

# **PATRICK McGREW COLLECTION**

## **Finding Aid**



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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Title:**

Patrick McGrew Collection

**Date (inclusive):**

Bulk 1990-2010

**Creators:**

Patrick McGrew

**Extent:**

12 linear feet and 1 flat file drawer excludes book collection

**Repository:**

Palm Springs Art Museum, The Lorraine Boccardo Archive Study Center  
Palm Springs, California 92263

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**Biographical Note:**

Patrick McGrew AIA (1941-2013) was an architect and advocate for historic preservation. A practicing architect in San Francisco for forty-five years, he spent fourteen years as the president of the San Francisco Landmarks Commission. He served as chairman of the Architecture and Design Council at the Palm Springs Art Museum, member of the Palm Springs Historic Site Preservation Board and on the board of directors for the Palm Springs Preservation Foundation. The collection was acquired from his partner, Robert Stone in late 2013.

## Scope and Content Note:

The Patrick McGrew Collection (S2014.3) was acquired in 2013 and contains computer files, books, magazines, national register nominations, research binders of local residential buildings, drawings, postcards, and working papers representing McGrew's interest in architecture and preservation.

The collection has 10 series:

- Series I. Computer Files
- Series II. Research Binders – Collection of working papers and documents
- Series III. National Register Nominations
- Series IV. Nominations for Palm Springs Class 1 Historic Site/District Designation
- Series V. Spiral Reports
- Series VI. Working Paper Files
- Series VII. Postcards
- Series VIII. Miscellaneous
- Series IX. Architectural Drawings
- Series X. Books

### Series I. -- Computer Files (Hard drive, 1 Box)

1. Architect's Biographies: 72 digital folders on different architects, designers, or architectural firms that worked or are currently working in Palm Springs
2. Historic Site Studies: 125 digital files of Palm Springs buildings of particular interest
3. Designated Class 1 Historic Sites: A list, in numerical order, of all Palm Springs Class One sites current as of March 5, 2013. Each site has its own digital folder and contains text and/or photographic images of the site – both current images and historic
4. Historic Neighborhoods: 25 Folders on potentially historic Palm Springs neighborhoods, listed by name.

### Series II. -- Research Binders – Collection of working papers and documents – 34 Binders re-housed into 36 Folders (2 Boxes)

#### Box 1 (22 folders):

1. The Brown Act
2. Procedural Due Process
3. A reprint of the 1938 Palm Springs Telephone Directory; Survey Criteria for Individual Structures; How to Document a Building's History
4. The 2004 Palm Springs Citywide Historic Resource Survey (McGrew organized and indexed it alphabetically by street name of property)
5. The Pasadena, California – Cultural Resources of the Recent Past Historic Context Report
6. McGrew's analysis of a potential Historic District on the Palm Springs High School Campus (prompted by the 2012 demolition of the historic Donald Wexler designed Administration Building). *All rights to this original analysis by McGrew are to be assigned by the Estate to the museum.*
7. Personages: a binder containing copies of the 1961, 1972, and 1979 *Personages* publication – a "Who's Who" for Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley
8. California Historical Society (San Francisco) Index to *The Architect and Engineer*, Volume 1-95, 1905-1928 (Copy)
9. City of Rancho Mirage, Historic Resources Survey of 2003

