Roger Lee Collection, 1949-1968

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Descriptive Summary

Collection Title: Roger Lee Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1949-1968
Collection Number: 1999-3
Extent: 2 boxes, 8 flat file drawers6 online items
Repository: Environmental Design Archives.
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Abstract: The collection documents Lee's architectural projects throughout Northern California.
Language: English.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Architecture, Modern--20th century--California--San Francisco Bay Area.
Osmundson, Theodore.

Biographical Note
Roger Lee (1920-1981)
Roger Yuen Lee was born 1920 and received his bachelor's degree in Arts and Architecture from UC Berkeley with top design honors in 1941. He was a member of Delta Sigma Chi, the Honorary Architecture Fraternity. Between 1941 and 1945 he worked with William Hays, and Howard Moise on U.S. Post Offices, and served as an Assistant Engineer with the U.S. Engineers office in Honolulu working on various defense projects. Following the war he practiced for a year with a number of firms in the Los Angeles area, returning to the Bay Area in 1947. Between 1947 and 1948 he was associated with architect Fred Langhorst.

Lee was noted for the grace and clarity of his residential designs which made him one of the foremost proponents of the Bay Region Style after World War II. He received a number of awards and honors including "America's Best Small Houses, 1949" for his own Berkeley residence; an Award of Merit in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Honor Awards Program, 1955 for the George Channing residence in Sausalito; and First Honor award in the AIA "Homes for Better Living Program, 1956" for the William Wilkinson House in Orinda. In 1957 the London Architectural Review recognized him as one of forty U.S. architects who have "made personal contributions to American Architecture." During the course of his California practice he designed nearly 100 residences, and a small number of apartments, housing projects, recreational facilities, and churches. In 1955 he designed a series of "Universal Homes" in Kensington CA. In 1964 he moved his practice to Hawaii. He died in 1981.

Scope and Contents Note
The Roger Lee collection documents many of Lee's projects throughout Northern California. The records consist of photographic files and drawings. The photograph files were, in many cases, compiled as submittals to various architectural awards competitions such as the AIA Homes for Better Living Program, the Western Home Awards, and the Bay Region Honor Awards. A number of Bay Area architectural photographers are represented in this collection including Roger Sturtevant, Ernest Braun, Theodore Osmundson, Phil Palmer, and Joshua Freiwald. Theodore Osmundson is also represented in this collection as a collaborating landscape architect on a number of projects, through the firm Osmundson & Staley.

Project Index
The following is a list of architectural projects from the Lee Collection. For more complete information about collection contents for each project, as well as shelf location and microfilming status, download the complete Project Index in an Excel spreadsheet format by going to http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/cedarchives/pindex/lee.xls. For instructions on interpreting the Project Index, see The Guide to the Project Index at http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/cedarchives/pindex/guide.htm.

The Project Index list 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]

