Descriptive Summary

Title: Ralph D. Cornell papers

Date (inclusive): 1925-1972

Collection number: 1411

Creator: Cornell, Ralph D.

Extent: 80 boxes (40 linear ft.) 16 cartons (16 linear ft.) 56 oversize boxes 23 oversize folders

Abstract: Ralph D. Cornell was the supervising landscape architect at UCLA from 1937-1972. Some of Cornell's other landscape architecture projects included Pomona College, Torrey Pines Park, Los Angeles Music Center, and La Brea Tar Pits. The collection consists of office files, business records, correspondence, photographs, slides, glass negatives, and books related to Ralph D. Cornell's career as a landscape architect and designer.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

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Biography

Ralph D. Cornell was born in Holdrege, New England; his family moved to Long Beach, California, in 1908; attended Pomona College, California and Harvard Graduate School of Landscape Architecture; enlisted in U.S. Armed Forces during World War I; supervising landscape architect, UCLA, 1937-1972; some of Cornell's other landscape architecture projects included Pomona College, Torrey Pines Park, Los Angeles Music Center, and La Brea Tar Pits; died on April 6, 1972.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of office files, business records, correspondence, photographs, slides, glass negatives, and books related to the career of landscape architect and designer Ralph D. Cornell.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Cornell, Ralph D.--Archives.
University of California, Los Angeles--History.
Landscape architects--California, Southern--Archival resources.
Gardens--California, Southern--Design.

Genres and Forms of Material

Photographs.

Related Material

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Box 1  Projects--photographs.
Boxes 2-4, 7  Ralph D. Cornell library--General interest.
Boxes 5-6  Ralph D. Cornell library--General interest and professional interest.
Boxes 8-9  Ralph D. Cornell library--Professional interest.
Box 10  Ralph D. Cornell library--Horticultural journals and general interest.
Box 11  Ralph D. Cornell library--Horticultural journals.
Boxes 12-17  Ralph D. Cornell library--Professional interest.
Box 18  Slides--sleeves 1-72.
Box 19  Slides--sleeves 73-144.
Box 20  Slides--sleeves 145-216.
Box 21  Slides--sleeves 217-288.
Box 22  Slides--sleeves 289-360.
Box 23  Slides--sleeves 361-432.
Box 24  Slides--sleeves 433-452.
Boxes 32-34  Personal financial records.
Boxes 36-37  Speeches, lectures, classes by Ralph D. Cornell.
Box 38  Writings by Ralph D. Cornell.
Boxes 39-48, 57  Published articles & photos by Ralph D. Cornell.
Boxes 49-50, 52  Publishers' correspondence.
Box 51  Issues of Lasca Leaves.
Box 54  Plaques, printing plate (oak tree).
Box 55  Conspicuous California Plants.
Box 56  Personal financial records.
Boxes 58-62  Design files.
Box 63  Design files--landscape architecture subject index & plant material index.
Box 64  Office files--early & Cook, Hall & Cornell.
Box 65  Office receipts & miscellaneous business correspondence.
Box 66  Business correspondence & job records.
Boxes 67-69  Job records.
Box 70  Job records & office files.
Boxes 71-74  Office files.
Box 75  Partnership records & job records.
Boxes 76-78  Pomona.
Boxes 79-80  UCLA.
Box 81  Professional associations.
Box 82  Business address files.
Box 83  Theodore Payne.
Box 84  Plans & sketches.
Box 85  Photographs.
Box 86  Sketches, drawings & material collected by Ralph D. Cornell.
Box 87  Sketches, drawings, certificates.
Box 88  Plans.
Box 89  Job records.
Box 90  Office files--cash & checking records 1957-1967.
Box 91  Plaques & printing plates.
Boxes 92-98, 104  Miscellaneous files.
Box 99  Personal--postcards from World War I.
Box 100  Issues of Mastekey.
Box 101  Photographs--scenic views, figure studies.
Box 102  Photographs--Hawaii.

