louis Smaus Collection. For more complete information about collection contents for each project download the complete Project Index in an Excel spreadsheet format by going to Louis Smaus i-page. For instructions on interpreting the Project Index, see The Guide to the Project Index.

The project list below, derived from the Project Index, is arranged alphabetically by Project/Client Name and contains information, where available, about the location, date, project type, collaborators, photographers, and formats for each project in the collection.

Project/Client Name (location, date, project type) Collaborator (role), Photographer [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings, Ph=Photographs]

- Allen, Mrs. Henry F (Palo Alto, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr, Ph]
- Antioch Grammar School: Grounds Improvement Plan (Antioch, CA; n.d.; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Balboa Terrace (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential: sub-division) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- California Memorial Stadium [see University of California (Berkeley, CA; n.d. educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Fowler Union High School: Grounds Plan (Fowler, CA; 1921; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Harold, Mrs. Harry (Petaluma, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Hines, J.S. (San Francisco, CA; 1920; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Hinsley (Campbell, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- James, H.T. (Burlingame Hills, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Kerckhoff Power Development (Fresno, CA; n.d.; industrial) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Leland Stanford Jr. University: Stanford Stadium (Palo Alto, CA; n.d.; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Lindsay Union High School: Grounds Plan (Lindsay, CA; 1922; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Live Oak Union High School: Grounds Improvement Plan (Live Oak, CA; n.d.; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- MacRorie McLaren Co: Unidentified Project Photographs (Various, CA; c.1915-1922; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Ph]
- McCandless, R.E. (Piedmont, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- McLaren, John: Olympic Golf & Country Club (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; recreational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Olympic Golf & Country Club [see McLaren, John] (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; recreational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Panama Pacific International Exposition (San Francisco, CA; c.1915; exposition) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Ph]
- Patterson, J. (Patterson, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Proposed Park (Eureka, CA; n.d.; recreational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Santa Clara University: Grounds Plan (Santa Clara, CA; n.d.; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Santa Maria Union High School: Grounds Plan (Santa Maria, CA; 1922; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
- Stanford Stadium [see Leland Standford Jr. University] (, CA; ;) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers)
• Talbot, W.H. (Hillsborough, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
• Todd, L.H. (Palo Alto, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
• Unidentified Photographs [see MacRorie McLaren Co] (CA; ; ) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers)
• University of California: California Memorial Stadium (Berkeley, CA; n.d.; educational) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]
• Welch, Andrew (San Mateo, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr, Ph]
• Whittell, George (Woodside, CA; n.d.; residential) Collaborator: MacRorie McLaren Co (landscape engineers) [Dr]

Subjects and Indexing Terms
California Memorial Stadium (Berkeley, Calif.)
Carolands (Hillsborough, Calif.)
Florist Shops
Gardens -- California
Landscape architecture -- California.
MacRorie-McLaren Company
Panama-Pacific International Exposition (1915 : San Francisco, Calif.)
Plants--California.