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Scope and Content
Collection consists of six albums of professional and personal materials of architect Vernon W. Houghton. Includes blueprints, plans, photographs, sketches, correspondence, photostats, and memorabilia. Includes building designs for the Philippines, San Francisco, San Diego, and the Los Angeles area. Also includes material regarding a 1939 recall election in Arcadia, spearheaded by Houghton, and letters from California political figures Thomas Kuchel, Stanley Mosk, Jerry Voorhis, and Goodwin J. Knight.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog. Houghton, Vernon Winthrop--Archives. Architects--California, Southern--Archival resources. Arcadia (Calif.)--Politics and government. Blueprints.

Album 1 - Manila Philippine Islands (1914-1919)

Oversize folder 1

Blueprints/Plans for
House for Sr. J. Casanovas.
Physical Description: (3 items).

Oversize folder 1

House for Benito Golding Esquire.
Physical Description: (7 items).

Oversize folder 1

Bulkhead for N & H Santa Mesa Yard (Santa Mesa, Philippine Islands.
Physical Description: (1 item).

Oversize folder 1

Mitanao Club (Japanese Club) - Calle Pennsylvania and Vito Cruz.
Physical Description: (5 items).

Oversize folder 1

Building for H.E. Heacock and Company - April 1918.
Physical Description: (1 item).

Oversize folder 1

Philippines Christinan Institute - 1916.
Physical Description: (7 items).

Oversize folder 2

Elks Club - Swimming pool and garden area.
Physical Description: (1 item).

Oversize folder 2

Yango - Rosenstock and Company Incorporated Building.
Physical Description: (2 items).
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Oversize folder 2

Smith Bell and Company Limited - Velasco Building - 1917.
Physical Description: (2 items).

Oversize folder 2

St. Luke's Church - 1914 (V.W. Houghton was the manager for R. Clipston Sturgis Architect for this project).
Physical Description: (4 items).

Oversize folder 2

Physical Description: (missing).

Oversize folder 2

Dormitory and Chapel for Santa Rita's Hall - 1916.
Physical Description: (1 item).

Album 2

Los Angeles

Box 3


Box 3


Box 3

First National Bank of Pomona (321 East Holt Ave.).

Box 3

Covina National Bank - 1953.

Box 3

Perspective Sketches for Tourist Court for D.J. Adams, Esquire - Monrovia.

Box 3

Letter - for P.W.A. Project - Fullerton Elementary Schools.

Box 3

Sketch for improvements - Mr. Wasmer houses (2) - Pasadena.

Box 3

2 photos of Frascati Grill Restaurant.

Box 3

Perspective Sketch - residence for Miss Holman, Pasadena.

Box 3

Photo - untitled house.

Box 3

Photos of California Bank - 6800 Santa Monica Blvd.

Box 3

Photo of Citizens National Bank.

Box 3

Photo of Hamill Cleaners.

Negatives for Photos of:

Box 3

Office and warehouse for Ostroff Trading Company.

Box 3

Medical Clinic.

Box 3

Beverly Crest Cleaners and Dryers.

Box 3

Residence of Mr. and Mrs. - William Finestein.

Box 3

Unidentified sketches.

Box 3

Sketch for Miracle Mile Market.

Box 3

Curtis Manufacturing Company - Sketches, newspaper clippings, Statement of account. 1931. Also a large color perspective sketch. Phillis Ave. at San Fernando Rd. and Brazil St.

Box 3


Box 3

Westwood - Twin Buildings (1928)-1900 Westwood Blvd., near Missouri Ave.

Box 3

Newspaper clippings with photos of proposal through to opening.

Box 3

Brent-Air Building.

Physical Description: 3 photos (1 interior).

Box 3


Long Beach

Box 3

16 black and white photos of Long Beach earthquake damage.

Box 3

Blueprint for Batchelder Tile for Alexandria Peacock Inn (location unidentified).

Box 3

Photo of sketch of Curto Teatro (location unidentified).

Box 3

Photo (long) of unidentified plant or company.

San Francisco

Box 3

Granat Brothers Building (20th and Mission) - 1926.

Box 3

Conn San Francisco Company (1925) - Sketches and newspaper clippings and business letter from Conn. (V.W. Houghton created unique saxophone sign).

Box 3

Proposed rendering of factory for Johnson and Leftwich Incorporated.
Box 3
Furniture Exchange - newspaper clippings, photos.
Photo - Sixth Church of Christ Scientist (Also newspaper clipping).
Unidentified sketches.
Unidentified photos of buildings.

San Diego
Thursday Club of San Diego - 1927 - Point Loma (part of Rivera Villas Subdivision)
- Newspaper clippings, sketches, large rendering of front view and side views).

