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Rebecca Wood Watkin Architectural Drawings

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Abstract

Rebecca Wood Watkin was born in 1913 in Portland, Oregon. She earned a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in 1933, and a B. Arch. from the Architecture School of the University of Pennsylvania. She returned to the west coast, and worked in other architects' offices during the 1930s and 1940s. She earned her California Architectural license in 1944 and opened her own practice in 1951. The collection consists of architectural drawings of remodelings, alterations, additions, and new designs of buildings, mostly residences, that Watkin worked on from 1940 to 1989.

Creator

Watkin, Rebecca Wood, 1913-2010

Extent

6.6 Cubic Feet 2 boxes, 14 oversize folders

Repository

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Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated by Rebecca Wood Watkin in April 1995 with the aid of Inge S. Horton of San Francisco, California. Additions to the collection were received in August 2002 and March 2011.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Rebecca Wood Watkin was born in 1913 in Portland, Oregon. She earned a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in 1933, and a B. Arch. from the Architecture School of the University of Pennsylvania. She returned to the west coast, and worked in other architects' offices during the 1930s and 1940s. She earned her California Architectural license in 1944 and opened her own practice in 1951. She collaborated with architect Fred Coolidge from 1953 to 1970, and then practiced from her own office in Sausalito, California, from 1972 to 1989. She served on the Marin County Planning Commission from 1954 to 1958. She continued to design until her retirement in 1990.

Watkin married Joseph Esherick in 1938; they divorced in 1951. She married Harold Watkin in 1958; he died in 1981. She has three children. Her avocational activities include involvement in Democratic Party political campaigns on all levels of government and work with the Ecumenical Association for Housing in Marin County, California.

Watkin passed away on December 19, 2010, at the age of 97, in La Jolla, CA.

Scope and Content

The Rebecca Wood Watkin Architectural Collection consists of architectural drawings of remodelings, alterations, additions, and new designs of buildings, mostly residences, that Watkin worked on from 1940 to 1989. The locations, unless otherwise noted, are all in northern California.

Also in the collection are photographs of three projects: the Watkin residence in Kentfield, California; the Creek Apartments in San Anselmo, Marin County, California; and the Watkin residence in Placer County, California; and a 1956 article in *Progressive Architecture* on the Watkin residence in Kentfield.

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Existence and Location of Copies

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Description of Subordinate Components

Personal Papers

Unit Date 2011

Obituary

Unit Date 2011

box 2

Container 7 (folder)

Project Records

Unit Date 1940-1989

Arrangement

Project/Client Name/description (location, date) [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings, Ph=Photographs, PB=Presentation Boards]

Arequipa Sanitorium/addition (Fairfax, CA, 1950) [Dr]

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Bisceglia, Francois/Village Fair (Sausalito, CA, 1966) [Dr]

oversize 5 (folder)

Brumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Richard/alterations + additions to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1978) [Dr]

oversize 9 (folder)

Creek Garden Apartments/Watkin and Sibbald (San Anselmo, CA, 1964) [Dr,Ph, PB]

box 1

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Degenhardt, Mr. and Mrs./alterations + additions to residence (Ross, CA, 1959) [Dr]

oversize 2 (folder)

Denman, Mr. and Mrs. D.S. /residence (Kentfield, CA, 1975-1977) [Dr]

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Denman, Mr. and Mrs. D.S./alterations + additions to residence (Larkspur, CA, 1979) [Dr]

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Ecumenical Association for Housing/Anisa Turner House (Santa Vanetia, CA, 1971) [Dr]
oversize 6 (folder)

Ecumenical Association for Housing/various proposals for housing in different locations and years (Pole House in Fairfax; Apartments for Elderly, Christ Presbyterian Church, Terra Linda; Mixed income housing on McLeran Property) (Terra Linda, Larkspur, San Anselmo, CA, 1975) [Dr]
oversize 9 (folder)

Elderidge, Mr. and Mrs. Donald F./mountain residence (Donner Lake, CA, 1966) [Dr]
oversize 4 (folder)

Engel, Mr. and Mrs. A.R.A./addition to residence (Greenbrae, CA, 1983) [Dr]
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Erickson, Dr. Ralph/office and apartment (Larkspur, CA, 1952) [Dr]
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Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger/addition to residence (San Anselmo, CA, 1966) [Dr]
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Escherick, Joseph and Rebecca/residence (Ross, CA, 1940) [Dr]
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Escherick, Joseph and Rebecca/residence (Kentfield, CA, 1949-1951) [Dr]
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Esherick, Mr. and Mrs. Peter/alterations + additions to residence (Albuquerque, NM, 1985) [Dr]
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Ganter Jr., John/alterations to residence (Mill Valley, CA, 1957) [Dr]
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Ganter, Mrs. Florence/alterations to residence (San Francisco , CA, 1969) [Dr]
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Gatov, Mr. and Mrs. Albert/addition to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1972) [Dr]
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Griffin, Dr. and Mrs./Griffin Ski House (Placer County, CA, 1979) [Dr]
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H.B. Watkin Trust property/alterations to property (San Anselmo, CA, 1988) [Dr]
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Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie/addition to residence (Cotati, CA, 1971) [Dr]
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Hewlitt, Mr. and Mrs./residence (1954) [Dr]

