Terry Tong Collection 2014.-16

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Biographical note

Terry Tong was born in San Francisco on December 8, 1921. He attended the University of California at Berkeley (UCB) where he studied Architecture. Tong’s studies were interrupted by World War II during which he served as an infantry man in the US Army during WWII. He was wounded at Anzio in Italy. Wounded in battle, he was able to return to the United States and resume his studies at UCB in 1946, graduating with his degree in 1949. During summer vacations while in Architecture school, Tong worked for various Bay Area firms seeking practical experience, including Campbell & Wong and Phillip Tomesello.

Right out of school Tong was hired by Fred Whittlesey where he worked for less than a year before going to work for Campbell & Wong where he stayed for 13 years from 1949 until 1962. Tong became skilled at interior and exterior perspective drawings eventually being charged with the responsibility of doing the all of the presentation drawings for soliciting projects. While at Campbell & Wong, Tong continued his studies at the Henry George School of Economics on the politics of land usage; at the Rudolph Schaeffer School of Design for design color coordination fundamentals; and the UC Extension for environmental site designing and city planning in San Francisco. It was also during this time that Tong entered and won third place in the national Crane’s Bathroom Design Competition. In 1958, Tong became an Associate of the Campbell & Wong practice. After Tong’s and his associate Allen Fong’s submission and subsequent winning concept for the California Governor’s Mansion Competition for Governor Pat Brown (which was never realized), he left the firm and opened his own practice in 1962.

From 1962 to the mid-1970s, Tong operated STUDIO Tsq as a sole practitioner. His practice focused primarily on residences in the Bay Area but also included commercial and multi-residential projects. Notable projects include: On Lok Senior Center in San Francisco and the Cal Med Center in Stockton. After leaving his private practice, Terry went on to work for the Bechtel Corp where he collaborated on the design of commercial and industrial projects including the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in NY.


System of Arrangement

The Collection is arranged into three series: Personal Papers, Professional Papers, and Project Records. Within each series, original order has been maintained when evident.

Scope and Contents note

The Terry Tong Collection spans the dates circa 1943 to 1994 and contains materials that document his academic and architectural career. The Collection is organized into three series: Personal Papers comprised of biographical information and Tong’s architecture course work while at UCB; Professional Papers containing a clipping and firm portfolio; and the final
series Project Records consisting of drawings, correspondence, photographs, reports, clippings and ephemera which document 39 projects Tong designed while working for Campbell & Wong and during the time he operated his private practice.

Project Index
The following is a list of architectural projects from the Terry Tong Collection. For more complete information about collection contents for each project download the complete Project Index in an Excel spreadsheet format by going to placeholder. 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]

- Atkins, Victor K. alterations (San Francisco, CA; 1964; residential [Dr]
- Bernal, W.P. (San Francisco, CA; 1952; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Bowline Point Recreational Area Study (Haverstraw, NY; circa 1975; recreational [Dr]
- Buddhist’s Universal Church (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; religious Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- C.A.C.A. Chinese New Year Float Design; n.d.; recreational [Dr]
- Chinese Baptist Church alterations (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; religious [Dr]
- Competition: Crane Bathroom; n.d.; [Dr]
- Competition: Governor’s Mansion (Sacramento, CA; circa 1961; governmental [Dr]
- Dere, Joe and Lily: apartment house (San Francisco, CA; 1965; residential-multi [Dr]
- Design: 86 Tara Road (Orinda, CA; 1994; residential [Dr]
- Fong, Mary (Stockton, CA; n.d.; residential [Dr]
- Gan, Paul and Carolyn (Albany, CA; 1966; residential [Dr]
- Gelsi-Medeot, R. (Sleepy Hollow, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Golden Phoenix Bistro Bar (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; commercial [Dr]
- Hong, Henry: apartment addition (San Francisco, CA; 1965; residential-multi [Dr]
- Jang, Edward (San Leandro, CA; 1967; residential [Dr]
- Jones, Felix (San Mateo, CA; n.d.; residential-multi Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Jones, Rex: additions/alterations (Atherton, CA; 1965-1966; residential [Dr]
- Kennedy, Dan: warehouse (San Francisco, CA; 1967; commercial [Mr]
- Lee, C.W. (Berkeley, CA; 1965; residential [Dr]
- McGlone, Lou (San Carlos, CA; 1971; residential [Dr]
- On Lok Senior Citizen Center (San Francisco, CA; 1975, 1979; residential-multi Gow Lee [Dr, Ms]
- O’Reilly, Charles A.: alterations/additions (San Francisco, CA; 1968; residential [Dr]
- Ow Wing, Herbert (Castro Valley, CA; n.d.; residential [Dr]
- Pacific Transport Lines Inc. Office: additions/alterations (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; commercial Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Pettit, Richard (Hillsborough, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Pittman, Willard G. (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Queen, E.F. (Woodside Heights, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Rosenberg, Eric (Stockton, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- San Francisco China Town: building rehabilitation (San Francisco, CA; 1957; residential-multi [Dr]
- Smith, Marion Canfield: additions/alterations (Mill Valley, CA; n.d.; residential Campbell & Wong [Dr]
- Thomas, Jeff and Marcella: renovation (Kentfield, CA; 1971; residential [Dr, Ph]
- Tittman, W.C. (Virginia Foothills, NV; n.d.; residential [Dr]
- Tong, Terry (San Francisco, CA; circa 1955; residential [Dr]
- Tong, Terry (Tahoe, CA; circa 1960; residential [Dr]
- Unidentified; n.d.; [Dr]
- Wong, Norman: Cal Med Center (Stockton, CA; 1964; medical [Dr]
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Architecture -- 20th Century -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area.
Dwellings--Design and construction.
Older people--Housing.
Tong, Terry, 1921-
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Campbell & Wong
Campbell & Wong & Associates
Wong, Worley K.
Campbell, John Carden

SERIES I PERSONAL PAPERS circa 1943, 1946
Physical Description: .10 Cubic Feet 2 folders
Arrangement
Documents arranged chronologically.

Biographical Information
Carton 1, folder 1
Clipping: "Casualties of Bay Area Revealed" circa 1934

Student work
Carton 1, Folder 2
Student Drawings from Arch 6A 1946

SERIES II PROFESSIONAL PAPERS 1961, circa 1965
Physical Description: .10 Cubic Feet 2 manuscript folders
Arrangement
Documents arranged chronologically.

Reference materials/Clippings
Carton 1, Folder 1
Clipping: "North's New Architects Outnumbered Southerners" 1961

Portfolio
Carton 1, folder 2
Portfolio: Campbell & Wong & Associates circa 1965

SERIES III PROJECT RECORDS 1935-1994
Arrangement
Arranged by type of record and alphabetically by project within each subseries.
Scope and Contents
The Project Records series includes manuscripts, photographs and drawings of projects designed by Tong.

Files
Physical Description: **See Project Index
Photographs
Physical Description: **See Project Index

Drawings
Physical Description: **See Project Index