

ROBERT ‘BOB’ MARX COLLECTION

Finding Aid



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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Title:

Robert 'Bob' Marx Collection

Date (inclusive):

ca. late 1950s and early 1960s

Creators:

Robert 'Bob' Marx

Extent:

1 linear foot (1 storage box)

Repository:

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

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Biographical Note:

Robert 'Bob' Marx (1930-2023, son of Marx Brothers, Gummo Marx) who was a building contractor in the Coachella Valley. His firm was Marval Construction Company (1957-1964) and he partnered with architect designer Val Powelson. The Marval name combines the owners (Marx and Val). Marval/Marx designed and built many custom high-end homes in the Rancho Mirage Tamarisk area. Several of their buildings are now listed on the Register of Historic Places in Rancho Mirage including the Leo Maranz and Gummo Marx residences as well as Da Vaal Estates

Scope and Content Note:

The materials were donated by Mrs. Gilda Marx and contain one series – Photographs/Transparencies.

Series:

I. Photographs/Transparencies (Seven folders - Photographs/Transparencies (57), Building Projects (6), one storage box)

Folder 1: Borwick-Emrich Residence (Rancho Mirage)

Black/White Photographs (11 prints - Photographer Kent Oppenheimer, Job #6859 - Image 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18); Color Transparencies (7)

Folder 2: Da Vaal Estates (Rancho Mirage)

Color Rendering Photograph (1 print); Modernism Week Brochures (2019, 2023); Palm Springs Life (April 29, 1960 Article Copy); Real Estate Data (Copies)

Folder 3: Gummo Marx Residence (Rancho Mirage)

Black/White Photographs (15 prints - Palm Springs Life Photo by John Munn); Assorted Articles (Copies)

Folder 4: Leo Maranz Residence (aka Gull Wing) (Rancho Mirage)

Black/White Photographs (6 prints - Palm Springs Life Photo by John Munn); Assorted Articles (Copies)

Folder 5: Palm Springs House (466 Camino Del Sur)

Transparencies (2, Photographer Kent Oppenheimer)

Folder 6: Robert Marx Residence (Rancho Mirage)

Black/White Photographs (13 prints - Palm Springs Life Photo by John Munn); Assorted Articles (Copies)

Folder 7: Robert Marx

Photographs - (2, Robert Marx (Wearing Hat) and Mike Mekjian (Landscape), 1958 (Black/White Photograph, Copy); Robert Marx at Building Site with Marval Golf Cart (Palm Springs Life Photo by John Munn)

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