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Duncombe, A. Jane, 1925-

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## Biographical Note

A. Jane Duncombe, born in 1925 in Ontario, Canada, graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago's School of Industrial Design where she studied under Marya Lilien. During World War II Lilien was the first woman to receive an architectural degree in Poland and was a Charter Apprentice at Taliesin. Lilien told Duncombe early in her studies, "You must be an architect, you have it!" Lilien's insight predicted Duncombe's apprenticeship under Frank Lloyd Wright at Taliesin from 1948-1949. After working for a year in the Chicago area and in Canada, Duncombe moved to San Francisco to work with [Lois Davidson Gottlieb](#), also a graduate of Taliesin. As part of the design team Duncombe-Davidson, based in Sausalito, she designed residences in Marin County starting with the Val Goeschen house, a one-room unit with 576 square feet, in Inverness, CA. This partnership spanned the years 1951 to 1956. Duncombe continued to practice in the San Francisco Bay area for forty years where she completed a broad range of projects.

## Scope and Contents

The A. Jane Duncombe Architectural Papers span the years 1952 to 2002. The papers consist primarily of architectural drawings, as well as some printed material including plan sheets, articles, and printouts of digital images. The collection documents various residential and other projects upon which Duncombe worked, one in Illinois and the rest in California.

## Keywords

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into two series of drawings and biographical material. Drawings are arranged chronologically according to project.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Series I: Drawings,**

**Unit Date** 1957-1996

**Residence for Dr. K. L. Duncombe, Downers Grove, Illinois,**

**Unit Date** August 1959

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1,3,4,8,9, August 1957

**Duplex Apartments for Paul Potts, Mill Valley, CA, Pages 1-2,**

**Unit Date** June 1974

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1-2, June 1974

**House for Strawberry Point, Marin County, CA, Pages A1-A9,**

**Unit Date** January 20, 1975

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A9, January 20, 1975

**Sausalito Blvd. Duplex Apartments, Sausalito, CA, Pages A1-A5, A7, A8,**

**Unit Date** March 1975

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A5, A7, A8 March 1975

**Poulson House, Mill Valley, CA, Pages A1-A5,**

**Unit Date** September 1975

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A5, September 1975

**Two Houses, Santa Rosa, CA, Pages A2-A4,**

**Unit Date** July 1977

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A2-A4, July 1977

**Reynold's Duplex Remodeling, Tiburon, CA, Pages A1-A5,**

**Unit Date** November 1977

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A5, November 1977

**A New Carport for Mr. and Mrs. John Boyce-Smith, Inverness, CA, Pages A1-A2,**

**Unit Date** January 1978

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A2, January 1978

**McCabe House, Occidental, CA, Pages A2-A7,**

**Unit Date** May 1977

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A2-A7, May 1978

**Cooper House, Tiburon, CA, Pages A3-A9,**

**Unit Date** February 1980

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A3-A9, February 1980

**North House, Mill Valley, CA, Pages A1-A2, A5-A10, 1, 3,**

**Unit Date** September 1981

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A2, A5-A10, 1, 3, September 1981

**Remodeling + Additions, Carvolth House, Mill Valley, CA, Page 2,**

**Unit Date** October 1984

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**Scope and Contents note**

Page 2, October 1984

**House on O'Neil Alley, Amador City, CA, Pages 1-8,**

**Unit Date** July 1986

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1-8, July 1986

**House on Gross Alley, Amador City, CA, Pages 1-9,**

**Unit Date** October 1986

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1-9, October 1986

**Joyce Thurkauf's House, Amador City, CA, Pages 1-9, See also Series II. Biographical Material.**

**Unit Date** May 1987

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1-9, May 1987. See also Series II. Biographical Material.

**Amador Hotel, Amador City, CA, Pages S1-S2,**

**Unit Date** January 1993

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages S1-S2, January 1993

**Alterations, Wolcott House, Amador City, CA, Page 1,**

**Unit Date** July 1993

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**Scope and Contents note**

Page 1, July 1993

**House for Frances Farmer, Amador City, CA, Pages 1-8,**

**Unit Date** December 1993, revised January 1994

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Pages 1-8, December 1993, revised January 1994

**Office Building for Jane Bardin, Jackson, CA, Pages 1-6A,**

**Unit Date** October 1996

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages 1-6A, October 1996

**Duplex Townhouses, Tiburon, CA, Pages A1-A2**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Pages A1-A2, n.d.

**Odell-Ackley Residence, Inverness, CA,**

**Unit Date** n.d.

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**Series II: Biographical Material,**

**Unit Date** 1954-2001

**folder** 1

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Biographical essay, copies of articles about and plan sheets and printouts of digital images of various projects including Shelter Hill (Mill Valley, CA), Marin Convalescent and Rehabilitation Hospital (Tiburon, CA), White Oaks Theater (Carmel Valley, CA), and various residences.

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