John Vilelle Stereo Transparencies

Paul Wormser, 2019
Sherman Library and Gardens
614 Dahlia Ave.
Corona del Mar, California 92625
(949) 673-1880
library@slgardens.org
http://www.slgardens.org/
2019
Descriptive Summary
Title: John Vilelle Stereo Transparencies
Dates: 1954-1987
Collection Number: 2019-005
Creator/Collector: Vilelle, John (1897-1981)
Extent: 34 Kodachrome stereo transparencies
Repository: Sherman Library and Gardens
Corona del Mar, California 92625
Abstract: This collection consists of Kodachrome stereo transparencies of The Arches Café, John Vilelle in his garden, and the Mariner's Mile section of Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach.
Language of Material: English
Access
This collection is open for research. The collection includes a set of reference prints made from the transparencies
Publication Rights
Property rights to the physical object belong to the Sherman Library. Literary rights, including copyright, are retained by the creators and their heirs. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine who holds the copyright and pursue the copyright owner or his or her heir for permission to publish where The Sherman Library do not hold the copyright.
Preferred Citation
John Vilelle Stereo Transparencies. Sherman Library and Gardens
Biography/Administrative History
John Vielle (1897-1981) was born in Santa Ana in 1897. His family moved to Newport Beach about 1906. Vielle worked in a sugar mill and in the oil fields until 1926, when he and a business partner opened a gasoline and service station. The station was named The Arches after its distinctive architecture. Located on land purchased by John Vielle's father, the service station was on the corner of the newly opened Coast Highway and Balboa Avenue in Newport Beach. Vielle's business partner left after a brief time. Vielle eventually added a restaurant next to the service station, which became a popular spot for both locales and Hollywood actors visiting Newport Beach. In 1955, Vielle sold The Arches restaurant to Bob Batchelor.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection consists of Kodachrome stereo transparencies of The Arches Café, John Vilelle in his garden and the Mariner's Mile section of Pacific Coast Highway. The collection includes fifteen images of The Arches Café, which Vielle founded in 1926 and sold in 1955. A single image is dated 1954. The other transparencies of The Arches Restaurant are undated exterior shots of the building during a remodeling, ca. 1956. Most images of the Mariner's Mile section of Pacific Coast Highway were taken from Vielle's home at 230 Ocean View Ave., which overlooked Pacific Coast Highway. Two of the images show buildings along Pacific Coast Highway burning on the night of January 11, 1975. Several other images taken later show the damage wrought by the fire, which was the largest fire in the city of Newport Beach up to that time.
Indexing Terms
Newport Beach (Calif.) - Restaurants - The Arches
Disasters – Fires John Vilelle
Newport Beach (Calif.)
stereo transparencies

Box Box 1 of 1

Vilelle-001 The façade of The Arches restaurant being removed. ca. 1956
Vilelle-002 The Arches Restaurant being remodeled. Photograph was taken from across Coast Highway with cars in the foreground. ca. 1956
Vilelle-003 The Arches Restaurant being remodeled. Photograph was taken from across Coast Highway. ca. 1956
Vilelle-004 The Arches Restaurant being remodeled. ca. 1956
Vilelle-005 Two men posing in front of The Arches Restaurant under construction. ca. 1956
Vilelle-006 Five men in front of The Arches Restaurant under construction. The Arches service station is in the background. ca. 1956
Vilelle-007 Construction materials in the parking lot of The Arches Restaurant. The Arches sign is to the right. ca. 1956
Vilelle-008 The Arches Restaurant being remodeled. ca. 1956
Vilelle-009 The Arches service station. ca. 1956
Vilelle-010 The entrance to The Arches restaurant. A workman paints the door as two other workmen stand in the parking lot. ca. 1956
Vilelle-011 The Arches restaurant being remodeled. Photograph taken across Coast Highway. ca. 1956
Vilelle-012 The Arches restaurant following remodel. ca. 1956
Vilelle-013 The Arches restaurant following remodel. A man poses at the entrance. ca. 1956
Vilelle-014 The Arches restaurant following remodel. ca. 1956
Vilelle-015 The Arches restaurant following remodel. ca. 1956
Vilelle-016 View from John Vilelle’s home at 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. April 1954
Vilelle-017 View from John Vilelle’s home at 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. May 1961
Vilelle-018 View from John Vilelle’s home at 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. May 1961
Vilelle-019 View from John Vilelle’s home at 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. September 1962
Vilelle-020 John Vilelle outside his home. May 1966
Vilelle-021 Buildings on fire between 2600 and 2712 W. Coast Highway, Newport Beach. January 11, 1975
Vilelle-022 Buildings on fire between 2600 and 2712 W. Coast Highway, Newport Beach. January 11, 1975
Vilelle-023 Remnants of buildings destroyed by fire on January 11, 1975, Newport Beach. January 1975
Vilelle-024 Remnants of buildings destroyed by fire on January 11, 1975, Newport Beach. January 1975
Vilelle-025 Remnants of buildings destroyed by fire on January 11, 1975, Newport Beach. January 1975
Vilelle-026 Remnants of buildings destroyed by fire on January 11, 1975, Newport Beach. January 1975
Vilelle-027 Remnants of buildings destroyed by fire on January 11, 1975, Newport Beach. January 1975
Vilelle-028 View from 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. January 1975
Vilelle-029 View from 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach showing buildings destroyed in a fire on January 11, 1975. January 1975
Vilelle-030 View from 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach showing buildings destroyed in a fire on January 11, 1975. January 1975
Vilelle-031 View from 230 Ocean View Ave., Newport Beach looking across the Mariner’s Mile section of Coast Highway, with Newport Harbor and Lido Village in the background. n.d.
Vilelle-032 John Vilelle sitting with a dog in his garden. n.d.
Vilelle-033 The Arches restaurant and service station "from viaduct." 1954
Vilelle-034 John Vilelle standing among flowering rose bushes in his yard. 1987