
The William Bergstrom Engineering Collection of California Shipbuilding Corporation

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Descriptive Summary

Title: The William Bergstrom Engineering Collection of California Shipbuilding Corporation

Dates: 1941-1945

Collection Number: Collection # 1

Creator/Collector: Richard BergstromWilliam A. BergstromCyril HubertCalifornia Shipbuilding Corporation

Extent: 3.5 cu. ft. (3 record storage boxes, 1 document case)

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Abstract: The William A. Bergstrom Engineering Collection of the California Shipbuilding Corporation is a collection of archival materials about engineering the design of ships built at California Shipbuilding Corporation during World War II. William A. Bergstrom and his father-in-law, Cyril Hubert, both worked as engineers for the company during the war and oversaw training of other engineering employees. This collection includes engineering and training manuals, publications, and photographs of the engineering and construction of ships.

Language of Material: English

Access

The collection is open for research. Please make an appointment with the Museum Archivist or Director for access to the collection.

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Richard Bergstrom in 1998, 2012, and 2013.

Biography/Administrative History

William A. Bergstrom was hired and trained at California Shipbuilding Corporation by his father-in-law, Cyril Hubert. Like other company workers, he received most of his training on the job. Eventually, Bergstrom became Chief Loftsmen and coordinated all loft training. He was an amateur photographer; it's believed that he produced most of the images in this collection. After the closing of the shipyard, Bergstrom and Hubert worked at MGM Studios building sets, which Hubert had done prior to the war and working at the shipyard. After working at the studios, Bergstrom founded the "Vent-a-Hood" company in Buena Park, California.

Scope and Content of Collection

The William A. Bergstrom Engineering Collection of California Shipbuilding Corporation is a collection of materials that pertain to engineering and shipbuilding at California Shipbuilding Corporation during World War II. The collection is comprised of materials belonging to William Bergstrom and his father-in-law, Cyril Hubert, both of whom worked for the company during its operations from 1941-1946. The collection includes engineering manuals, blueprints, plans for ships at California Shipbuilding Corporation, and personnel training manuals written by Bergstrom. The collection also contains a number of publications of mostly California Shipbuilding Corporation's newsletter, Calship Log, several issues of other shipyards' publications and a small library of books on ship construction. Finally, the collection includes a number of photographs believed by Bergstrom's son Richard, to have been taken by William Bergstrom, who was an amateur photographer in addition to his job at the shipyard. These photographs are of the shipyard, personnel, and shipyard special events.

Indexing Terms

cargo ships

dry dock

drafting tools

Liberty ships

lines drawings (ships plans)

marine engineering

model ships

mold loft
propellers
shipbuilding
steam engines
Victory ships
Terminal Island (Port of Los Angeles), Calif.
Terminal Island, California
aerial views
blueprints
photographic prints
marine engineers
naval architects

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