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| Box 103 | Photographs--Europe & Central America. |
| Box 105 | Photographs--including flowerscapes by Ralph D. Cornell. |
| Box 106 | Color negatives (4 x 5) identified by types of plants. |
| Box 107 | Photos of plants by Ralph D. Cornell (A-C). |
| Box 108 | Photos of plants by Ralph D. Cornell (D-N). |
| Box 109 | Photos of plants by Ralph D. Cornell (O-Z). |
| Box 110 | Daniel Webster box. |
| Box 111 | Photos by Ralph D. Cornell & photos by J.W. Garrison. |
| Box 112 | Jobs--photos & negatives. World War II. |
| Box 113 | Jobs--individual photos. |
| Box 114 | Prints & negatives--Monument Valley, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, California. |
| Box 115 | Prints & negatives--Hawaii, plants, Jamaica, UCLA. |
| Box 116 | Color negatives--mostly trees. |
| Box 117 | Ralph D. Cornell photo index 1912-1920 of architecture & plant materials. |
| Box 118-120 | Glass slides. |
| Box 121 | Black & white prints and negatives--exotic trees, eucalyptus and pines. |
| Box 122 | Black & white prints and negatives--exotic trees A-ES. |
| Box 123 | Black & white prints and negatives--Exotic trees--Pinus-street trees. |
| Box 124 | Black & white prints and negatives--Birds, animals, plants, trees, arboretum, miscellaneous and color transparencies. |
| Box 125 | Black & white prints and negatives--trees--California & Western natives. |
| Box 126 | Black & white prints and negatives--California native shrubs. |
| Box 127 | Black & white prints and negatives--desert plants & California wildflowers. |
| Box 128 | Black & white prints and negatives--succulents, agaves, aloes, & bromeliads. |
| Box 129 | Black & white prints and negatives--palms. |
| Box 130 | Black & white prints and negatives--California wildflowers, aloes & succulents. |
| Box 131 | Black & white prints and negatives--Shrubs, exotics, vines & protaceae. |
| Box 132 | Black & white prints and negatives--Fungi, flowering plants & exotic miscellaneous plants. |
| Box 133 | Black & white prints and negatives--Vines--ground covers. |
| Box 134 | Color transparencies--Rosa banksiae, protaceae, miscellaneous. |
| Box 135 | Color transparencies--Trees & echiums. |
| Box 136 | Color transparencies--miscellaneous plants. |
| Box 137 | Color transparencies--Palms, bromeliads, cactus, California missions, Santa Fe gardens, miscellaneous. |
| Box 139 | Color transparencies and black & white prints and negatives--Huntington Gardens, Baja & Mexico, miscellaneous plants. |
| Box 140 | Color transparencies--miscellaneous plants, UCLA, Rose Hills. |
| Box 141 | Color transparencies--vines, xerophytes, yuccas. |
| Box 142 | Color transparencies--Shrubs (exotics), shrubs (native), agaves. |
| Box 143 | Color transparencies--Wildflowers, exotics & street trees. |
| Box 144 | Color transparencies--Hawaii, succulents, palms, ground cover, exotic plants, protaceae, vines. |
| Box 145 | Color transparencies--Scenery, miscellaneous and Southwest scenes. |
| Box 146 | Color transparencies--Aloes, bromeliads, cactus, ferns, LASCA, portraits. |
| Boxes 147-149 | Personal effects and camera equipment. |
| Box 150 | Lloyd S. Whaley Garden--Plans, 1949. (5). |
| Box 151 | Palomares Park, Pomona, California--Plans, 1957. (2). |
| Box 152 | Centinela Park, Los Angeles, California--Plans. (5). |
| Box 153 | Redondo Beach Park, California--Plans, 1947. (3). |
| Box 154 | Culver City Recreation Park, California--Plans, 1940 (3). |
| Box 155 | Palm Springs Field Club--Plans. |

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**Physical Description:** 4 items.

**Box 156**

**Oak Park Cemetery, Claremont, California--Plans.**

**Physical Description:** 9 items.
Box 157  North American Aid Recreation Park, Inglewood, California--Plans.
          Physical Description: 4 items.

Box 158  City of Upland Park--Plans, 1936.
          Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 159  China Garden Tract--Plans, 1927.
          Physical Description: 3 items.

Box 159  Chula Vista Tract--Plans, 1927.
          Physical Description: 1 item [In same folder with China Garden Tract].

Box 160  Oak Park Cemetary, Claremont Colleges--Plans.
          Physical Description: 9 items.

Box 161  American Potash and Chemical Corporation. Trona, California--Plans, 1942.
          Physical Description: 16 items.

Box 162  National Orange Show--Plans, 1938.
          Physical Description: 9 items.

Box 163  National Orange Show--Plans, 1939-1941.
          Physical Description: 10 items.

Box 164  National Orange Show--Plans, 1948.
          Physical Description: 9 items.

Box 165  National Orange Show--Plans, 1949.
          Physical Description: 4 items.

Box 166  National Orange Show--Plans, 1950.
          Physical Description: 5 items.

          Physical Description: 7 items.

Box 168  National Orange Show--Plans, 1956.
          Physical Description: 8 items.

Box 169  National Orange Show--Plans, n.d.
          Physical Description: 7 items.

Box 170  Renderings.
          Physical Description: 3 items.

Box 171  Art work.

Box 172  Triptych screen [damaged].

Box 173  Renderings.

Box 174  Miscellaneous plans and proof sheets.

Box 175  Miscellaneous plans.

Box 176  Southgate Recreation Park, 1946.
          Physical Description: 2 items.
Box 176

China Garden Tract. Claremont, California, 1928.
Physical Description: 1 item.

Box 176

Hillside Memorial Park, 1945.
Physical Description: 9 items.

Box 176

Hollywood Boulevard survey.
Physical Description: 2 items [damaged].

Box 177

Chula Vista Tract, August 1927.

Box 177

Sketch plan of Rancho Joaquina. Phoenix, Arizona, January 1925.

Box 177

General plan for a recreation park. Upland California, July 1936.

Box 177

Glen Haven Memorial Park. Los Angeles, California, n.d.

Box 177

Preliminary site development plan for University Elementary School, June 1947.