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Overview of the Collection

Title:	James Leary Flood and Maud Lee Flood Residence Blueprints collection
Date	1912-1914
Creator:	Bliss & Faville
Quantity:	4 oversize boxes, (8 linear feet)
Summary:	This collection contains architectural drawings for the James Leary Flood and Maud Lee Flood Residence, also known as the Flood Mansion.
Identification:	USDSC_2019_002
Language:	English
Repository:	University of San Diego, Archives and Special Collections Copley Library 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110 Telephone: 619-260-2730 spcoll@sandiego.edu

Historical Note

The James Leary Flood and Maud Lee Flood residence was designed and constructed between 1912 and 1915 at 2222 Broadway in San Francisco, California. James hired architects Bliss & Faville who had designed San Francisco's Westin St. Francis Hotel, Garry Theater, and Bank of California, among many others. Bliss & Faville were known for grandeur and attention to detail. The Flood Mansion was designed in the classical styles of the Italian Renaissance with influences of Rococo, Tudor, Georgian, and Mediterranean Revival styles.

James Leary Flood and Maud Lee Flood had three children, James L. Flood, Jr. (who died at the age of 4 in 1907), James, and Mary Emma (Stebbins). James Leary died in 1926. The rest of the family remained in the house until 1938 after both James and Mary Emma had married. At that time, Maud gave the house to Mother Rosalie Hill and the Religious of the Sacred Heart. According to Sister Genevieve Clarke, Maud said she "dreamed that one day in her beautiful mansion there would be sweet and gentle nuns teaching in its halls and walking in its gardens" (Clarke, *Reverend Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill*, 91). According to Mary Mardel, Maud wanted her home to become a place for education, and that Maud was thankful to the Sacred Heart nuns for their support during James Jr.'s illness and passing (*History of Flood Mansion: Interview with Mary Mardel, R.S.C.J* video). After Mother Hill received the house in 1938, she began designs for its restoration into a Sacred Heart school. Classes for the school began in the spring of 1940.

Mother Rosalie Hill was integral to the design of the San Diego College for Women and the University of San Diego. She wanted the design to be an adaptation of the Spanish Renaissance architectural style. While living at the Convent of St. Madeleine Sophie, located at 2610 San Diego Avenue in Old Town San Diego, until the College for Women was built, Mother Hill and Mother Suzanne de Leon drafted plans that would help guide Architect Frank Hope, Jr.'s designs for the University. It is likely that Mother Hill and Mother de Leon requested these blueprints to help advise their designs.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of architectural blueprints from the James Leary Flood and Maud Lee Flood residence. These drawings are primarily of the architectural details on the house including the entrance doors, walls, transoms, and cornices. All blueprints were completed by architects Bliss & Faville.

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Arrangement

Blueprints are arranged chronologically.

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Restrictions

Access

This collection is open for research.

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Index Terms

Bliss, Walter Danforth, 1874-1956
Faville, William Baker, 1866-1947
Flood, James Leary, 1857-1926
Flood, Maud Lee, 1876-1966
Bliss & Faville
Society of the Sacred Heart.
San Francisco (Calif.)
architectural drawings (visual works)
blueprints (reprographic copies)

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Custodial History

The Flood Mansion blueprints were found in the University of San Diego Founders Hall vault. Blueprints were mailed from the Convent of the Sacred Heart at 2222 Broadway San Francisco, CA to Mother S. de Leon Convent of St. Madeleine Sophie 2610 San Diego Avenue San Diego CA., postmarked April 4 1949.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Ashley Toutain in October 2019.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Box Folder

- 1 Flood- Front Elevation and Entrance - Three quarter inch details. Sheet no. 100.
001 55.5 x 42.25 in.
1912 June 26

Flood- West Wall of Court - Three quarter inch details. Sheet no. 107.
002 56 x 42 in.
1912 September 06

Flood- Bronze Entrance in Court - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1078
003 42.25 x 45 in.
1913 February 11

Flood- Metal Doors on Main Entrance - 3 in. scale detail. T. 131
004 55.25 x 22.25 in.
1913 March 25

Box Folder

- 2 Flood- Bronze Doors on Main Entrance - 3 in. scale detail
005 56 x 22.5 in.
1913 March 25

Flood- Inner Entrance Door (Iron) - F.S. Detail [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1082
006 42 x 51 in.
1913 June 06

Flood-
007 Transom Over Inner Vestibule Door - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1085
42 x 45 in.
1913 June 10

Flood- Wrought Metal Doors in Entrance - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1092
008 65 x 42 in.
1913 August 04

Box Folder

3 Flood- West Wall of Play Room - F.S. Detail [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1106.
009 34.75 x 42 in.
1913 August 12

Flood- Plaster Cornice in Play-Room - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1097.
010 57.25 x 37.5 in.
1913 August 20

Flood- Caps in Hall in Basement - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1108.
011 44.75 x 42 in.
1913 September 24

Blueprint includes drawings for Elevation of Base of Columns; Quarter Plan of Base of Column; Elevation of Plaster Base; Half Elevation of Plaster Cap; Half Elevation of Cap on Columns; Section on Center Line; Half Plan of Plaster Capitals; Quarter Plan of Column Capitals.

Flood- Plaster Cornice in Hall in Basement (Upper). Sheet no. 1110.
012 42.25 x 42 in.
1913 September 25

Box Folder

4 Flood- Plaster Cornice in Reception Room - F.S.D. [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1100.
013 42 x 38 in.
1913 September 26

Flood- Mantel in Playroom - F.S. Detail [Full Size Detail]. Sheet no. 1111.
014 42 x 41.5 in.
1913 October 13

Flood- Elevator Car - F.S. and 3 quarter scale details.
015 32 x 75 in.
1914 July 31

Flood- [Architectural drawings of landscape of front of residence including location of lawn, marble walls, and driveways. Additionally drawings of the front of the residence with marble walls and gates.]
016 46.5 x 35.5 in.
circa 1913