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Descriptive Summary
Title: George Alexander Kern Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1925-1940
Collection number: 1161
Creator: Kern, George Alexander, 1880?-1957
Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.) 4 oversize boxes
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Dept. of Special Collections.
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Abstract: George Alexander Kern (1880?-1957) was a Los Angeles based landscape architect and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). The collection consists of notes, clippings, blueprints, photographs, drawings, and memorabilia relating to George Alexander Kern's career as a landscape designer.
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Biography
Kern was born in Russia of Scottish parents, probably in the 1880s; served as a captain in the army during World War I and took on a diplomatic mission to England in 1917; moved to the U.S. in the 1920s; MA in landscape design, UC Berkeley, 1927; married Marjorie Dobbins of Pasadena; worked for well-known landscape architects; member, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); he died in 1957.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of notes, clippings, blueprints, photographs, drawings, and memorabilia relating to George Alexander Kern's career as a landscape designer. Also contains materials about the Haskell residence in Montecito, California.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

1. Binders containing notes and clippings on types of gardening (Boxes 1-2).
2. Photographs of projects, certificate of election to ASLA, and one letter (Box 3).
3. Blueprints of projects, MA diploma, art class drawings, clippings and articles (Box 4).
4. Album containing memoranda and photographs (Box 5).
5. Photographs and drawings of gardens (Box 6).
6. Haskell residence--Montecito, CA, 1935 (Box 7).

Indexing Terms

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

Kern, George Alexander, 1880?-1957--Archives.
Landscape architects--California, Southern--Archives.
Gardens--California, Southern.

Boxes 1-2
5 binders containing notes and clippings, 1925 and n.d.

Boxes 1-2
"Evergreen shrubs."

Boxes 1-2
"Deciduous trees."

Boxes 1-2
[Bulbs].

Boxes 1-2
"Landscape gardening."

Boxes 1-2
"Rock gardens."

Box 3, Folder 1
Certificate of election of Kern to the American Landscape Architects, 1934.

Box 3, Folders 2-3
Photographic prints and negatives of building and landscaping projects, 1939 and (mostly) n.d.

Box 3, Folder 4
Letter, William Henry Harrison to Kern, June 8, 1940.

Oversize Box 4
Drawings for an art class, 1926.

Oversize Box 4
Blueprints and drawings for projects, 1928-1933.

Oversize Box 4
Clippings and periodical articles re gardens, architecture and landscaping, 1930s and n.d.

Oversize Box 5
Album containing memoranda and unmounted photographic prints and negatives re landscaping projects, 1930-1939.

Oversize Box 4
M.A. diploma, December 16, 1927.

Oversize Box 6
6 drawings of garden projects, 1930-1937.

Oversize Box 5
8 photographs of gardens, n.d. (1930s?).

Oversize Box 7
Haskell Residence, Montecito, California. 1935.

Physical Description: (1 item).