Finding Aid for William R. Current architectural photography 0000342

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Title: William R. Current architectural photography
Identifier/Call Number: 0000342
Contributing Institution: Architecture and Design Collection, Art, Design & Architecture Museum
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 2.5 Linear feet (4 boxes)
Date (inclusive): circa 1960-circa 1980
Creator: Current, William R., 1923-1986
Custodial History note
Gift of Karen Sinsheimer.
Scope and Contents note
The collection contains 136 black-and-white vintage photographic prints by William R. Current of architecture in California. Included are buildings in Pasadena and Los Angeles from the 1960s and 1970s, as well as structures in Northern California, including well-known building in the San Francisco area. The photographs date from approximately 1960 to approximately 1980.
Also included is Current's carefully constructed mock-up of his book with his wife, Karen Current (later Karen Sinsheimer), Greene & Greene: Architects in the Residential Style (Amon Carter Museum, 1974). Boards with miniature photographic images for the book are encased in a hand-made box. Also part of this collection is a copy of the now out-of-print publication.
Biographical/Historical note
William R. Current was born 1923 in Pasadena and died in San Francisco in 1986. He studied at Art Center, Los Angeles during 1947-1949. He lived in Carmel, California in the 1960s and became friends with photographers Brett Weston and Wynn Bullock. An admirer and friend of photographer Ansel Adams, his many exhibitions and publications attest to his fascination with the landscape and architecture of California and the West.
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