Finding Aid for the Reginald Johnson papers, circa 1912-circa 1950 0000146

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Title: Reginald Johnson papers
Identifier/Call Number: 0000146
Contributing Institution: Architecture and Design Collection, Art, Design & Architecture Museum
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 6.0 Linear feet (2 record storage boxes and 9 flat file folders)
Date (inclusive): circa 1912-circa 1950
Location note: Box 1/ADC - regular Box 2/ADC - oversize* 9 Flat File Folders/ADC - flat files misc.
creator: Johnson, Reginald D., 1882-1953
creator: Stevens, Ralph T
Access
Partially processed collection, open for use by qualified researchers.
Custodial History note
Preferred Citation note
Reginald Johnson papers, Architecture and Design Collection. Art, Design & Architecture Museum; University of California, Santa Barbara.
Biographical/Historical note
Reginald Johnson was born in Westchester, New York on July 19, 1882. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated with a degree in Architecture in 1910. Johnson received collegiate office training in the offices of Myron Hunt, Elmer Grey and Robert D. Farquhar. Upon graduation, Johnson moved to Pasadena and began practicing architecture in 1912. By 1920, he had joined forces with Gordon B. Kaufmann to form Johnson and Kaufmann, Architects. One year later Roland Coate joined the firm and the name changed to Johnson, Kaufmann and Coate. The practice lasted four years, dissolving in 1925. Johnson then went on to establish his own independent practice until 1934, when he publically announced his withdrawal from general architectural practice. His more notable projects include: the Santa Barbara Post Office and the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel.
After 1935, Reginald Johnson devoted himself to providing housing for low-income individuals and families. Johnson co-founded the Los Angeles Citizen's Housing Council and served as the Chief Architect for public housing projects in Los Angeles, including, Harbor Hills and Rancho San Pedro. Reginald Johnson died in 1952, at the age of 70.
Scope and Content note
The Reginald Johnson papers span 6 linear feet and date from circa 1912 to circa 1950. The collection contains photographs, architectural drawings and reprographic copies for nine buildings in the Santa Barbara area, a hospital in Los Angeles, and two residences in Pasadena.
Black-and-white interior and exterior photographs, a site plan by Ralph T. Stevens, and drawings document the Harold Chase residence in Hope Ranch. Photographic panels and drawings relate to additions to the Mrs. Stanley McCormick "Riven Rock" residence in Santa Barbara. The collection includes the site plan, but no other drawings, for the Senator Clark estate, "Bellosguardo," also in Santa Barbara.
Plans for the gardens and a garden pavilion for the J. L. Severance house in Pasadena were transferred to this collection from the Roland Coate papers.
Related Archival Materials note
Roland Eli Coate, Sr. papers, Architecture and Design Collection. Art, Design & Architecture Museum; University of California, Santa Barbara.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Johnson, Reginald D., 1882-1953
Architectural drawings
Photographic prints
Presentation drawings (proposals)
Behrens, J. H. house (Santa Barbara, Calif.) 1929
Scope and Contents note
Four blueprints

Boldt Weber, Hilda house (project) (Santa Barbara, Calif.) 1934
Scope and Contents note
10 blueprints

Chase, Harold house (Hope Ranch, Santa Barbara, Calif.) 1925
Clark house, Bellosguardo (Santa Barbara, Calif.): site plan circa 1933
Scope and Contents note
One blueprint of site plan.

Ford, Tod house (Pasadena, Calif.) 1916-1917
Scope and Contents note
2 ink drawings on heavy paper: first and second floor plans.

Hospital for the Good Samaritan (Los Angeles, Calif.) undated
Scope and Contents note
Detailed plan of 9th floor: blueprint. Annotation dated 1925.

Jackson, C. H. stable (Santa Barbara, Calif.) 1927
Scope and Contents note
2 blueprints

McCormick, Mrs. Stanley house, Riven Rock (Santa Barbara, Calif.): additions to Meadow house 1932
Scope and Contents note
30 drawings of which 4 are original pencil drawings, the rest blueprints. Box 2* contains photographs mounted on cardboard.

Santa Barbara School for Boys (Carpinteria, Calif.): stable 1928
Scope and Contents note
2 blueprints

Severance, J. L. house (Pasadena, Calif.): garden plans undated
Scope and Contents note
4 reproductive drawings for garden and garden pavilion.

Storke-Heaney Stores (Santa Barbara, Calif.) 1937
Scope and Contents note
2 blueprints

Stout, Mrs. Frank D cottage (Montecito, Calif.): floor plan 1933
Scope and Contents note
Photographic prints of drawings of floor plans.