Guide to the Hazel Wood Waterman Papers MS 42

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Title: Hazel Wood Waterman Papers

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Abstract: This collection contains materials on Hazel Wood Waterman’s architectural career and personal life in San Diego in the first half of the twentieth century, as well as some family papers going back to the late nineteenth century.

creator: Waterman, Hazel Wood

Biographical / Historical Notes

Hazel Wood Waterman was born May 5, 1865 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She arrived in California in the early 1880’s when her father, Reverend Jesse Wood, migrated to Oroville. Hazel attended the University of California Berkley from 1882-1883, as an art student. There she met her future husband, Waldo Sprague Waterman, son of California Governor Robert Waterman. Following her marriage on April 11, 1889, Hazel moved with her husband to Cuyamaca where Waldo supervised his father’s mining operations at Stonewall Mine and Hazel became a mother. In 1891, the couple moved to San Diego. They had three children: Robert Wood, Helen Gardner, and Waldo Dean. Hazel's husband, Waldo Sprague, died on February 24, 1903. Following his death, Hazel enrolled in correspondence courses, studying architectural drafting which marked the beginning of her famed career as an architect.

Around 1905, Hazel began working with the firm of Hebbard and Gill. Irving Gill, who had designed the Watermans’ home when they first arrived in San Diego, began mentoring and training Hazel, allowing her to design the Alice Lee home. In 1906, Hazel left Hebbard and Gill to start her own practice, although she maintained close ties to Gill. Hazel designed a number of homes and gardens in the San Diego area, but is most famed for the restoration of Casa de Estudillo in Old Town, also known as Ramona’s Marriage Place. A few other notable career achievements are the Children’s Home and the Wangenheim garden. Waterman continued her architectural practice through 1929, when her work appears to have stopped. She died in Berkeley, California on January 22, 1946.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials on Hazel Wood Waterman’s architectural career and personal life in San Diego in the first half of the twentieth century, as well as some family papers going back to the late nineteenth century. Architectural materials include notes, drawings, articles written by her, photographs, and correspondence. In particular, there are materials specific to her work on the San Diego Children’s Home and the renovation of the Estudillo House. Her personal papers and family papers include marriage and education records, autobiographical notebooks, correspondence, military certificates of her husband Waldo, and histories of the Wood and Waterman families.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series:
Series I: Architectural Career;
Series II: Personal and Family Papers.

Preferred Citation

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Separated Materials

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Waterman, Waldo S.
Wednesday Club of San Diego.
Wood Family
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Series I: Architectural Career

Box-folder 1:1 Articles, 1902-1941
Includes:
Articles written by Waterman and correspondence pertaining to her articles. Publications include The House Beautiful, The Federation, Sunset magazine, House and Garden magazine, The American Home, The Western Architect, and The Los Angeles Times, as well the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Box-folder 1:2 Correspondence, 1913-1914
Includes:
Letters to or about Waterman, from Evelyn N. Lawson (president of Children’s Home), Caroline N. Darling, Anna L. Marston (regarding Wednesday Club), William Clayton, and the California State Board of Architecture.

Box-folder 1:3 Clients, 1906-1929 and undated
Includes:
Handwritten lists of Waterman’s clients and projects, and letters from clients including A.A. Ackerman, Walton J. Wood, William Clayton, Alice C. Pratt, Charles F. Lummis, and Julius Wangenheim.

Box-folder 1:4 Newspaper clippings, 1907-1945
Box-folder 1:5 Notebooks, undated
Box-folder 1:6 Loose notes and drawings, undated
Box-folder 1:7 Photographs (copies), 1907-1929
Includes:
Cottage for Mrs. George Baoney (1907), alterations for Dr. and Mrs. H.G. Leisediring (no date), Clayton residence (1907), Miss Freeze residence (1908), Captain A.A. Ackerman residence (1912), Wednesday Club (1909), Mrs. Church cottage (1915), Judge Walter J. Weed residence (1928-1929), Julius Wangenheim garden (1917).

Box-folder 1:8 Children's Home, 1912-1927 and undated
Includes:
Correspondence, notes, manuscripts by Matilda Hunt, an artist’s rendering, and photographs (copies).

Box-folder 1:9 Estudillo House: Historical Background, 1909 and undated
Includes:
Notes, correspondence, and a history booklet.
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| Box-folder 1:10 | Estudillo House: Specifications and Notes, 1908-1909 and undated |
| Box-folder 1:11 | Estudillo House: Articles and Plaques, 1910-1911 and undated |
| Box-folder 1:12 | Estudillo House: Photographs and Clippings (copies), 1909-1910 |
| Box-folder 1:13 | Miscellaneous, 1933-1988 |

Includes:


Series II: Personal and Family Papers

| Box-folder 2:1 | Correspondence, 1883-1906 and undated |
| Box-folder 2:2 | Correspondence (copies), 1891-1931 |
| Box-folder 2:3 | Notebooks, 1865-1937 |

Includes:


| Box-folder 2:4 | Marriage Papers and Passport, 1889-1926 |
| Box-folder 2:5 | Education: Hazel and Waldo S. Waterman, 1885-1944 and undated |

Includes:

Dance card, Berkeley Women's City Club yearbook, Berkeley program, and Waldo’s graduating class ribbon. Grammar School diploma of Mrs. Waldo S. Waterman (1902), University of California diploma of Waldo S. Waterman (1886), and University of California certificate of Helen Gardner Waterman (undated) in Oversize Collections D9.

| Box-folder OS:D9 | Military Service: Waldo S. Waterman, 1886-1898 |

Scope and Contents note

Contents of entire file in Oversize Collections D9: Company G. San Diego Minute Men Certificate (1898), commission as first lieutenant in Battalion of University Cadets (1886), and commission as captain in San Diego regiment of Minute Men (1898).

| Box-folder 2:6 | Wood Family Genealogy, 1730-1987 |
| Box-folder 2:7 | Waterman Family Genealogy and Cemetery Plots, 1592-1977 |
| Box-folder 2:8 | Photographs (copies), 1870-1954 |
| Box-folder 2:9 | Newspaper Articles and Obituaries, 1883-1976 |