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Abstract

Elsa Levisieur was born in 1932 and practiced architecture and landscape architecture in South Africa, England, and California. Her projects include designs for the Hollywood Bowl and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association in California. Papers consist of files, photographs, specifications, and architectural drawings of designs done mostly in the 1980s.

Creator

Levisieur, Elsa, b.1932

Extent

13.2 Cubic Feet 19 boxes and 10 oversize folders

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Source of Acquisition

The records were donated in January 1990 by Elsa Levisur to the International Archive of Women in Architecture housed in the Special Collections Department of the University Libraries at Virginia Tech.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Elsa Levisur is an architect of Los Angeles, California, born in South Africa in 1932. She earned a B. Arch. at the University of Cape Town School of Architecture in 1954 and a M. A. in Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of California at Los Angeles Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning in 1980. She has been principal of Levisur Architects in Santa Monica, California, since 1983. She was Principal of Architerra in Los Angeles from 1986 to 1989 and Project Manager of The Tanzmann Associates from 1980 to 1983. She worked in other architects offices and in private practice in England from 1960 to 1969 and in South Africa from 1954 to 1959.

Levisur taught at Manchester Polytechnic in England in the early 1990s, and at the University of California, Los Angeles from 1984 to 1989. She has been a member of the Association for Women in Architecture since 1974 (she served as President in 1978), and was a founding member of Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility and member since 1984.

Scope and Content

The materials in the collection consist of architectural drawings, photographs, specifications, correspondence, news clippings, scrapbooks, and other materials.

Keywords

Architects

Architectural drawing -- 20th century

Architectural drawings (visual works)

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Women -- History

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Arrangement

The collection is divided into three series: I. Personal Papers; II. Professional Papers; and III. Project Records.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I. Personal Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31240

Unit Date 1953-1954, 1980, n.d.

B.A. Thesis, University of Cape Town--Photonegatives of Art Training Center

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31241

Unit Date 1953

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Curriculum Vitae

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31242

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Landscape Sketches

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31243

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 6 (folder)

Master's Thesis--An Interpretive Ferry Service for the Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31244

Unit Date 1980

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

oversize 6 (folder)

Peter--Racing Car Design--Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31245

Unit Date 1954

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Photographs, Photo Plates, and Fixed Line Silver Halide

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31246

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 6 (folder)

oversize 10 (folder)

Season's Greetings-Salutation-Fixed Line Silver Halide

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31247

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 6 (folder)

Series II. Professional Papers

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31248

Unit Date 1980-1985

Association for Women in Architecture Conference (Scripps College, Claremont, California)-- Women Up Front: Architectural Options

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31249

Unit Date 1982

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

oversize 6 (folder)

Chronology of Year's Transmittals and Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31250

Unit Date 1985

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Roosevelt Island Competition, Fixed Line Zinc Halide

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31251

Unit Date 1975

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Santa Monica Multi-family Housing Rehabilitation (Santa Monica, California)--Description of firm qualifications for project

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31252

Unit Date 1984

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Stationary for Levisur Architects

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31253

Unit Date c.1980s

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Women in Environmental Design-Program Announcement

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31254

Unit Date n.d.

oversize 6 (folder)

Writings by and about Elsa Levisur

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31255

Unit Date 1984
box-folder 13 (box)
Container 1 (folder)

Series III. Project Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31256

Unit Date 1956-1986

Scope and Content

The following is a list of architectural projects carried out by Elsa Leviser and/or her firm Leviser Architects.

Arrangement

The Project Index is a way to organize the various formats of architectural records from the same project. The index is arranged alphabetically by project and contains information, where available, about the location, date, project type, architect, collaborators, photographers, and formats for each project in the collection.

[Project Index](#)

A summary of the Project Index is listed below:

Project/Client Name (location, date, project type, architect) Collaborator (role), Photographer [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings, Ph=Photographs, Sl=Slides, PB=Presentation Boards, Sm=Specifications Manual]

Summary of Project Index

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31257

List of Projects

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31258

Unit Date 1956-1985

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Anstey Addition (Westerham, Kent, Great Britain, 1967, residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31259

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

oversize 4 (folder)

Anstey Residence (Dale Pembs, Wales, 1967-1968, residential) [Dr, Ph, Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31260

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

oversize 4 (folder)

Anstey Vacation Cottage (Dales, Wales, 1969, residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31261

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

oversize 4 (folder)

Borun Addition (Los Angeles, CA, 1977, residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31262

oversize 3 (folder)

Camps Bay Residence (Cape Town, South Africa, 1950, Residential) [Ph]

Camps Bay Residence (Cape Town, South Africa, 1950, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31263

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Castro Crest Trailhead (Santa Monica Mountains, California, 1986, Landscape) [Dr, Ph, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31264

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 1-3 (folder)

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

oversize 7 (folder)

Center Landscaping (Unknown, Unknown, 1984, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31265

oversize 4 (folder)

Chambers Addition (Sherman Oaks, California, 1980, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31266

oversize 4 (folder)

Cherry Residence (Santa Monica, California, 1976, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31267

oversize 5 (folder)

Delaney Addition (Los Angeles, California, 1977, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31268

oversize 3 (folder)

Dembeck/Warshaw Landscaping (Los Angeles, California, 1984, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31269

oversize 4 (folder)

Dewey Residence (Unknown, Unknown, 1988, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31270

oversize 8 (folder)

Drabkin Addition (Brentwood, California, 1976, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31271

oversize 1 (folder)

Edna Erspamer Duplex (Santa Monica, California, 1985, Residential) [Dr, Ms, Sl, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31272

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 8-10 (folder)

oversize 8 (folder)

