Descriptive Summary

Title: William F. Cody Collection
Dates: 1947-1997
Collection Number: S2018.2
Creator/Collector: William F. Cody
Extent: 10 Linear Feet
Repository: Palm Springs Art Museum
Palm Springs, California 92263

Abstract: William Francis Cody (1916-1978) FAIA was a desert modern architect working in Palm Springs during the peak of the Modern Architecture movement. He was born in 1916 in Dayton, Ohio and studied architecture at the University of Southern California. After graduation in 1942, Cody apprenticed at several California firms, before moving to Palm Springs in 1946. During his career in Palm Springs, Cody was first employed staff architect for the Desert Inn Hotel, before setting off on his own to design the Del Marcos Hotel (1947). The conversion of the 1936 Thunderbird Dude Ranch to Thunderbird Country Club, led to design commissions for the clubhouses at Tamarisk, Eldorado, Seven Lakes, and seven other Country Club developments. It is through these 3 projects that Cody is credited with the County Club subdivision concept. Cody’s specialization in country club clubhouses along with associated residential developments led to his being commissioned in California, Arizona, Texas, Cuba, and Mexico. Cody is noted for a number of spectacular contemporary commissions including the Perlberg (1952), Shamel (1961), and Abernathy (1962) residences. He also designed the St. Theresa Catholic Church (1968), L’ Horizon Hotel (1952), and the Palm Springs Public Library (1975).

Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
The materials were donated by Cathy Cody Nemirovsky (S2018.2) in 2018 with additional materials added to the collection.

Scope and Content of Collection
Contains one series of drawings (transparencies and diazo copies) of project examples. Additional Cody projects added to this collection from other special collection.

Indexing Terms
Palm Springs -- Buildings, structures, etc.
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