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## **William Raymond Yelland Collection 1982-01**

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**Title:** William Raymond Yelland Collection

**creator:** Yelland, W. R. (William Raymond), 1891-1966

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**Physical Description:** 18.25 Cubic Feet -1 half box, 6 flat file drawers

**Date (inclusive):** 1917-1956

**Abstract:** Consists primarily of project records, which include specifications, drawings, correspondence, and notes. Drawings, which form the bulk of the collection, largely relate to residential work, although some commercial and apartment buildings, including Normandy Village, are also included. The collection also includes an attendance book and other materials from a technical drawing class that Yelland taught at night for adults through the Oakland Public Schools in 1933.

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**Biographical Note**

William Raymond Yelland (1890-1966)

William Raymond Yelland was born in Saratoga, California in 1890. His father was a prune rancher, and the family lived on the prune ranch. His mother was a physician who received her degree from the University of California in 1886. Yelland trained at UC Berkeley, graduating with a B.S. in Architecture in 1913 when John Galen Howard was the program's director. He then spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania. During World War I, Yelland was stationed in France, and his time spent there influenced his architectural esthetic. He is believed to have worked in the offices of Bernard Maybeck and Walter Ratcliff after graduation. Licensed in California in 1916, Yelland joined the Oakland office of Miller and Warnecke in 1920. By 1924 he had set up an independent practice at 1404 Franklin Street in Oakland, where he remained for his career. In 1930, Yelland married Edna Holroyd, a poet and librarian, and traveled to Europe and Asia. Afterwards, he exhibited his sketches in local galleries and published them in the San Francisco Chronicle. He and his wife collaborated on Christmas cards and booklets—he did the illustration and she wrote the poetry.

Yelland's architectural style has been characterized as Medieval Revival, particularly the French Norman Mode. He described his style as vaguely "rural." Examples of this style can be seen in the Richards House of 1926 (in the Claremont section of Berkeley) and the Thornburg (or Normandy) Village of 1926-28 (also in Berkeley). After World War II, however, his style broadened to include California ranch houses and modernism.

In the early 1950s Yelland moved to Milan, and died there in 1966.

**Source:** Winter, Robert, ed. *Toward a Simpler Way of Life: The Arts & Crafts Architects of California*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.

**System of Arrangement**

This is comprised primarily of Project Records.

**Scope and Contents**

The William Raymond Yelland collection consists primarily of project records, arranged alphabetically by project. These include specifications, drawings, correspondence, notes, and a clipping. Drawings, which form the bulk of the collection, largely relate to residential work, although some commercial and apartment buildings, including Normandy Village, are also included. The collection also includes an attendance book and other materials from a technical drawing class that Yelland taught at night for adults through the Oakland Public Schools in 1933.

**Project Index**

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The following is a list of architectural projects from the William Raymond Yelland Collection. For more complete information about collection contents for each project download the complete **Project Index** in an Excel spreadsheet format by going to [William Yelland 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, and formats for each project in the collection.

**Project/Client Name (location, date, project type) [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings]**

- 1. mechanical drawing coursework ( n.d. ; student work ) [Dr]
- 1. student work - watercolors & sketches ( n.d. ; student work ) [Dr]
- Amalgamated Sugar Co. ( Clarksburg , CA ; 1935 ; industrial ) [Dr]
- Barr, Robert ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Beebe, R.W. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
- Birchland, Elmer ( Orinda , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Bolles, Ehnam ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Borrmann (George R.) Steel Co. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; industrial ) [Dr]
- Brentwood Community Methodist Church ( Brentwood , CA ; n.d. ; religious ) [Ms, Dr]
- Burdon, J. Jay ( Richmond , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Chinchilla Building ( n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
- Clarksburg Community Church ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; religious ) [Ms, Dr]
- Cook, Mildred W. ( San Leandro , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Dana, Robert ( Dixon , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- de Golia, H.G. ( Atherton , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
- Deel, Marcus A. ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Dennis, R.R. ( Happy Valley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Dennis, R.R. ( Orinda , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Dennis, R.R. ( Paradise , CA ; n.d. ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
- Dick, L.C. ( n.d. ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
- Diddle, J. F. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Edwards ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Erskine ( Piedmont , CA ; 1925 ; residential ) [Dr]
- Faust ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Fischer, Fred ( Kensington , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Ganff, Edith ( Fairfield , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Garfield School ( Oakland , CA ; 1925 ; educational ) [Dr]
- Glenchester Property ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Goodfellow, M.E. ( Fairfield , CA ; 1934 ; residential-multi ) [Ms, Dr]
- Goodfellow, M.E. ( Fairfield , CA ; n.d. ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
- Goss, M.E. ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Gray Shop ( n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
- Harmon, Murtle T. ( Upper Lake , CA ; 1934 ; residential ) [Dr]
- Hauck, Roland ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Heringer ( Walnut Grove , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Heringer, Fred ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Heringer, James ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Heringer, John ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
- Herz, F.O. ( Reno , NV ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Hewitt, F. Clark ( Chico , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Hildreth, Earl V. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
- Hislop, Colin B. ( Auburn , CA ; n.d. ; funerary ) [Dr]

