Theodore Binner Studios drawings

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Abstract: Designs for fireplace mantels
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Acquisition Information
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Biography/Administrative History
Theodore Binner was born in Germany in 1860 and came to San Francisco in 1889. In 1892, his voter registration identified him as a woodcarver. He married Sophie Mattfeldt in San Francisco in 1895. An architectural sculptor, the earliest reference to his plaster decorations shop is 1898, at 116 Diamond Street; the shop moved to 423-425 14th Street about 1902. Destroyed in the fire of 1906, the shop was rebuilt by 1914. Binner's son, Arthur, would eventually join him in the cast stone shop.
Scope and Content of Collection
Plans and elevations for 33 designs for fireplace mantels; mantel drawings are numbered 100-157, with several drawings missing from that sequence. The undated, scaled designs are drawn in pencil on tissue, with drawing No. 157 in ink on drafting cloth.
Indexing Terms
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Binner, Theodore, d. 1940
Theodore Binner Studios (San Francisco, Calif.)
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