10. The Las Palmas Commercial Historic District, Palm Springs (McGrew at the time of his death was preparing to rewrite the district to include omitted structures and delete others that had lost their significance due to insensitive remodels)
11. Abernathy House Nomination (McGrew's final Palm Springs Class 1 Historic Site nomination)
12. Albert Frey Residence (Frey II)
13. Hugh Stephens Residence Nomination
14. *From the Outside In*, Volume 1 (McGrew book concept on the history of Palm Springs architecture, background materials, as well as the power point presentation he prepared for a lecture on this subject)
15. *From the Outside In*, 2 (McGrew book concept on the history of Palm Springs architecture, background materials, as well as the power point presentation he prepared for a lecture on this subject)
16. The Frank Sinatra Residence
17. The Max Palevsky Residence
18. Palm Springs Historic Districts (a binder of background materials to assist in the preparation and proposal of new historic districts in Palm Springs)
19. Demolitions – San Francisco Bulletin 16 (this binder contains material from the San Francisco Planning Department's attempt to define precisely what constitutes "demolition" – intended as a guideline for future adaptation in Palm Springs)
20. Palm Springs' 2005 Downtown Design Guidelines
21. Harold Kalman - A photocopy of "The Evaluation of Historic Buildings" – a guideline used for evaluating historic structures in Canada

**Box 2 (14 folders):**

22. *Landmarks of Palm Springs* by Patrick McGrew – This is an unfinished manuscript that McGrew abandoned in 2010. It is formatted similar to *Landmarks of San Francisco* and *Landmarks of Los Angeles*, published by Abrams. There are original images and text for each of the designated Class 1 historic structures in Palm Springs up to 2010. The project was abandoned because McGrew wanted to tell the history of Palm Springs architecture in more depth in a longer work.
23. *Landmarks of Palm Springs* by Patrick McGrew.
24. Civic Center District (San Francisco)
25. Donald Wexler [includes oral interview cassette (94 minutes) which was converted to digital file in Nov. 2016 - copy also on thumb drive in Frey Series XIV, Box 1, Folder 8]
26. California Register
27. Anglo-California Trust Company – Historic Evaluation Report
28. National Register Historic Places Forms – National Register Bulletin
29. National Register
30. OHP Bulletin 14 – Drafting Effective Historic Preservation Ordinances
31. Hugh Kaptur
32. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
33. Preservation Briefings
34. The Center (Town and Country)

**Series III. -- National Register Nominations - 2 Boxes**

1. O'Donnell Residence in Palm Springs
2. Cabot's Pueblo Museum in Desert Hot Springs

**Series IV. --Nominations for Palm Springs Class 1 Historic Site/District Designation – 12 Nominations, 1 Box**

1. The Center (Town and Country), April 2009
2. Del Marcos Hotel, February 2012
3. Dr. Hugh Stephens Residence, February 2010
4. Frank Sinatra Residence, December 2010, Revised January 2011 (2 copies); December 2010
5. General Houses, Inc., November 2012
6. J.W. Robinson Department Store Building, June 2012, Revised September 2012
7. James Logan Abernathy Residence, November 2012
8. Kocher-Samson Building, February 2008, Revised January 2012
9. Max Palevsky Residence, November 2012
10. Palmaire Apartments / Casa Palmeras Apartment Hotel, May 2012
11. Royal Hawaiian Estates, May 2009
12. Twin Palms Estates Model A2 Residence, September 2012 (2 copies)

**Series V. – Spiral Reports (mainly San Francisco properties) – Rehoused into 45 Folders, 1 Box**

1. San Francisco Kaiser Medical Center Geary Campus Development Project
2. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: Williams Williams / Mary Elizabeth Botsford Residence (2 copies)
3. Certificate of Appropriateness Application: 3640 Buchanan St., San Francisco (2 copies)
4. Master Plan for Rose Court
5. San Francisco Mid-Embarcadero Replacement Project EIS/EIR
6. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: Guilfooy Cornice Works
7. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: 46-50 Geary St., San Francisco (2 copies)
8. Historic Technical Report: 1268-70 Lombard St., San Francisco
9. The Fallon Building
10. Feasibility Study: 1045-55 Vallejo Street
11. Certificate of Appropriateness Application: The Edward Coleman Residence
12. San Francisco Kaiser Geary Campus Project: Background Report
13. 275 10<sup>th</sup> Street Supportive Housing Project: Environmental Impact Report
14. The Houses of the Golden Coast
15. Draft Environmental Impact Report: 22-30 Alta St.
16. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: Musto Building (2 copies)
17. Historic Structure Report: De Martini Cookie Company Building
18. Certificate of Appropriateness Application: 2220-2222 Sacramento St., San Francisco (2 copies)
19. Background Study and Analysis: Buildings Located Within 235 Second St. Project Area
20. Draft Environmental Impact Report: 1234 Howard St. Residential Project

