Allyn E. Morris Papers 0000345

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Scope and Contents note
The archive contains sketches, architectural drawings, and painted boards, as well as documents and photography related to Morris's architectural practice. Also part of the archive are drawings and paintings representing Morris's non-architectural artistic work.
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Allyn E. Morris papers, Architecture and Design Collection, Art Design & Architecture School, UC Santa Barbara
Custodial History note
Gift of Howard Morris.
Conditions Governing Access note
Unprocessed collection; contact repository for information regarding access.
Biographical/Historical note
Born June 10, 1922 in San Francisco, Allyn Edgar Morris graduated from Stanford as a mechanical engineer in 1949. Morris attended architecture school at the University of California but left, apparently impatiently, after three semesters. He worked for several architects, including Calvin Straub and Lloyd Wright. His first residential design, the 1956 Max Bubeck house in the Eagle Rock area of Los Angeles, reminds some historians of the work of R. M. Schindler, an influence that Morris acknowledged in a 2006 interview with critic Alan Hess. Like Lloyd Wright and Schindler, Morris used a bold palette of colors and textures in his designs and was a hands-on builder/engineer/architect. Notable designs include his own 1957 studio and home in Silver Lake, and the nearby Murakami house of 1962. Morris died in 2009 after living for several years in Oakhurst, California, near Yosemite Park.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
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