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Descriptive Summary
Collection Title: Francis Joseph McCarthy Collection,
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Collection Number: 1985-1
Creator: McCarthy, Francis Joseph
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Repository: Environmental Design Archives.
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Abstract: The collection documents the architectural work of McCarthy with a focus on the libraries that he designed.
Language: English.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated in 1985.

**Access Points**
Architects--California.
Architecture--California.
Library architecture--California.
Telesis (Group)

**Biography**
Francis Joseph McCarthy was born in 1910 in Sydney, Australia. He received his education in California, Nevada, and Arizona, and attended Stanford University from 1928-1929. He later studied briefly at the California School of Fine Arts, but the bulk of his professional training came from working in a number of architectural offices, including the firm of William Wilson Wurster. He earned his certificate as a registered architect in 1941.

McCarthy opened his own practice in San Francisco in 1938. His work encompassed numerous residential, municipal, and commercial commissions throughout California, including a hospital and health center for the County of Inyo, alterations to the Palace Hotel (San Francisco), and the Electronic Engineering Associates Building (San Carlos). In addition, McCarthy specialized in library buildings, designing the Stanford University Library, Santa Rosa Public Library, and Inyo County Public Library, among others.

Also active in professional associations, McCarthy was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1957. He served as Art Commissioner of the City of San Francisco from 1949-1951 and lectured in architecture at Stanford University in the late 1950s. McCarthy was also a founding member of Telesis, an organization formed in 1930 by design professionals of varying disciplines who were interested in invigorating city and regional planning in the Bay Area.

**Scope and Contents Note**
The Francis Joseph McCarthy collection consists mainly of architectural drawings and specifications for numerous projects. The records are organized into two series: Office Records and Project Records. Office records are minimal, but include drawings created for Telesis and contracts for a variety of projects.

The projects range in extent from residential projects for private clients and planned communities, to religious institutions, businesses, and particularly library buildings. Some projects of distinction within the Bay Area include Stanford University’s Library, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church (Berkeley), and the public libraries for Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, San Leandro, and Stockton. The collection also consists of drawings and designs for interior spaces for the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

**Project Index**
The following is a list of architectural projects from the McCarthy 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/mccarthy.xls](http://www.ced.berkeley.edu/cedarchives/pindex/mccarthy.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](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]**