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- Holmes, George ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Holroyd, J. ( Berkeley , CA ; 1924 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Hooker, D.L. ( Richmond , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Hop Sing Benevolent Society ( Monterey , CA ; n.d. ; recreational ) [Dr]
  - Ingersoll ( , ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Keen Wah Co. ( San Francisco , CA ; n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Kensington Fire Station ( Contra Costa Co. , CA ; n.d. ; governmental ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Kramer, H.D. ( Napa Co. , CA ; 1939 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Laugenour, Eugene ( Woodland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Laurel School ( Oakland , CA ; 1927 ; educational ) [Dr]
  - Leach, Frank (Jr.) ( Mt. Diablo , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Levensaler, Frances ( Piedmont , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Lipp, Chas ( Kensington Park , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Lovett, R J ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Marsh Creek Camp ( Brentwood , CA ; 1956 ; recreational ) [Dr]
  - Marshall, J.M. ( Clarksburg , CA ; 1949 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Maurer, Oscar ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - McBride, Rex ( Ferndale , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - McClew, Jean ( Woodland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Merwin, Darrell ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Merwin, Herbert ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Merwin, R.E. ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Methodist Episcopal Church ( Endwell , NY ; 1939 ; religious ) [Dr]
  - Miller, Harry ( n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Modesto Elementary School ( Modesto , CA ; 1923 ; educational ) [Dr]
  - Montreal Corporation, The ( Hayward , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Morris, J.F. ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
  - Moynihan, Mary Elizabeth ( Belvedere , CA ; 1927 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Noble, Jack ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Normandy Villiage (Thornburg, Jack W.) ( Berkeley , CA ; 1927 ; residential-multi ) [Dr]
  - O' Hara, Mrs. H. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - O' Neil, Wayne ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Olsen, Gus ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Owen, Ethel D. (MD) ( San Francisco , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Parker, G.F. ( Rio Del Mar , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Prewett, Edward ( Brentwood , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Quinan, L.S. (Family) ( near Santa Rosa , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Rankin, J.A. ( Clarksburg , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms]
  - Redwood City Library ( Redwood City , CA ; n.d. ; educational ) [Dr]
  - Remillard-Danini Brick Co. ( n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Richards, D. ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Richards, T.H. ( Sacramento , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Richards, V.C. ( Chico , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Ritter, Mrs. ( Modesto , CA ; 1929 ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Sackett, H.B. ( Oakland , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - Sebree, J.K. ( Berkeley , CA ; 1936 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Shapero, S.M ( CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Sinclair, John ( Oakland , CA ; 1929 ; residential ) [Dr]
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- Smiley, Don ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Steinfeld, L.A. ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Stewart Building ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Suey Sing Benevolent Asso. ( Marysville , CA ; n.d. ; recreational ) [Dr]
  - Taylor ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Taylor, S.M ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Theta Chi House ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Trinity Methodist Church ( Chico , CA ; 1940 ; religious ) [Dr]
  - Troxell ( Contra Costa Co. , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Turner, F.C. ( n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Turner, F.C. (Black Sheep Building) ( n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Turner, F.C., gas station ( Contra Costa Co. , CA ; n.d. ; commercial ) [Dr]
  - Tuttle, J.H. ( Contra Costa Co. , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Ms, Dr]
  - unidentified residence ( Rio Del Mar , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - unidentified sketches ( n.d. ; ) [Dr]
  - unidentified working drawings ( n.d. ; ) [Dr]
  - Wherry, Chas ( Modesto , CA ; 1929 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Willits, E.J. ( n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Yelland II, R.M. ( Clarksburg , CA ; 1946 ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Yelland, R.M. ( Sacramento , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]
  - Zoph, N.M. ( Berkeley , CA ; n.d. ; residential ) [Dr]

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Architecture--California--San Francisco Bay Area--20th century.

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