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Administrative History

Thomas Church was chief landscape architect for the Berkeley Campus from September 1961 through June 1969. Church was known for his 'user-oriented' landscaping; in addition to his Berkeley and extensive private work he also did work for the UC Santa Cruz campus and for Stanford University.

Prior to 1961, the university had used faculty members for landscaping advice; perhaps the best known of these was John Gregg, whom John Galen Howard was known to consult on landscaping. During the 1950s Lawrence Halprin was hired to complete a master plan for the development of the campus, but there seems to have been a disagreement between Halprin and the university administration, and the plan came to naught. Still the building plans set forth in the Long Range Development Plan of 1956 called for an equally intensive analysis of the campus landscape, which Church agreed to perform.

In addition to providing landscaping for the construction projects of the 1960s, Church also devoted much of his energy to the open spaces on campus. Areas such as Strawberry Creek became much more of a focal point under Church's plan, which sought to maintain and even emphasize the traditional park-like atmosphere of the campus in the face of intensive building.

Scope and Content

The collection covers the period of Church's campus landscaping and includes correspondence, reports, photographs, and landscaping plans for building projects of the 1960s as well as for the General Campus Improvement Plan being developed concurrently.

Box 1	Series 1 Scope and Content Note Contracts and agreements, development of the master plan, and correspondence.
box 1, folder 1	Contract with the University of California, Berkeley, 1961
folder 2	Master plan agreement, 1959-1961, and vouchers
folder 3	Master plan report, 1961-1962
folder 4	Master plan, miscellaneous notes
folder 5	Correspondence and miscellany re Evans Hall project, 1963-1970
folder 6	Correspondence 1961-71. Includes his letter of resignation.
folder 7	Photographs taken during Barrows Hall construction
folder 8	Miscellany
Oversize folders	Series 2 Physical Description: (Oversize folders) Scope and Content Note Drawings and plans for the various projects Church worked on and includes drawings that range from preliminary sketches for some projects to as-built drawings for most of the projects.
oversize 1	Barrows Hall 1956-65 Physical Description: 11 pieces
oversize 2	Biochemistry Building 1964 Physical Description: 3 pieces
oversize 3	Birge Hall 1964-65 Physical Description: 8 pieces

oversize 4	Bridges: general campus improvement, step 1. 1965-67 Physical Description: 5 pieces Scope and Content Note Includes Pelican, Stephens and Dwinelle bridges
oversize 5	Bollards; drawing not by Church 1950, n.d. Physical Description: 3 pieces
oversize 6	Bio-organic Laboratory (i.e., Calvin Laboratory) 1964-65 Physical Description: 2 pieces
oversize 7	Class of 1914 gift (fountain at College Avenue) 1966-68 Physical Description: 7 pieces
oversize 8	Class of 1935 gift (outdoor seminar area n.d. Physical Description: 2 pieces
oversize 9	Dana Street Bridge; General Campus Improvement Step 2 1964-68 Physical Description: 16 pieces
oversize 10	Davis Hall; Engineering material Laboratory 1965-69 Physical Description: 11 pieces
oversize 11	East Entrance 1963-66 Physical Description: 19 pieces
oversize 12	Earth Sciences Building n.d. Physical Description: 1 piece
oversize 13	Evans Hall 1964-65 Physical Description: 4 pieces
oversize 14	General Campus Improvement, Step 1: 1961 Physical Description: 8 pieces Scope and Content Note Includes Strawberry Creek from Dana Street to Sather Bridge, and from Stephens Hall to Faculty Club; also area between Gilman and LeConte Halls (see also folder 15)
oversize 15	General Campus Improvement, Step 1: Gilman LeConte Halls (see also folder 14) 1965 Physical Description: 8 pieces
oversize 16	General Campus Improvement, Step 2: Strawberry Creek, and Observatory Hill 1965-66 Physical Description: 7 pieces
oversize 17	General Campus Improvement, Step 2: Faculty Glade and Pelican Building steps 1966 Physical Description: 9 pieces
oversize 18	General Campus Improvement, Step 2: Haviland Hall 1966-67 Physical Description: 9 pieces

oversize 19	General Campus Improvement, Step 4: Overall plan, Central Glade, Crocker Laboratory site, Cowell Hospital parking. 1967-68 Physical Description: 10 pieces
oversize 20	Library and Central Glade n.d. Physical Description: 2 pieces
oversize 21	Pelican Building-Moses Hall landscaping redevelopment (part of GCI, step 2) 1968 Physical Description: 3 pieces
oversize 22	Springer Memorial, west entrance 1962/64 Physical Description: 15 pieces
oversize 23	Storm drainage system development 1968 Physical Description: 3 pieces
oversize 24	Wurster Hall 1964-66 Physical Description: 28 pieces