- * 1531 Shattuck Avenue Apartment ( Berkeley , CA ; 1964 ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
- * Adams, Henry ( Corte Madera , CA ; 1953 ; residential ) [Dr]
- * Alegria, Fernando ( Berkeley , CA ; 1957 ; residential ) [Dr]
- * Alegria, Fernando ( Lake Tahoe , CA ; 1959 ; residential ) [Dr]
- * Angaroa Apartments ( Berkeley , CA ; 1961 ; residential ) Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger; Freiwald, Joshua [Ms, Dr, Ph]
- * Associated Home Builders ( Oakland , CA ; 1951 ; residential ) [Ph]
- * Ballou, Theodore ( Oakland , CA ; 1967 ; residential ) [Dr]
- * Bancroft, Peter ( Livermore , CA ; 1966 ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
• Bascom, William (Kensington, CA; 1960; residential) [Dr]
• Basic Homes Ltd (Takagi, Paul) (Kensington, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Basic Home Industries (Richmond, CA; 1956; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Baudonnet, Peter (Berkeley, CA; 1964; commercial) [Dr]
• Benesi, Hans (Berkeley, CA; 1964; residential) [Dr]
• Berkeley Chinese Congregational Church (Chinese Community Church) (Berkeley, CA; 1954; religious) [Dr]
• Bethel, H.W. (Berkeley, CA; 1966; residential) [Dr]
• Bewley, John (Beverly Hills, Contra Costa Co., CA; 1948; residential) [Dr]
• Bostick, Robert (Oakland, CA; 1960; residential) [Dr]
• Brown, Bruce (see Vaugh Forestwall Panels, cabin) (unknown; 1956; residential)
• Brown, Howard (Contra Costa County, CA; 1966; residential) [Dr]
• Brown, Mrs. Zella (Belvedere, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• Bruener, Wallace (Oakland, CA; 1954; residential) [Dr]
• Bruyn, Henry (Kensington, CA; 1960; residential) [Dr]
• California State University: Sonoma State College, Art Building (Rohnert Park, CA; 1968; educational) [Ph]
• Carpenter, Miss Margery (Berkeley, CA; 1956-1964; residential) [Dr]
• Castor, Cecil D. (Berkeley, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Cedar-Walnut Apartments (Berkeley, CA; 1962; residential-multi) [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• Channing Way & Waring (Berkeley, CA; 1966; residential-multi) [Dr]
• Channing, George (Sausalito, CA; 1952; residential-multi) Photographer: Braun, Ernest [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• Cochrane, Eric W. (Berkeley, CA; 1958; residential) [Dr]
• Cole & Weber Inc. (San Francisco, CA; 1966; residential) [Dr]
• DaRae Hotel & Restaurant (Pico Rivera, CA; 1960, 1961; commercial) [Dr]
• Davison, James H. (Squaw Valley, CA; 1958; commercial) [Dr]
• Dyar, Robert (El Cerrito, CA; 1954; residential) [Dr]
• Edwards, Kenneth (Berkeley, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Enchanted Park, Enchanted Knolls (Mill Valley, CA; 1961; residential) [Dr]
• Endo, Takeshi (San Leandro, CA; 1958; residential) Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• Essig, Robert (Kensington, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Evans (Berkeley, CA; 1949; residential) [Dr]
• Figeroid, Bryant (Oakland, CA; 1958; residential) [Dr]
• Fong, Chester (Hayward, CA; 1952; commercial) [Dr]
• Fong, Edward (Martinez, CA; 1961; residential) [Dr]
• Four Cedars (Berkeley, CA; 1964; residential-multi) Photographer: Freiwald, Joshua [Ms, Ph]
• Freedman, Donald K. (El Cerrito, CA; 1954; residential) [Dr]
• Gadwood, Bernard (Lake Tahoe, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• Galenson, Walter (El Cerrito, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• Gilliland, William D. (Oakland, CA; 1962; residential) [Dr]
• Ginner (Berkeley, CA; n.d.; residential) Photographer: Osmundson, Theodore [Ph]
• Golden Bear Corporation (Orinda, CA; 1957-1958; residential) [Dr]
• Goodman, Stanley (Lafayette, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Gray, Gerald (Walnut Creek, CA; 1949; residential) Collaborator: Osmundson & Staley, (Landscape Arch) [Dr]
• Grimes, Allen (Berkeley, CA; 1948; residential) [Dr]
• Hackley, Mrs. P.B. (Berkeley, CA; 1952; residential) [Dr]