21. The Architect's Responsibilities in the Project Delivery Process
22. National Register Bulletin: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation
23. Planning Department: 3640 Buchanan St., San Francisco
24. Historic Resource Report: Chinatown YMCA
25. Draft Environmental Impact Report: 340-350 Fremont St., San Francisco
26. Historic Structure Report: The Royal Theater (2 copies)
27. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: French Hospital Powerhouse and Generator Building
28. Analysis of Historic Resource Potential: Roesch Building
29. National Register of Historic Places Inventory: Nomination Form, The Koshland House
30. Feasibility Study: 4035-37 18<sup>th</sup> Street
31. Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review: 75 Sea Cliff Ave., San Francisco
32. Patrick McGrew Associates – Master Project List
33. Historic Resource Report: Dominican Convent
34. Historic Resource Report: Dominican Convent – Volume I: St. Catherine's Academy
35. Historic Resource Report: Dominican Convent Volume II St. Thomas Hall
36. Economic Analysis: 41 Van Ness Avenue
37. Feasibility Study: California Warehouse Lofts
38. National Register of Historic Places Inventory: Nomination Form, High School of Commerce
39. Historic Resource Evaluation Report: First St. John's Methodist Church
40. Art and Architecture of the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange Building
41. Evaluation of Landmark Potential for 517 Washington Street, Preliminary Report
42. Historic Structure Report: Meter and Office House
43. Summary of Windows Condition Survey: 1701 Franklin Street
44. Demolition of 41 Van Ness Avenue
45. Historic Resource Report: Kelly Stables Building

**Series VI. --Working Paper Files Alphabetically by Folder Name – 1 Box, 22 Files**

1. Burnham Compound
2. Byers, John
3. Cabot Pueblo
4. City Hall Site [Palm Springs]
5. Clark, John Porter
6. Cody Book Proposal
7. Community Church/Orchid Tree
8. DeBrabant Research
9. Farrell Residence
10. Hicks, Alvah
11. Keylon [Steven]
12. Kilroy Properties

13. Kocher-Grant
14. Lapham, Howard
15. Las Palmas Business Historical District
16. Mead Residence/The Willows
17. Movie Colony
18. Ongoing Research
19. Seven Lakes
20. Smoketree [Smoke Tree Ranch] – McFie House
21. Tennis Club Historical District
22. Welwood Murray Library

**Series VII. -- Postcards** – One album titled *Cartes Postales*. A collection of 68 colored postcards circa 1900 to 1960s of Southern and Northern California buildings and scenes and other places.

Southern California (39 cards):

1. Planetarium Griffith Park, Near Hollywood
2. Elks Club 99, Los Angeles
3. Mulholland Dam, Hollywood
4. Olvera Street, Los Angeles
5. Quit Corner in Pershing Sq., Los Angeles
6. Trinity Auditorium, Los Angeles
7. Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles
8. Plaza in China City, Los Angeles
9. Museum and Sunken Gardens, Exposition Park, Los Angeles
10. Soldiers Monument in front of Central Park, Corner Fifth & Hill St, Los Angeles
11. The City Hall Through Palms, Los Angeles
12. Richfield Building, Los Angeles
13. Wilshire Boulevard at Westlake
14. Union Station, Los Angeles
15. Fourth St. Looking West from Main St., Los Angeles
16. Palm Walk, Echo Park, Los Angeles
17. World Famous, La Brea Pits, Los Angeles
18. The Patio (Outdoor Waiting Room), Union Station, Los Angeles
19. Elysian Park, Los Angeles
20. Portion of Bay Front, Avalon, Catalina Island
21. Hamburger Department Store, Largest West of Chicago, Los Angeles
22. The Midway, Venice
23. Boating on the Canal, Venice
24. Panorama View from Broadway & Fifth St. showing Central Park in Center, Los Angeles
25. Soldiers Monument, Central Park, Los Angeles