- * Bennett, Lillian F. ( San Francisco , CA ; 1954 ; commercial ) [Dr]
- * Bishop Elks Lodge ( Bishop , CA ; 1953 ; recreational ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Bishop Library ( Bishop , CA ; 1954 ; educational ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Bishop Union High School Shop Building ( Bishop , CA ; 1953 ; educational ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Bowman, Clarence ( San Rafael , CA ; 1951 ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Brown & Bigelow ( San Francisco , CA ; 1954 ; commercial ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Brummett, M.A. ( Albany , KY ; 1965 ; planning ) [Ms, Dr]
- * Burge, Noel S. ( Oakland , CA ; 1941 ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
- * California Academy of Science ( San Francisco , CA ; 1952 ; cultural ) [Ms]
- * California Library Association Exhibition ( Sacramento , CA ; 1959 ; cultural ) [Dr]
- * Carquinez Heights Proposed Development of Commercial Area ( Vallejo , CA ; 1941 ; planning ) [Dr]
- * Carroll, Francis ( San Francisco , CA ; 1964 ; residential ) [Dr]
• Cassidy, J.J. (San Rafael, CA; 1939; residential) [Dr]
• Cates, W.K., alterations (Sacramento, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• C.B.S., sun deck (Palace Hotel) (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; recreational) [Dr]
• Claremont Heights Company (Oakland, CA; 1939; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Clark, William L. (Alto, CA; 1953; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Cohn, Paul (San Francisco, CA; 1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Cole, E.W. (Sunol, CA; 1959; residential) [Dr]
• Commerce High School Auditorium (San Francisco, CA; 1953; educational) [Dr]
• Coughlin, Warren J. (San Francisco, CA; 1961; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Cox, E. Morris, alterations (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• Cusic, H.L. (Motel Mel-Reg), alterations & additions (San Francisco, CA; 1945; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• Cutler, J.F. (Visalia, CA; 1935; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Dalton, John Loring (San Francisco, CA; 1945; residential) [Dr]
• Day, Edward C. (Bayside Acres, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Deal, Jr., C.W., remodel (Oakland, CA; 1938-1940; residential) [Dr]
• DeArmoun, H.F. (Glen Ellen, CA; n.d.; mixed-use) [Dr]
• DeBack, Gilbert (Nevada City, CA; 1934; residential) [Dr]
• DeGhetaldi, Fernando (San Francisco, CA; 1937; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• DeLeon, Gertrude & Donald (Lafayette, CA; 1941-1943; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Dickman Construction, Inc. (Atherton, CA; 1956; residential) [Dr]
• Dixie Valley Cattle Corporation, guest lodge (Fallon, NV; 1952; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Dodge & Cox Office (San Francisco, CA; 1942?; commercial) [Dr]
• Donahue Monument Island Treatment (San Francisco, CA; 1950; cultural) [Dr]
• Ebert, Anne & J.W. Ehrlich (San Francisco, CA; 1946; commercial) [Dr]
• Ehrlich, J.W. [see Ebert, Anne]
• Egelson, William (Rancho Acalanes, CA; 1949; residential) [Dr]
• Electricians Union (n.d.; commercial) [Dr]
• Electrocraft Inc. (San Francisco, CA; 1955-1956; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• Electronics Assoc., Ltd. (San Carlos, CA; 1950-1951; industrial) [Ms, Dr]
• Ellefston, Elven T. (Berkeley, CA; 1941; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Ewing, Richard K. (San Rafael, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Fairbanks Power Plant (Fairbanks, AK; 1950; governmental?) [Dr]
• Fairmont Hotel Flower Shop (Podesta & Baldochi) (San Francisco, CA; 1949; commercial) [Dr]
• Farlow, Arthur C. (San Francisco, CA; 1946-1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Fatjo, Paula (Ranchero Pass, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Filmer, W. Coy (Oak Springs, CA; 1938; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Filmer, W. Coy (Jim Crow Creek, CA; 1959; residential) [Dr]
• Filmer, W. Coy (Palm Desert, CA; 1960; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Filmer, W. Coy (Oakville, CA; n.d.; residential) [Ms]
• Filmer, W. Coy (Valley Farm Development) (Oakville, CA; 1962; planning) [Dr]
• Valley Farm Development [see Filmer, W.Coy]
• Finn, John (San Francisco & Marin County, CA; 1946-1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Finnie, Richard (n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• Forbes, Donald, additions & alterations (n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• Frasier, Donald (Marin County, CA; 1936; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Fratt, Clarence E. (San Rafael, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• Freyer, Edward & Delevan (Oakland, CA; 1941; residential) [Dr]
• * Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE.): Fine Arts Building, Room for Arts in Use (San Francisco, CA; 1940; exposition) [Dr]
• * GGIE: NBC Exhibit (San Francisco, CA; 1940; exposition) [Dr]
• * GGIE: WPA Crafts Pavilion (San Francisco, CA; 1939; exposition) [Ms, Dr]
• * Gee (1949; residential) [Dr]
• * Glaser Bros., news stand (Palace Hotel) (San Francisco, CA; 1950; commercial) [Dr]
• * Golden Gate Park (Woodbury, Joan H. Memorial Bench) (San Francisco, CA; 1941; cultural) [Dr]
• * Graham, William Earl (Aptos, CA; 1938; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Graves, James W. (Sun Valley, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Green, Robert D. (Mt. Diablo, CA; 1945; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Greene, Jr., Clyde C., alterations (San Francisco, CA; 1953; residential) [Dr]