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Howell, Lillian/alterations to residence (Greenbrae, CA, n.d.) [Dr]

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Howley, Mr. and Mrs. John/alterations + additions to residence (Healdsburg, CA, 1981) [Dr]

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Larry Livingston & Associates /remodeling of Office (Sausalito, CA, 1981) [Dr]

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Leones, Mr. and Mrs. John/addition to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1986) [Dr]

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Lewis , Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur/alterations to residence (Larkspur, CA, 1970) [Dr]

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Littman, Allan N./addition to property (Tiburon, CA, 1972) [Dr]

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Littman, Mr. and Mrs. Allan/mountain residence (Alpine Meadows, CA, 1965) [Dr]

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Littman, Mr. and Mrs. Allan/light fixture detail (Alpine Meadows, CA, 1968) [Dr]

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MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Murray/residence (not built) (Ross, CA, 1980) [Dr]

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Marin Fellowship of Unitarians /alteration [Dr]

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Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Harry/alterations to residence (Tiburon, CA, 1971-1979) [Dr]

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Meyer, Mr.. and Mrs. Norton/residence (Sausalito, CA, 1964) [Dr]

oversize 3 (folder)

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony/alterations + additions to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1980) [Dr]

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Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus/alterations + additions to residence (Mill Valley, CA, n.d.) [Dr]

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Odgers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard /alterations + additions to residence (Mill Valley, CA, 1969) [Dr]

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Office of National Emergency Services/39 Main Street (Tiburon, CA, 1979) [Dr]

oversize 10 (folder)

Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Joel/alterations to residence (not built) (Petaluma, CA, 1975) [Dr]

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Royson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watkin/mountain cabin (Alpine Meadows, CA, 1965) [Dr]

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S.P. Presbyterian Orphanage/alteration of Sunnyhill Infirmary (San Anselmo, CA, 1950) [Dr]

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San Francisco Foundation/Marconi property feasibility study (Marshall, CA, 1981) [Dr] 35|10|10

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San Francisco Girl Scout Council/Bothin Youth Center Camp Facility (Fairfax, CA, 1986-1987) [Dr]

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Sausalito Yacht Club/service building and addition to yacht sales building (Sausalito, CA, 1963) [Dr]

oversize 3 (folder)

Scales, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett P./alterations + additions to residence (Ross, CA, 1980) [Dr]

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Sheridan Antique Shop/alterations + additions to building (Sausalito, CA) [Dr]

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Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth/residence (Kentfield, CA, 1962) [Dr]

oversize 3 (folder)

Spiller, Dr. and Mrs. E.B./alterations + additions to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1973) [Dr]

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Spiller, Dr. and Mrs. E.B., Duck Club additions (Grizzly Island, CA, 1973) [Dr]

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Spiller, Dr. and Mrs. E.B./Spiller Greenhouse (Kentfield, CA, 1982) [Dr]

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Sprang, Mr. and Mrs. R.W./addition to residence (Mill Valley, CA, 1965) [Dr]

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Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. R.L./residence (Ross, CA, 1953) [Dr]

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Synanon Foundation Inc./Cliff House (Marin City, CA) [Dr]

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T&M Office Building/alterations to building (St. Helena, CA, 1977) [Dr]

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Tellone, Mr. and Mrs. E.S./alterations to residence (Woodside, CA, 1971) [Dr]

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Thorner Residence/residence (Kentfield, CA) [Ph]

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Thorner, Mr. and Mrs. Thos/alterations to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1989) [Dr]

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Thorner, Mr. and Mrs. Tom/alterations to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1975) [Dr]

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True, Mr. and Mrs. John /alterations to residence (Kentfield, CA, 1987-1988) [Dr]

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Vaughan, Nicholas/addition to residence (Sonoma, CA, 1973) [Dr]

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Vaughan, Mrs. L.H./alterations to residence (Point Richmond, CA, 1974) [Dr]

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Volger, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis/carport for Vogler residence (Belvedere, CA , 1983) [Dr]

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Watkin Residence/residence (Kentfield, CA, 1956) [Ms]

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Watkin Residence/residence (Placer County, CA, 1965-1967) [Ph]

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Watkin, Harold B./development plan for Cotati property (not built) (Cotati, CA, 1981) [Dr]

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Watkin, Mr. and Mrs./Watkin Cabins (Camp Sherman, OR, 1972) [Dr]

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Westberg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert/alterations to residence (Mill Valley, CA, 1969) [Dr]

oversize 5 (folder)

Westberg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert/alterations to residence (Belvedere, CA , 1987) [Dr]

oversize 13 (folder)

Weston, Mr. and Mrs. John/alterations + additions to residence (San Anselmo, CA, 1973) [Dr]

oversize 8 (folder)

Weston, John and Ann, deck and pergola (Belvedere, CA) [Dr]

oversize 8 (folder)

Wiper, Thomas/apartments (Sausalito, CA, 1963) [Dr]

oversize 3 (folder)

Wood Residence, Mr. and Mrs. Erksine/residence (Vancouver, WA, 1940) [Dr]

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