

**Robert Horn Collection**  
**1905-ca. 1980**

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**Date Span:** 1905-ca. 1980

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## **Historical Note**

Robert Goodlin Horn (1896-1989) was born in Ohio in 1896 to Harry and Hanna Horn. The Horn family moved to the La Cañada valley in Los Angeles County around 1905. Harry Horn worked as a ranch manager for John G. Bullock, founder of the Bullock's department stores.

Robert Horn graduated from Pasadena High School and then attended the California State Normal School in Los Angeles, receiving a degree in Manual Arts in 1915. Horn became a teacher at a school in Ojai, CA, where he met Gertrude B. McKinley. The couple married in 1922 and moved to Santa Ana, where Robert continued to teach.

In 1944, Robert and Gertrude Horn moved to the Corona del Mar neighborhood of Newport Beach. They purchased a house at 358 Dalia Place, which was built in 1914 as employee housing for the Del Mar Hotel (later renamed the Balboa Palisades Club and the Palisades Tavern). The Horns remodeled the home extensively over the course of many years. In 2019, the Horn family sold the house. At the time, 358 Dahlia Place and a neighboring house were probably the oldest extant structures in Corona del Mar.

## Collection Overview

This collection includes photographs and documents reproduced from a scrapbook compiled by Robert G. Horn. The photographs include images of the family homes and surround areas in La Cañada and Corona del Mar. The collection also includes a copy of Robert Horn's diploma from the California State Normal School, a floorplan for the Corona del Mar house, and a poem written about the house.

## Container List

| <b>ID</b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>  | <b><u>Date(s)</u></b> |
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| Horn-01   | The Horn's house, La Cañada  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-02   | View of the Horn's house looking across a field.   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-03   | Side view of the Horn's house, La Cañada   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-04   | The Horn house in La Cañada. Caption: "Our Home – "  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-05   | Two boys with locked arms standing behind an agave, Horn ranch La Cañada. Caption: "Front Yard"  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-06   | The garden at the Horn house, La Cañada. Caption: "Rose Trellis, Our Banana, Grape Arbor"  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-07   | The Horn ranch in La Cañada. Caption: "From the Road"  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-08   | View of the Horn ranch in La Cañada. Caption: "Big Oleander"   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-09   | Horse and carriage   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-10   | Landscape of the La Cañada Valley  | 1905                  |
| Horn-11   | Postcard title "La Cañada Valley From Somes Peak"  | 1907                  |
| Horn-12   | Caption: Homeward Avenue: my daily exit and re-entry by car between La Cañada and Los Angeles – "  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-13   | Unidentified road in La Cañada.  | 1905                  |
| Horn-14   | Man with a field bag picking lemons  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-15   | Two men standing in a citrus orchard. Caption: "Mr. Bullock"   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-16   | Caption: "Stacks of trays containing APRICOTS, halved and pitted, ready to be Sulphur-treated then sun-dried. Left: Harold Brooks, Right: Cecil Van de Grift | n.d.                  |
| Horn-17   | Caption: "Community Congressional Church"  | n.d.                  |

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| Horn-18   | Caption: "La Cañada Grammar School – 2 class rooms"   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-19   | A car rounding the bend on a mountain road.   | ca. 1915              |
| Horn-20   | Robert Horn [?] sitting behind the wheel of his car   | ca. 1915              |
| Horn-21   | Caption: "My first car, a 1910 bought in summer of 1915 as travel method to L.A. Normal School. Pictures show transformation. Sold in 1918 on joining Navy" | ca. 1915              |
| Horn-22   | Robert Horn posing with a Ford Model T.   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-23   | Robert Horn posing with an unidentified woman in front a Ford Model T.  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-24   | California State Normal School, Los Angeles.  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-25   | The Horn's house, Pasadena.   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-26   | Red-gated entrance to 358 Dahlia Place.   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-27   | View through the entrance to the front yard of 358 Dahlia Place   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-28   | Front yard of 358 Dahlia Place  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-29   | Robert and Gertrude Horn standing in front in the front yard of 358 Dahlia Place  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-30   | View from the kitchen of 358 Dahlia Place, looking across Bayside Drive.  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-31   | View of the side of 358 Dahlia Place.   | n.d.                  |
| Horn-32   | View of Little Corona, part of Corona del Mar State Beach. View includes Arch Rock  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-33   | The walkway on the Goldenrod footbridge, Corona del Mar.  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-34   | View of China House from the beach in China Cove, Corona del Mar  | 1980                  |
| Horn-35   | Newport Harbor with sailboats. The roof of China House is in the foreground.  | n.d.                  |
| Horn-36   | Robert Goodlin Horn's diploma from the California State Normal School in Los Angeles  | June 20, 1918         |
| Horn-37   | Poem: To Three Five Eight Dahlia Place with love.   | January 1979          |
| Horn-38   | Horn's house floorplan, showing the house as it was when the family   | n.d.                  |

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### **Subjects**

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La Cañada (Calif.) – History – Sources

Horn, Robert Goodlin

Bullock, John G.

Del Mar Hotel

Balboa Palisades Club

Palisades Tavern