Memorabilia
Unidentified photos.
Edwin G. Brown letter signed.
T. Kuchel letter signed.
1935 auto registration.
Promistory notes and cancelled check.
5 costume pictures.
Photo unidentified interior.
2 sketched (Printed) with initials V.W.H.
Print of photo of Pico House (n.d.).
3rd place ribbon - Pomona Fair.
Letter from Bob Hope.
Photostat of political letter.
Stanley Mosk letter.
C.J. Haggerty (President of California Federation of Labor) Letter.
Jerry Voorhis (1939) Letter.
Herbert Legg letter.
Godwin J. Knight (1956) letter.
Membership card to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.
Cigar coupon.
Patent idea for metal support.
Nomination for Public Spirit Club.

Album 3
Wurlitzer Building Project - 1924 (Broadway near 8th)
Advertising - promotion.
Building Plans.
Photos of Wurlitzer interior.
Perspective for interior.
Wurlitzer opening day card.
Photo of rendering of building front of San Francisco store.
Photostat of Los Angeles Examiner article.
feature article in Los Angeles Examiner with his photo.
Letter relarding this project.

Album 4
Abraham Lincoln High School (Los Angeles)
Progress Phographs most titled, many with statements of safety hazards, poor
construction and other inspection problems that Houghton saw.

Memorabilia
1939 Recall in Arcadia (V.W. Houghton spearheaded that recall)
Newspaper articles.
Petition letter.
Letters to and from Stanley Mosk.
Voter advertisement cards and other handbills.
Official recall Ballot.
Press releases.
Notice of intent to recall.
26 photos of the Far East - 1918.
Ticket, stubs, room vouchers, police I.D. from the Far East.
33 black and white photos (snap shots) - Far East.
| Album 4 |
| Box 3 | 18 colored photo reproductions - Japan. |
| Box 3 | Personal letters of acceptance to Johnathan Club (1930) - Los Angeles. |
| Box 3 | Advertisement for his company in San Diego. |
| Box 3 | Democratic National Committee letter of contribution. |
| Box 3 | 1 unidentified picture (of a church) - possibly Carmel. |
| Box 3 | Membership cards for private clubs and business groups. |
| Box 3 | Letter to and from G. Knight. |
| Box 3 | Picture of La Haye Manufacturing Company (Saxaphone Creation). |
| Box 3 | Small picture - Honolulu. |
| Box 3 | Unidentified Military picture (promotional type). |
| Box 3 | U.S. Indian photo. |
| Box 3 | Letter to Senator McAdoo (1934). |
| Box 3 | Resume of report of Chief Engineer of County Sanitation District no.15 of Los Angeles County - 1946. |
| Box 3 | Personal letters. |

| Album 5 |
| Box 4 | Schedule of Unit Prices - Manila Hotel. |
| Box 4 | Fees Prices for Santa Rita's Hall - Manila. |
| Box 4 | Letter of application for commission in officers reserve corps - Manila. |
| Box 4 | Miscellaneous Business letters and employment records (Manila). |
| Box 4 | Manila Building permits. |
| Box 4 | Bills for work done. |
| Box 4 | Reference letters. |
| Box 4 | Membership letter for Swiss Club - Manila. |
| Box 4 | Plans and specifications and architects Report on Hospico de San Jose (Manila). |
| Box 4 | List of work done in the Philippine and amounts charged. |
| Box 4 | Telegrams of employment and trasportation to the Philippine - 1912. |
| Box 4 | Memorabilia Personal letters. |
| Box 4 | 2 letters archbishop of Manila. |
| Box 4 | Stock Certificate: Coconut Products Corporation, plus letters of correspondence. |
| Box 4 | 1915 business contract with B.W. Rice. |

| Album 6 |
| Box 4 | Rizal Cement Company - Construction (Manila) - newspaper article with Houghton featured). |
| Box 4 | Newspaper Clippings Advertisements for his company. |
| Box 4 | Harrison's arrival in Manila (Governor) - Houghton was chairperson of welcoming committee. |
| Box 4 | Photostats Houghton's involvement with Philippine Exposition. |
| Box 4 | Santa Rita article and photo with letter and brochure. |
| Box 4 | Letters of recommendation. |
| Box 4 | Clipping with picture of Heacock Building (he was architect). |
| Box 4 | Mariano ley Chacho Building photo. |
| Box 4 | Albert Allen Memorial Dormitory (Manila). |
| Box 4 | Philippine Trade Review (1915 edition) with article on the New Rizal Cement Company. |
| Box 4 | Memorabilia Photo of arrival of Governor Harrison in Manila (Small). |
| Box 4 | Programs, miscellaneous cards. |
| Box 4 | Roll of Honor (Subscribers to the 4th Liberty Loan) - October 4, 1918. 1942 |
Box 4

Letter by Houghton re Santa Anita Assembly Center (used as a temporary re-location camp for Japanese in U.S.) Letter of response.

Box 4

Philippine American Observer - October 1944.

Box 4

Collection of Calling Cards/Invitations from Philippines.

Box 3

Two-sided page with 23 photos, some titled. Included are photos of some of Houghton's projects in the Philippine Islands, his workshop/office, and a few family photographs.