• * Groody, Tom (Belvedere, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• * Hamilton, Joseph, alterations (San Francisco, CA; 1949; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Handy, Hobart (Mill Valley, CA; 1949-1950; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hanna, Elizabeth, alterations (San Francisco, CA; 1945-1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hanna, R.W., car wash (Burlingame, CA; 1950; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hanna, R.W. (Hillsboro, CA; 1949; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hanna, R.W. (San Francisco, CA; 1951; residential)
• * Hanna, R.W. (Mill Creek, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Hanna, R.W., service station (San Mateo, CA; 1950; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Helbig, Henry (Belvedere, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Henning (Hillsborough, CA; 1937; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Herrn, John, alterations (Belvedere, CA; 1956; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Herrick, F.H. (Oakland, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Herrscher, Edmond E. (n.d.; residential?) [Dr]
• * Hess, Rolla B. (Kent Woodlands, CA; 1950; residential) [Dr]
• * Hill Court (residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hiller, Stanley, cabin (, CA; 1954; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hilpisch, Carl & Iolande (Belmont, CA; 1940-1941; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hinman, Frank (Woodside, CA; 1939; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hoelsken, V.J., alterations (Oakland, CA; 1940; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Holt, Walter (Hillsborough, CA; 1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hooper, C.A. & Co. (Sunset Park Subdivision Houses) (Pittsburgh, CA; 1941; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Horst, F.S. (Mill Valley, CA; 1950; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Howard, Robert, whale statue installation (San Francisco, CA; 1953; cultural) [Ms]
• * Hunt, Paul (San Francisco, CA; 1938; residential) [Dr]
• * Hurlbert, William (Corte Madera, CA; 1938; residential) Collaborator: Born, Ernest (architect) [Dr]
• * Hurst, S.G., addition (San Leandro, CA; 1949; residential) [Dr]
• * Hutchins, George (Sausalito, CA; 1949; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Hutchinson, H.T., garage (San Francisco, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * International Minerals & Chemical Corporation: Office for Amino Prod. Division (San Francisco, CA; 1949; commercial) [Dr]
• * International Minerals & Chemical Corporation: Office for Amino Prod. Division (Los Angeles, CA; 1949; commercial) [Dr]
• * Inyo County Court House (Independence, CA; 1953; governmental) [Dr]
• * Inyo County Hospital (Lone Pine, CA; 1953-1954; medical) [Dr]
• * Inyo County Public Health Center (Independence, CA; 1952-1953; medical) [Dr]
• * Inyo County Public Library (Bishop, CA; 1953; educational)
• * Jensen, G.P.W. & Sons (Berkeley, CA; 1936; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Johnson, Fontaine (Carmichael, CA; 1937; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Kahn, Julius (San Francisco, CA; 1957; residential) [Dr]
• * Klang, Archie (Redwood City, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Landels & Weigel (San Francisco, CA; 1948; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Lane Publishing Co. (1947; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Larkinson, Arthur & Gwendolyn (San Francisco, CA; 1941; residential) [Dr]
• * Lord, Thomas (Walnut Creek, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Lorenzini, Max, alteration (San Francisco, CA; 1948; residential) [Dr]
• * Lund Building Co. (Sausalito, CA; 1952; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Lund, Keith (1957; residential) [Ms, Dr, Ph]
• * Manns, R.W., addition (San Miguel, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * McCarthy, F. Justin (San Francisco, CA; 1953; residential-multi) [Ms, Dr]
• * McIntosh, Frank (Santa Clara County, CA; 1936; residential) Collaborator: Wurster, William (architect) [Ms, Dr]
• * McVeany, Maxwell (San Francisco, CA; 1954; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Mercantile Properties Co. Stores (Vallejo, CA; 1941; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Metcalf, John Robert, alteration (San Francisco, CA; 1945; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Meyn, Arthur H. (Morada, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Meyr, Arthur (Richmond Houses) (Richmond, CA; 1941; residential) [Dr]
• * Mier (Sacramento, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Mier, C.W. (Berkeley, CA; 1939; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Mier, C.W., beach house (Pacific Grove, CA; 1930; residential) [Dr]
• * Morini, Miss Alice, remodel (San Francisco, CA; 1959; residential) [Dr]
• * Motel Mel-Reg [see Cusic, H.L.] [ ; ; ; ]
• * Naftaly, Richard H. (San Francisco, CA; 1962; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Neff, Mitchell T. (Ross, CA; 1936; residential) Collaborator: Wurster, William (architect) [Dr]
• * Office Buildings (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; commercial) [Dr]
• * Osborne, J.K. (Nevada County, CA; 1935; residential) [Dr]
• * Pabis, Joseph M. (San Mateo, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Palace Hotel, mezzanine offices (San Francisco, CA; 1946; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Palace Hotel, C.B.S., sun deck [see C.B.S., sun deck]
• * Palace Hotel, cocktail lounge furniture (San Francisco, CA; ca.1949; commercial) [Dr]
• * Palace Hotel, Glaser Bros., news stand [see Glaser Bros., news stand]