Fitzerald Duplex (Manhattan Beach, California, 1984, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31273

oversize 5 (folder)

Fitzerald Duplex Addition (Manhattan Beach, California, 1984, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31274

oversize 5 (folder)

Fitzgerald Residence (Manhattan Beach, California, 1984, Residential) [Dr, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31275

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

oversize 5 (folder)

Fleischer Landscape (Los Angeles, California, 1987, Landscape) [Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31276

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Fleischmann Addition (Brentwood, California, 1975, Residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31277

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

oversize 1 (folder)

Feuer Landscaping (Malibu, California, 1985, Landscape) [Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31278

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Gould Residence-Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Pacific Palisades, California, 1984-1989, Residential) [Dr, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31279

box 14

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 1-13 (folder)

box 16

oversize 10 (folder)

Hart Residence (Topanga, California, 1984-1988, Residential) [Ph, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31280

box-folder 15 (box)

Container 14-19 (folder)

box-folder 16 (box)

Container 1-11 (folder)

Henick Landscape (Santa Monica, California, 1988, Landscape) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31281

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

oversize 7 (folder)

Hershey Residence (Pacific Palisades, California, 1986, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31282

oversize 7 (folder)

Hinerfeld Residence (Los Angeles, California, 1986, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31283

oversize 5 (folder)

Hollywood Bowl (Los Angeles, California, 1982-1988, Commercial) [Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31284

box 2

box 19

Hollywood Bowl-Display/Sales Area (Los Angeles, California, 1983-1984, Commercial) [Dr, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31285

box 7

oversize 8 (folder)

Hollywood Bowl-Marquee (Los Angeles, California, 1983-1984, Commercial) [Dr, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31286

box-folder 9 (box)

Container 17-21 (folder)

Hollywood Bowl-Museum (Los Angeles, California, 1982-1985, Graphic Design) [Dr, Ph, PB, Ms, SM]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31287

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

oversize 6 (folder)

Hollywood Bowl-Restaurant (Los Angeles, California, 1983-1984, Commercial) [Dr, Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31288

box 10

Hollywood Bowl- Season Ticket Office (Los Angeles, California, 1983-1984, Commercial) [Dr, Ph, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31289

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

box-folder 8 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

box-folder 10 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

oversize 7 (folder)

Hollywood Bowl-Studio Club (Los Angeles, California, 1980, Commercial) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31290

oversize 4 (folder)

Horatio West Court Planting (Santa Monica, California, n.d., Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31291

oversize 4 (folder)

Jager Addition (Unknown, Unknown, n.d., Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31292

oversize 3 (folder)

Kelly, Tom, Photo Studio Addition (West Hollywood, California, 1985, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31293

oversize 8 (folder)

Knight Landscape Addition (Brentwood, California, 1973, Residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31294

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

oversize 5 (folder)

Long Addition (Mandeville Canyon, California, 1978, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31295

oversize 4 (folder)

Mayer Landscaping (Sherman Oaks, California, 1986-1987, Landscape) [Dr, Ms, SI]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31296

box-folder 17 (box)

Container 13-15 (folder)

oversize 5 (folder)

Mendelsohn Residence (Westwood, California, 1975, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31297

oversize 2 (folder)

Nelson Swimming Pool (Le Mesa, California, 1978, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31298

oversize 4 (folder)

Neumann Addition (Santa Monica, California, 1974, Residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31299

oversize 3 (folder)

New House (Cape Town, South Africa, 1958, Residential) [Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31300

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Office Layout II for Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (Los Angeles, California, 1985, Commercial) [Dr, Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31301

box-folder 13 (box)

Container 6-7 (folder)

oversize 7 (folder)

O'Neil Remodel (Los Angeles, California, 1970, Residential) [Dr, Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31302

oversize 4 (folder)

oversize 10 (folder)

Ramirez Residence (Los Angeles, California, 1985, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31303

oversize 8 (folder)

Robie Landscape (Mandeville Canyon, California, 1989, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31304

oversize 8 (folder)

Rose Landscaping (Unknown, Unknown, 1988, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31305

oversize 5 (folder)

Sheinkopf Landscaping (Palm Springs, California, 1978, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31306

oversize 4 (folder)

Silverman Landscape (Pacific Palisades, California, 1982, Landscape) [Dr,Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31307

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17-18 (folder)

oversize 4 (folder)

Southern California Counseling Center (Los Angeles, California, 1981, Commercial) [Ms, Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31308

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Stiehm Addition (Santa Monica, California, 1975, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31309

oversize 2 (folder)

Steinberg Landscaping (Beverly Hills, California, 1972, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31310

oversize 3 (folder)

Tamboers Koof Addition (Cape Town, South Africa, 1958, Residential) [Ph]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31311

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Teffeteller Addition (Los Angeles, California, 1975-1976, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31312

oversize 2 (folder)

University of California at Davis-Arboretum Competition (Davis, California, 1988, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31313

oversize 9 (folder)

Weisenfeld Addition (Brentwood, California, 1973, Residential) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31314

oversize 3 (folder)

Williams Residence (Brookings, Oregon, 1986, Residential) [Dr,Ph,Ms,Sm]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31315

box-folder 16 (box)

Container 12-20 (folder)

box-folder 17 (box)

Container 1-12 (folder)

box-folder 18 (box)

Container 4- (folder)

oversize 9 (folder)

Wilshire Boulevard (Santa Monica, California, 1983-1984, Public Works) [Dr,Ph,PB,Ms]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31316

box 11-12

oversize 6 (folder)

Yorkshire Landscaping (Beverly Hills, California, 1980, Landscape) [Dr]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/31317

oversize 4 (folder)