Finding Aid for the Curlett & Beelman records, circa 1924-circa 1932 0000124

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creator: Beelman, Claud W., 1884-1963
creator: Curlett & Beelman.
creator: Curlett, Alexander E., 1880-1942
Access
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Biographical/Historical note
The Curlett & Beelman firm was formed by Alexander (Aleck) Curlett (1880-1942) and Claud W. Beelman (1884-1963) in 1919. They are well known for their large scale architecture and the fact that their firm planned, designed, and superintended the construction of most of their buildings. Some of their more noted projects, which many of which are designated Historic Monuments and/or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, include: Barker Brothers, Elks Temple, Pershing Square Building, Insurance Exchange Building, LA Fur Mart Building, Commercial Club: Hotel Case, Harris Newark Building, Board of Trade Building, and Culver Hotel, as well as buildings in Pasadena and Long Beach. Their office was located in Beverly Hills, California. By 1932, however, the firm had dissolved.
Claud Beelman attended architectural school at Harvard. Following his formal education, he worked in the Midwest and South before moving to Los Angeles. Once in Los Angeles he obtained his building license and went into partnership with Alexander Curlett, whose father was an established architect in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas.
Scope and Content note
The Curlett & Beelman records span circa 15 linear feet and date from circa 1924 to circa 1932. This collection is composed of specification files, four flat file drawers of blueprints, and oversize rolled blueprints.
Related Archival Materials note
Herbert M. Baruch Corporation Records (Collection 1512). Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.
Claud W. Beelman papers, Architecture and Design Collection. Art, Design & Architecture Museum; University of California, Santa Barbara.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Beelman, Claud W., 1884-1963
Curlett & Beelman.
Curlett, Alexander E., 1880-1942
Architecture -- California -- Los Angeles -- 20th Century
Reprographic copies
Specifications
Project Records 1. 1920-1933

Physical Description: 2.0 Linear feet
creator: Beelman, Claud W., 1884-1963
creator: Curlett & Beelman.
creator: Curlett, Alexander E., 1880-1942
Scope and Contents note
This series contains specification booklets (some bound, some dis-bound) for projects by Curlett & Beelman. Most booklets are typed, with original covers, and can contain specifications for an entire building, or for specific trades.

Box 1, Folder 1
Inventory List undated

Box 1, Folder 2
Alexander, Philip store and office building (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925

Box 1, Folder 4-9
Barker Brothers, Inc. store 7th St. & Flower (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924-1925

Box 1, Folder 3
Balaban & Katz theatre 63rd St. & Cottage Grove Ave. (Chicago, Ill.) 1920

Box 1, Folder 10
Benet, S.M. house (Bel Air, Los Angeles, Calif.) undated

Box 1, Folder 11
Bolivar Holding Co. apartments Ocean Ave. & Lime Way (Long Beach, Calif.) 1923

Box 1, Folder 12
California Bank 625 S. Spring St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1923

Box 1, Folder 13
California Luthern Hospital 1414 S. Hope St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925

Box 1, Folder 14
Eisner, I. store and office 742 S. Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924

Box 1, Folder 15
Eleventh and Main Realty Co. store 7th & Main St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925

Box 1, Folder 16-42
Elks Lodge 6th St. & Park View (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924-1925

Box 1, Folder 43-49
Gables club building and esplanade Palisades Beach Rd. & Montana Ave. (Santa Monica, Calif.) 1926

Box 1, Folder 50
Insurance Exchange Building / Sun Realty Co. 9th & Olive St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1923

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for theatre building, by C.W. & George L. Rapp, architects.

Scope and Contents note
Folder contains Curlett & Beelman specifications; plans by Everett Babcock and Robert Ainsworth, architects.

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for plumbing and fixtures; Walker & Eisen, architects.

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for metal cage work and fixtures.

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for plumbing and fixtures; Walker & Eisen, architects.

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for window shades.

Scope and Contents note
Specifications for elevators.

Scope and Contents note
Folder 16 contains correspondence; folders 17-42 contain specifications for sub-contracts; some are stamped with Marcus P. Miller, architect.

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Box 1, Folder 51

Keith Theatre Company 4th & Ludlow St. (Dayton, Ohio) 1921
Scope and Contents note
Specifications for theatre and commercial building; Rapp & Rapp, architects.

Box 1, Folder 52

Keith Theatre Co. 17th & Euclid (Cleveland, Ohio) 1921
Scope and Contents note
Specifications for theatre and office building; Rapp & Rapp, architects.

Box 2, Folder 53

Marsden Apartments / Edith Kassing 1745 N. Grammercy Pl. (Hollywood, Calif.) undated

Box 2, Folder 54

Mather, Alonzo apartment and hotel building (Eagle Rock, Calif.) 1933
Scope and Contents note
General specifications for apartment building; Marcus P. Miller, architect and engineer.