• Haley, John (Richmond, CA; 1950; residential) Photographer: Osmundson, Theodore [Ph]
• *Hargrove, Kenneth (Berkeley, CA; 1958; residential) [Dr]
• *Hargrove, Kenneth (Berkeley, CA; 1967; residential) [Dr]
• *Haste Park Apartments (Berkeley, CA; 1961; residential-multi) [Ms, Dr]
• *Hayes, Calder (Berkeley, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• *Hersey, George (Paradise, CA; 1951; residential-multi) [Dr]
• *Hischier, Richard (Oakland, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• *Holden, Winfred ("Moduflex" model home) (El Cerrito, CA; ca.1952; residential) [Dr]
• *Hope Luthern Church (Santa Clara, CA; 1958; religious) [Dr]
• *Horowitz, Henry (Mill Valley, CA; 1961; residential) [Dr]
• *Jackson, Jay (San Rafael, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• *Kalakaua Avenue Development (Honolulu, HI; 1960; residential-multi) [Dr]
• *Karr (unknown; 1951; residential) [Ph]
• *Karr Medical Building (unknown; 1951; medical) [Ph]
• *Kelley, Mrs. Douglas (Contra Costa County, CA; 1961; residential) [Dr]
• *Kensington Housing Development (Lee, Roger; Wood) (Kensington, CA; 1960; residential) [Dr]
• *Kenville, Phil P. (Oakland, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• *Kerr, Clark (Pescadero, CA; 1965; residential) [Dr]
• *Kerr, Clark (Alta, CA; 1966; residential) [Dr]
• *Kerr, Clark (El Cerrito, CA; 1954, 1958; residential) [Dr]
• *Kirsch, Miss Clara S. (Corte Madera, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• *Kuschnert, Leonard (Marin, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• *Lark Properties Inc. (Stateline, NV; 1964-1965; residential-multi) [Dr]
• *Lavoria, J.B. (Mill Valley, CA; 1959; residential) [Dr]
• *Leaver, Thomas (Oakland, CA; 1949; residential) [Ph]
• *Lee, Roger (Berkeley, CA; 1950; residential) [Ph]
• *Lee, Roger (McGee) (Kensington, CA; 1954; residential) [Collaborator: Osmundson & Staley, (Landscape Arch); Photographer: Osmundson, Theodore] [Dr, Ph]
• *Lee, Roger [see Kensington Housing Development] (Kensington, CA; 1960; residential)
• *Lehman, Lloyd & Corona, Bert (Oakland, CA; 1963; residential) [Dr]
• *LeProun, Robert (Berkeley, CA; 1960; residential) [Dr]
• *Lessing, Ferdinand (Berkeley, CA; 1961; commercial) [Dr]
• *Letchworth, W.P. (Berkeley, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• *Lohse, C.F. (Orinda, CA; 1954; residential) [Dr]
• *Loop, Angus Jr. (Piedmont, CA; 1959-1961; residential) [Dr]
• *Lucas, Miss Ethel (Berkeley, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• *Luthern Church of the Holy Trinity (Vallejo, CA; 1957; religious) [Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger] [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• *MacDonald, George (Berkeley, CA; 1954; residential) [Dr]
• *Macfie, R.H., addition (Kensington, CA; 1968; residential) [Dr]
• *Maggiola (Santa Clara, CA; 1958; residential) [Dr]
• *Manasse, Philip (Napa County, CA; 1959; residential) [Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger] [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• *Marina Development Co., Hotel Convention Center (Berkeley, CA; commercial) [Ms, Ph]
• *McCann, Mrs. Rose S. (Larkspur, CA; 1968; residential) [Collaborator: Roberson Daryl (architect)] [Dr]
• *McFarlan, C.H., addition and remodel (Berkeley, CA; 1961; residential) [Photographer: Osmundson, Theodore] [Dr, Ph]
• *McGee [see Lee, Roger] (Kensington, CA; 1954; residential)
• *Meadows Home Park, swimming pool and bath house (Concord, CA; 1959; recreational) [Collaborator: Osmundson & Staley (Landscape Arch)] [Dr]
• *Meiners, H. L. (Yreka, CA; 1958; residential) [Dr]
• *Miles, Miss Josephine ( Richmond, CA; 1951; residential ) [Dr]
• *Mingst, Herman C. ( Napa County, CA; 1954; residential ) [Dr]
• *"Moduflex" model home [see Holden, Winfred
• *Montez, Donald ( Oakland, CA; 1957; residential ) Photographer: Braun, Ernest [Dr, Ph]
• *Morgan, Shirley ( Inverness, CA; 1963; residential ) [Dr]
• *Morrison, Leslie ( Berkeley, CA; 1953; residential ) [Dr]
• *Mower, Philip ( Berkeley, CA; 1952; residential ) [Dr]