26. Through Cahuenga Pass, Hollywood
27. San Fernando Mission Build 1797
28. Mission San Fernando Rey Founded 1797 General View from SE
29. Paul De Longprae's Residence, Hollywood
30. Los Angeles Mission Chapel from the Plaza
31. San Gabriel Mission
32. Stairway at San Gabriel Mission
33. San Gabriel Mission The Old Stairway
34. San Gabriel Mission The Bells
35. Aloha – Clifton's "Pacific Seas" Los Angeles
36. City Hall, Los Angeles
37. Auditorium Hotel, Auditorium Theatre, California Club and Apartment House District from  
Central Station, Los Angeles
38. Auditorium, Los Angeles
39. Main Street, Palm Springs

Northern California (25 cards):

40. The City Hall, San Francisco
41. Bridge Terminal Building, San Francisco
42. The San Francisco Terminal Buildings, San Francisco
43. Pacific Building corner Market and Fourth Steers, San Francisco
44. Residence Overlooking Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
45. Rodin's Statue "The Thinker" in Court Palace of Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, San  
Francisco
46. Villa Stone, Patrick McGrew photograph, San Francisco
47. Union Square, San Francisco
48. The Post Office, San Francisco
49. Mission Delores, San Francisco
50. Chinatown, Grant Avenue, San Francisco
51. San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Skyline of San Francisco
52. Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
53. Mission Delores, San Francisco
54. Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
55. Interior Chinese Telephone Exchange, San Francisco
56. Chinese School, Chinatown, San Francisco
57. Chinatown by Night, San Francisco
58. Chinatown at Night, San Francisco
59. Charming Girls at Chinatown, San Francisco
60. Chinatown, San Francisco
61. A Chinatown Gentleman, San Francisco



62. Street Scene at Night, Chinatown, San Francisco
63. Kong Chow Temple, Chinatown, San Francisco
64. Looking Up California Street Toward Nob Hill, San Francisco
65. Old St. Mary's Church, San Francisco

Others (3 cards)

66. Fallingwater, PA.
67. General Houses Inc. House
68. Chicago World's Fair

**Series VIII. – Miscellaneous – 2 Boxes**

Box 1 (5 folders)

1. 653 Duncan St. San Francisco – New House
2. Art & Architecture at the City Club
3. User-Friendly Working Drawings Lessons 1-6 – SF Institute of Architecture
4. The Architects Detail Library on Autocad – July 1993 release
5. Carolands Chateau – Hillsborough, CA

Box 2 (1 portfolio, 1 bound record book)

1. United States Senate Certificate Commendation from Dianne Feinstein, 2002
2. Western Addition Sales Records 1850-1897 (W.A. 231)

**Series IX. - Architectural Drawings (Drawer 11, Folder 1)**

1. Residence, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Abernathy, William F. Cody architect, 8 sheets  
(copies from Kennedy Library, Cal Poly SLO)
2. Residence, McGrew/Stone, Patrick McGrew architect, 2 sheets

**Series X. - Books** – A total of 885 books cataloged with special bookplate and merged into library collections. Listed as the Patrick McGrew Collection in the Ownership and Custodial History field.

**Indexing – Names**

McGrew, Patrick (1941-2013) - Archives

**Indexing – Subjects**

Architects – California - Palm Springs  
 Architects – California - San Francisco  
 Architecture – California - Palm Springs  
 Architecture – California - San Francisco  
 Historic Buildings – California - Palm Springs  
 Historic Buildings – California - San Francisco  
 Historic Preservation – California - Palm Springs  
 Historic Preservation – California - San Francisco

**Indexing – Geographical**  
Palm Springs, California  
San Francisco, California