Finding Aid for the Gladding, McBean & Company records, circa 1875-circa 1970 0000202

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**Title:** Gladding, McBean & Company records  
**Identifier/Call Number:** 0000202  
**Contributing Institution:** Architecture and Design Collection, Art, Design & Architecture Museum  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Physical Description:** 2.0 Linear feet(1 record storage box)  
**Date (inclusive):** circa 1875-circa 1970  
**creator:** Gladding, McBean and Company.  
**Access**  
Partially processed collection, open for use by qualified researchers.  
**Preferred Citation note**  
**Biographical/Historical note**  
Gladding, McBean & Company is a ceramics company located in Lincoln, California. The company was founded by Charles Gladding, Peter McGill McBean, and George Chambers in 1875. Gladding, McBean began by manufacturing clay sewage pipes and gradually moved towards decorative tiles and architectural terra-cotta. By the early 1890s the company had expanded its products and had begun manufacturing fire brick, roof tiles, chimney pipes, and ornamental garden pottery. Its first large scale architectural project was for the tile roofs of Stanford University. Gladding, McBean & Company is still in operation today.  
**Scope and Content note**  
The Gladding, McBean & Company records span 2 linear feet and date from circa 1875 to circa 1970. The collection contains oversize black-and-white photographs of church buildings in Mexico. The collection also contains a disbound large format scrapbook filled with: an alphabetical list of projects and their corresponding year, as well as black-and-white photographs of building exteriors with some pencil notations of building/project name.  
**Related Archival Materials note**  
Gladding McBean Company Archives, California State Library.  
**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Gladding, McBean and Company.  
Photographic prints  
Scrapbooks