Box 2, Folder 55-57

May Company garage and store building 9th & Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1926-1927

Box 2, Folder 58

National Bank of Orange Chapman Ave. & The Plaza (Orange, Calif.) 1927

Box 2, Folder 59-60, Oversize Roll

Pacific Coast Club building Ocean Blvd. & First Pl. (Long Beach, Calif.) 1924-1925

Box 2, Folder 61-62

Pacific Southwest Trust & Savings Bank Colorado St. & Marengo Ave. (Pasadena, Calif.) 1924

Box 2, Folder 63

Pyke, Albert house Maryland Dr. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1927

Box 2, Folder 64

Ransom Corporation building (Montebello Park, Calif.) 1926

Box 2, Folder 65

Seventh and Main Realty Corp. store and office building 7th & Main St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925

Box 2, Folder 66

Sun Realty Company hotel building 7th St. & Hartford Ave. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925-1926

Box 2, Folder 72-76, Box 2, Folder 67-68

Sun Realty Company 742 S. Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1923

Box 2, Folder 79

Sun Realty Company store and office building 8th & Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1928

Box 2, Folder 69-71

Union Bank & Trust building 8th & Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1927

Box 2, Folder 80

Williams, Chester office building 5th & Broadway (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1926

Box 2, Folder 78

Windermere Hotel 1642 E 56th St. (Chicago, Ill.) undated

Architectural drawings II. 1921-1930

Physical Description: 13.0 Linear feet
creator: Beelman, Claud W., 1884-1963
creator: Curlett & Beelman.
creator: Curlett, Alexander E., 1880-1942
creator: Rapp & Rapp.
Scope and Contents note
This series of architectural drawings consists of blueprints for buildings designed by Curlett & Beelman, as well as two projects by the Chicago architects Rapp & Rapp, for whom Claud Beelman worked prior to moving to Los Angeles. The project drawings consist of plans, sections, elevations, and details for most of the works.

Oversize Rolls

Almur Cleveland Corporation / B.F. Keith Theater and office building Euclid Ave. & 17th St. (Cleveland, Ohio) 1921
Scope and Contents note
Rapp & Rapp, architects. Three oversize rolls.
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<td>Drawer 151, FlatFile 1</td>
<td>Army and Navy Department Store S. Los Angeles St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925 Barker Brothers, Inc. store 7th St. &amp; Flower (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924-1925 Scope and Contents note 39 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details for building on 7th between Flower and Figueroa.</td>
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<td>Drawer 151, FlatFile 6</td>
<td>Beelman, Claud house Palm &amp; Elevado Ave. (Beverly Hills, Calif.) 1926 Scope and Contents note 52 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details for house on Palm, two interior elevations for house on Rodeo Drive.</td>
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<td>Busch, Hays store, office building, and garage Wilshire &amp; Vermont (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1923</td>
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<td>Drawer 151, FlatFile 2</td>
<td>Eastern Outfitting Company (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1930</td>
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<td>Drawer 151, FlatFile 3-4</td>
<td>Elks Lodge 6th St. &amp; Park View (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924 Scope and Contents note 25 drawings of framing plans, sections, and schedules. 88 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details.</td>
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<td>Drawer 151, FlatFile 5</td>
<td>Fifth and Hill office building (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1923-1924 Scope and Contents note 18 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, details, and schedules.</td>
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<td>Graystone Apartment Company apartment complex 1725-1727 Sycamore Ave. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1924</td>
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<td>Drawer D47, FlatFile 7</td>
<td>L. Harris Realty Company 635-637-639 Hill St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925 Scope and Contents note 25 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, details, and schedules for the building currently called the Wholesale Jewelry Exchange.</td>
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<td>La Cuesta Country Club clubhouse (San Fernando, Calif.) 1926</td>
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<td>May Company garage 9th &amp; Hill (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1927 Scope and Contents note Two oversize rolls.</td>
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<td>Netz, J.C. house Rexford Dr. &amp; Carmelita Ave. (Beverly Hills, Calif.) undated</td>
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<td>Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank office building and bank (Pasadena, Calif.) 1923-1924</td>
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<td>Drawer D47, FlatFile 8</td>
<td>Realty Company 7th &amp; Main St. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1925 Scope and Contents note 16 drawings of floor plans, elevations, and sections.</td>
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<td>Drawer D47, FlatFile 9</td>
<td>Security Trust and Savings Bank 1st &amp; Pine (Long Beach, Calif.) 1925 Scope and Contents note 37 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details.</td>
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<td>Shrine Temple (Charleston, WV) 1921 Scope and Contents note Rapp &amp; Rapp, architects</td>
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<td>27 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details for building now named Roosevelt Building. 78 drawings of plans, sections, elevations, and details (including for underground parking garage).</td>
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