• *Nakahara, Peter ( Santa Clara, CA; 1962; residential ) [Dr]
• *Navas, Edward ( El Cerrito, CA; 1953; residential ) [Dr]
• *Neighbor, J.E. ( Contra Costa County, CA; 1959; residential ) [Dr]
• *Newhall, Anna S. ( Berkeley, CA; 1948-1949; residential ) [Dr]
• *Newton, Albert H. ( Yreka, CA; 1957-1958; residential ) Photographer: Braun, Ernest [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• *Nieda, Isamu ( The Reedlands, Marin Co., CA; 1959; residential ) [Dr]
• *Niederholzer, Robert ( Contra Costa County, CA; 1965; residential ) [Dr]
• *Noyes, Henry ( Santa Clara, CA; 1962; residential ) [Dr]
• *Otey, Wendell ( Berkeley, CA; 1963; residential ) Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger [Ms, Ph]
• *Palo Alto Inn ( Palo Alto, CA; 1960; commercial ) [Dr]
• *Parker, Genevieve ( Contra Costa County, CA; 1954; residential ) [Dr]
• *Parrette, Paul ( Berkeley, CA; 1954; commercial ) [Dr]
• *Paxson, Jane ( Berkeley, CA; 1966; residential ) [Dr]
• *Peavey, William ( Mill Valley, CA; 1955; residential ) Photographer: Palmer, Phil [Dr, Ph]
• *Peavey, William, addition ( Mill Valley, CA; 1961; residential ) [Dr]
• *Pedersen, Svend ( Lafayette, CA; 1954-1956; residential ) [Dr]
• *Pelletier, Joseph, including remodel and addition ( Berkeley, CA; 1955, 1959; residential ) [Dr]
• *Pelletier, Joseph, cabin ( Squaw Valley, CA; n.d.; residential ) [Dr]
• *Perry, Miss Elizabeth ( Berkeley, CA; 1954; residential ) [Dr]
• *Piggozi, Leo ( Oakland, CA; 1955; residential ) [Dr]
• *Pollard, Bernard I. ( Yreka, CA; 1957; residential ) [Dr]
• *Powell, Richard E. ( Kensington, CA; 1957; residential ) [Dr]
• *Pratt, Kenneth ( Mill Valley, CA; 1966; residential ) [Dr]
• *Project for Wood Island ( Greenbrae, CA; n.d.; residential-multi ) [Dr]
• *Rafetto, Michael ( Berkeley, CA; 1961; residential ) [Dr]
• *Rampoli, H. D. ( Martinez, CA; 1959; residential-multi ) [Dr]
• *Rapau Nui Apartments ( Berkeley, CA; ca. 1964; residential-multi ) Photographer: Freiwald, Joshua [Ph]
• *Reed Place Housing Group ( Kensington, CA; 1961; residential ) Photographer: Braun, Ernest [Ms, Ph]
• *Reed Properties ( Tahoe, CA; 1978; residential-multi ) [Dr]
• *Ridgewood Heights ( Vallejo, CA; 1955-1956; residential ) [Dr]
• *Ritchie, Benbow F. ( Contra Costa County, CA; 1950; residential ) [Dr]
• *Roberts, James ( Berkeley, CA; 1962; residential ) [Dr]
• *Rodeheaver, Joseph N. ( Orinda, CA; 1964; residential ) [Dr]
• *Saint, Wint R. ( Sausalito, CA; 1955; residential ) [Dr]
• *Scott, Kenneth G. ( San Rafael, CA; 1953; residential ) [Dr]
• *Shattuck Walnut Apartments ( Berkeley, CA; 1959; residential-multi ) Photographer: Freiwald, Joshua [Dr]
• *Shiple, Paul ( Danville, CA; 1956; residential ) [Dr]
• *Shomaker, Peter ( Berkeley, CA; 1953; residential ) [Dr]
• *Short, D[onald] H. ( Berkeley, CA; 1954; residential ) Photographer: Sturtevant, Roger [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• *Shreve & Snyder ( Berkeley, CA; 1956; residential ) Collaborator: Shepherd, Harry W. (architect) [Dr]
• *Snyder, Lemoyne ( Paradise, CA; 1956; residential ) [Dr]
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I. Office Records

Physical Description: Box 1

Scope and Content Note

Includes photographs of Roger Lee, a copy of a resume, and files of assorted project images.
II. Project Records, 1949-1968

A. Photographs

Physical Description: Boxes 1-2, Flat Files

Scope and Content Note

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by project.

Consists of working drawings and photographs of completed projects, primarily residences although records for apartment complexes and other projects also exist. Photographers represented in this collection include Roger Sturtevant, Ernest Braun, Theodore Osmundson, Phil Palmer, and Joshua Freiwald

B. Drawings

III. Additional Donation

Physical Description: Flat File

Scope and Content Note

"Moduflex" model home for California International Home Show, Oakland, California, 1952 (Winfred Holden residence, El Cerrito, California).