Finding Aid for the Cliff & Lou Sawyer papers, circa 1930-circa 1979 0000174

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Title: Cliff and Lou Sawyer papers
Identifier/Call Number: 0000174
Contributing Institution: Architecture and Design Collection, Art, Design & Architecture Museum
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 13.0 Linear feet(2 record storage box and 3 flat file drawers)
Date (inclusive): circa 1930-circa 1979
Location note: Box 1-2/ADC - regular 3 Flat File Drawers/ADC - flat files
creator: Cliff and Lou Sawyer.
creator: Sawyer, Cliff, (Clifton Howard), 1896-1966
creator: Sawyer, Lou, 1905-1995
Access
Partially processed collection, open for use by qualified researchers.

Custodial History note

Preferred Citation note
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Biographical/Historical note
Cliff and Lou Sawyer were a husband and wife design team whose work consisted primarily of designing and decorating food and beverage establishments in southern California. Lou Sawyer was born in the Basque country in the Pyrenees between France and Spain in 1905. Cliff Sawyer was born in Boston in 1896. Lou met her husband Cliff Sawyer in Paris, where he was studying art and design. The two left France for California in the early 1930s. Once in California, the two began an interior design business together. In 1966, Cliff Sawyer died and Lou Sawyer carried on the business, completing her 368th job by 1968. Lou Sawyer died in 1995. Over the course of their careers some of their more notable projects include: the original Luau in Beverly Hills, Don the Beachcomber in Palm Springs, Pago Pago in Long Beach and Tucson, Arizona, and the Reef in Casper, Wyoming.

Scope and Content note
The Cliff and Lou Sawyer papers span 13 linear feet and date from circa 1930 to circa 1979. The collection is primarily composed of architectural drawings and reprographic copies of restaurants designed by the Sawyers as well as project notes, ephemera, newspaper clippings, small sketches of restaurant exteriors, and disbound scrapbook pages which document the many restaurants designed by the husband and wife team.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Cliff and Lou Sawyer.
Sawyer, Cliff, (Clifton Howard), 1896-1966
Sawyer, Lou, 1905-1995
Architectural drawings
Photographic prints
Presentation drawings (proposals)
Scrapbooks
Sketches

Personal Papers I. 1963-1995

   Physical Description: 1.0 Linear feet
   creator: Cliff and Lou Sawyer.
   creator: Sawyer, Cliff, (Clifton Howard), 1896-1966
   creator: Sawyer, Lou, 1905-1995

Scope and Contents note
This series contains articles and clippings on Lou Sawyer, photographs, and multiple large dis-bound scrapbooks featuring photographs, letters, and advertisements for Sawyers' work.

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Box 2, Folder 1  Advertisements - Cliff & Lou Sawyer 1963-1964
Box 2, Folder 2  Articles and Clippings 1966, 1984, 1995
Box 2, Folder 3  Correspondence 1968, 1980-1981
Box 2, Folder 4  "Happenings ... in Real Estate" The Desert Sun (Palm Springs, Calif.) undated
Box 2, Folder 5  Pacific Coast Record 1968
Box 2, Folder 6  Lou Sawyer Photographics advertisement 1982
Box 2, Folder 7  Sawyer, Lou portraits circa 1967-1968
Box 2  Scrapbooks- disbound circa 1979

Projects II. 1936-1979

Physical Description: 12.0 Linear feet
creator: Cliff and Lou Sawyer.
creator: Sawyer, Cliff, (Clifton Howard), 1896-1966
creator: Sawyer, Lou, 1905-1995
Scope and Contents note
This series contains architectural drawings and renderings of restaurant and beverage establishment alterations and additions, with a few residential projects. The drawings are primarily original drawings (graphite on tracing paper), with few reprographic copies. It also contains photographs and clippings for some of the projects.

Drawer 279, FlatFile 14
AFL-CIO Union Culinary Workers & Bartenders Local / Alfredo Restaurant 13425 Ventura Blvd. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1956
Ahn, Philip / Moongate Restaurant 8632 Van Nuys Blvd. (Panorama City, Calif.) 1963
Architectural Drawings

Drawer 280, FlatFile 1
Andres Coronet / The Roundup (Hollywood, Calif.) 1947
Asbell, William / The Reef Cocktail Lounge (Casper, Wyo.) 1961

Drawer 279, FlatFile 15
Bellon, John house 1641 Woods Dr. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1956

Drawer 280, FlatFile 3
Bennett, Lew & Doris / Lew's Tahiti Restaurant 4119 E. Indian School Rd. (Scottsdale, Ariz.) 1962
Brooks, Bob / Seven Seas Restaurant 6904 Hollywood Blvd. (Hollywood, Calif.) 1936, 1956

Drawer 280, FlatFile 4
Captain's Table restaurant alteration 301 S. La Cienega (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1955

Drawer 280, FlatFile 5
Cartier, Michel / Cafe de Paris 7038 Sunset Blvd. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1964