• * Paulson, Joan (n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Phillips, Allen (Piedmont, CA; 1952; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Pinto, H.H. (Sacramento, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Planetarium (n.d.; cultural) [Dr]
• * Podesta & Baldochi [see Fairmont Hotel, flower shop]
• * Ponce, Mrs. Frieda & Miss Hope (Berkeley, CA; 1940; residential) [Dr]
• * Pontius, Wallace (San Francisco, CA; 1956; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Pratt, Robertson (San Francisco, CA; 1955-1956; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Presco, Donald (San Rafael, CA; 1951; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Presidio Hill Nursery & Kindergarten (San Francisco, CA; 1942; educational) [Ms, Dr]
• * Productive Home Competition (Sacramento Valley, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
• * Pyrene Manufacturing Co. Office (San Francisco, CA; 1947; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
• * Rabjohn, L.W. (Marin County, CA; 1938; residential) [Ms, Dr]
• * Raymond & Raymond (San Francisco, CA; 1950; commercial) [Dr]
• * Reno Apartments (CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Richardson, Alma (Corte Madera, CA; 1949-1950; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Richmond Houses [see Meyr, Richard]
* Rocq, P.F. (San Francisco, CA; 1955; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Rose, Lou (Kent Woodlands, CA; 1937; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
* Ross (San Francisco, CA; 1948; residential) [Dr]
* Ryan, Beatrice Judd (CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Sacramento Hotel (Sacramento, CA; 1950; commercial) [Dr, Ph]
* Saint Mark's Parish Sunday School (Berkeley, CA; 1961; religious) Collaborator: Baylis, Doug (landscape arch.) [Ms, Dr]
* San Jose Public Library (San Jose, CA; 1965; educational) [Dr]
* San Leandro Library (San Leandro, CA; 1960; educational) [Ms, Dr, Ph]
* Sandow, Harry (San Mateo, CA; 1944; residential) [Dr]
* Sandstrom, F.E., alterations (San Francisco, CA; 1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Santa Cruz Library (Santa Cruz, CA; 1965; educational) [Ms, Dr]
* Santa Rosa Public Library (Santa Rosa, CA; 1965; educational) [Ms, Dr]
* Schneir (CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Scribner, Jane (Sausalito, CA; 1948; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Sierra Electronic Corporation (San Carlos, CA; 1950-1951; commercial) [Dr]
* Silverberg, Rudolph S. (Oakland, CA; 1947, 1953; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
* Smith, Charles E. (San Rafael, CA; 1946-1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Sollenberger, H.E. (Sacramento, CA; 1933; residential) [Dr]
* Sotomayer, Antonia & Grace, alterations and additions (San Francisco, CA; 1942; residential) [Dr]
* Spohn, John (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Standard Brands (San Francisco, CA; 1942; commercial) [Dr]
* Stanford University Library, alterations and additions (Stanford, CA; 1964; educational) [Ms, Dr]
* Stephenson, B.A. (Los Altos, CA; 1951; residential) [Dr]
* Stephenson, B.A. (San Carlos, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Stephenson, B.A., remodel (San Francisco, CA; n.d.; residential) [Dr]
* Stern, Cart (Contra Costa County, CA; 1947; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Stern, Cart (Stinson Beach, CA; 1965; residential) [Dr]
* Stockton Library (Stockton, CA; 1961-1965; educational) [Ms, Dr]
* Sturevant & Payne, remodel (San Francisco, CA; 1955; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Sunset Park Subdivision Houses [see Hooper, C.A. & Co.]
* Sylvester, Emmy (Mill Valley, CA; 1961; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Sylvester, Emmy, remodel (San Francisco, CA; 1962; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
* Tassi, Jules (San Francisco, CA; 1938; commercial) [Dr]
* Taylor, Paul S. & Lange, Dorothy (Berkeley, CA; 1941; commercial) [Dr]
* Taylor, Paul S., remodel (Berkeley, CA; 1940; residential) [Dr]
* Tejerian, Suren, alterations (Reedley, CA; 1946; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
* Tevis Land & Livestock Co, additions (Lake Ranch, CA; 1952-1954; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Thompson, J. Walter Co. (San Francisco, CA; 1946-1950; commercial) [Dr]
* Threlkeld, J.H. (San Francisco, CA; 1937; furnishings) [Dr]
* Trefethen, Eugene, addition (Oakland, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* U.S. National Housing Agency (San Francisco, CA; 1943; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* U.S. Potash Company (Carlsbad, NM; 1948; commercial) [Ms, Dr]
* Victory Housing Project (San Francisco, CA; 1945; residential) [Dr]
* Wadsworth, T.P. (Oakland, CA; 1941; residential) [Ms, Dr]
* Walker, James L. (Atherton, CA; 1946; residential) [Ms, Dr]
I. Office Records, 1935-1971
Scope and Content Note
Contains contracts relating to residential, commercial, and municipal projects, primarily from the 1950s. Also includes correspondence and literature pertaining to low-cost construction materials and proposals for low-cost tract housing in relation to an organization termed the Seven San Francisco Architects Association. Members of this association included McCarthy and the firms of Wurster, Bernardi, & Emmons, Anshen & Allen, Worley Wong, and Henry Hill. Drawings and brochures relating to the group Telesis are also included.

II. Project Records, 1936-1969
Scope and Content Note
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by project.
Drawings and specifications form the bulk of McCarthy's project records, though correspondence and estimates are included for some projects. The majority of these records relate to residences in the Bay Area, but churches, hotels, hospitals, office, and apartment buildings are also represented. In addition, numerous libraries, both public and academic, are documented.