Finding aid for the Frances Worthen papers 7084

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Title: Frances Worthen papers  
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Abstract: The Frances Worthen papers contain technical and engineering drawings for industrial parts and creative drawings for poems, invitations, and birthday greetings -- all created by Frances Worthen (1899-1982), an industrial designer and interior decorator/designer based in Glendale, California.  
Biographical / Historical  
Frances Smith Worthen (1899-1982) was an industrial detail designer and interior decorator/designer based in Glendale, California. Frances married Kenneth Betcher Worthen in 1920 and they had three sons and one daughter.  
Content Description  
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Box 1, Folder 9  
Drawing sketches with text for birthday cards to friends undated  

Box 1, Folder 8  
Drawings and invitation for Valentine Party undated  

Box 1, Folder 6  
"The Engineer" - poem and drawing undated  

Box 1, Folder 5  
H. W. Loud Machine Works, Inc. engineering drawing 1957-09-10  

Box 1, Folder 4  
Haskell Engineering Associates engineering drawings 1954-1957  

Box 1, Folder 1-2  
Industrial design drawings circa 1950s  
Scope and Contents  
Loose design drawings by Worthen for various industrial parts, including: Rocket Link, Index Arm, Rocket Arm Bracket Cap, Upper Jaw, Hex. Hd. Bolt, Centering Attachment, Sandpaper Holder, Worm Saddle, and Stilson Wrench Assembly. Any connections between these parts and designs are unclear and unspecified.  

Box 1, Folder 7  
Loose pencil drawings of pirate, elephant, and bell jar undated
Washer - Rod End Locking - technical drawings 1952-1954

General

The first few pages of this file have "National Aircraft Standards Committee" headings. Later pages have Haskel Engineering Associates footers.