Drawer 280, FlatFile 6
Chi Chi bar (Palm Springs, Calif.) undated
Don the Beachcomber Restaurant-Cafe Via Lola (Palm Springs, Calif.) 1962

Drawer 280, FlatFile 7
Escobar, John / Casa Escobar Tropical Restaurant 13321 Moorpark Blvd. (Sherman Oaks, Calif.) undated
Fairchild, Peter supper club /Fairchild Golf Course S. El Cielo (Palm Springs, Calif.) 1979

Drawer 280, FlatFile 8
Firestone, Stanley house alterations 910 N. Whittier (Beverly Hills, Calif.) undated

Drawer 280, FlatFile 9
Fremont, William / Matador Restaurant 10948 W. Pico Blvd. (Los Angeles, Calif.) 1960
Architectural Drawings

Drawer 280, FlatFile 10
Hugg, Fred / Swiss Cafe alterations 450 N. Rodeo Dr. (Beverly Hills, Calif.) 1958

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| Box 1, Folder 5 | International Resort Hotel / California Innkeepers 1800 E. Palm Canyon (Palm Springs, Calif.) 1979 |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Photographs |
| FlatFile 16 | Architectural Drawings |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 25 | Jay's Broiler cocktail lounge 1962 |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 24 | Jenkins, B / Sans Gene restaurant Hwy 99 (Indio, Calif.) 1960 |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 23 | Jordan & Leipertz / Everglades (San Clemente, Calif.) undated |
| FlatFile 17 | Lea Lea / Mission Inn (Riverside, Calif.) undated |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Ley, Isillings? / Baroque Salon (Hollywood, Calif.) undated |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Lipsett, Dr. chinese restaurant undated |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Luau restaurant (Beverly Hills, Calif.) undated |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 18 | Photographs |
| FlatFile 17 | Architectural Drawings |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Luau restaurant (Las Vegas, Nev.) 1956 |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 18 | Luau Macao restaurant / Hotel Presidente (Acapulco, Mexico) 1957 |
| FlatFile 19 | Morris / M&M Restaurant (Oceanside, Calif.) 1946 |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 20 | Murfee, Emerson / El Picador restaurant 2550 El Camino Real (Redwood City, Calif.) 1962 |
| FlatFile 21 | Murfee, Emerson & Coffman / The Flame restaurant El Camino Real (San Mateo, Calif.) 1956 |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 22 | Murfee, Emerson / Lanai Cocktail Lounge 4070 El Camino Real (San Mateo, Calif.) 1956 |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Photographs |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 23 | Architectural Drawings |
| FlatFile 24 | Pago Pago restaurant (Portland, Ore.) undated |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Pago Pago restaurant (Tucson, Ariz.) undated |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Port O 7 Seas restaurant undated |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 26 | Ramada carport and cabana 1960 |
| FlatFile 25 | Ship's Cafe and Spec O' Spice Seafood Restaurant 1957 |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 27 | Photographs |
| FlatFile 30 | Architectural Drawings |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Sarong restaurant and dance hall undated |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 29 | Ship's Cafe and Spec O' Spice Seafood Restaurant 1957 |
| FlatFile 31 | Smith, Martin / Tradewinds Restaurant (Oxnard, Calif.) 1963 |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Photographs |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 30 | Architectural Drawings |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | South Seas restaurant (Anchorage, Alka.) undated |
| Drawer 279, FlatFile 24 | Stable Gallery (Scottsdale, Ariz.) undated |
| FlatFile 25 | Steakeaters Inn (Yucaipa, Calif.) 1964 |
| Drawer 278, FlatFile 24 | Tahiti restaurant (Palm Desert, Calif.? ) undated |
| FlatFile 31 | Teague, Woodrow house (Palm Springs, Calif.) 1978 |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Trails restaurant (Los Angeles, Calif.) undated |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | |
Unidentified house (Androsetti?) undated

Drawer 278, FlatFile 32

Unidentified ranch home (Palm Springs, Calif.) 1962

Drawer 278, FlatFile 33

Unidentified residences undated

Box 1, Folder 21

Unidentified restaurant interior sketch undated

Drawer 278, FlatFile 34

Unden identified Restaurants undated

Box 1, Folder 22

Vagabond House restaurant Wilshire Blvd. (Los Angeles, Calif.) undated

Box 1, Folder 23

Warner Products Inc. 9320 Santa Monica Blvd. (Beverly Hills, Calif.) undated

Drawer 278, FlatFile 35

Willden, Robert / Polynesian restaurant, coffee shop, cocktail lounge, motel (Fresno, Calif.) 1959

Drawer 278, FlatFile 36

Young, J. & H. Boyd / Chesnut Room Coffee Shop 14th & Santa Monica Blvd. (Santa Monica, Calif.) 1960

Drawer 278, FlatFile 37

Zamboanga restaurant (Los Angeles, Calif.) undated

creator: Loomis and Fisher.