

**Bulk Dates:** 1902-1945

**Size:** .75 lf. (2 boxes)

**Biography/History:**

Hazel Wood Waterman was born May 5, 1865 in Tuskegee, Alabama. She arrived in California in the early 1880's when her father, Reverend Jesse Wood, migrated to Oroville. Hazel attended the University of California Berkley from 1882-1883, as an art student. There she met her future husband, Waldo Sprague Waterman, son of California governor Robert Waterman. Following her marriage on April 11, 1889, Hazel moved with her husband to Cuyamaca where Waldo supervised his father's mining operations at Stonewall Mine and Hazel became a mother. In 1891, the couple moved to San Diego. They had three children: Robert Wood, Helen Gardner, and Waldo Dean. Hazel's husband, Waldo Sprague, died on February 24, 1903. Following his death, Hazel enrolled in correspondence courses, studying architectural drafting. This would mark the beginning of her famed career as an architect.

Around 1905, Hazel began working with the firm of Hebbard and Gill. Irving Gill, whom had designed the Waterman's home when they first arrived in San Diego, began mentoring and training Hazel, allowing her to design the Alice Lee home. In 1906, Hazel left Hebbard and Gill to start her own practice, although she maintained close ties to Gill. Hazel designed a myriad of homes and gardens in the San Diego area, but is most famed for the restoration of Casa de Estudillo in Old Town, also known as Ramona's Marriage Place. A few other notable career achievements are the Children's Home and the Wangenheim garden. Waterman continued her architectural practice through 1929, when her work appears to have stopped. She died in Berkley, California on January 22, 1946, but not before she visited numerous countries in Europe.

**Scope and Content:**

Series One contains Hazel Waterman's architectural activities, and includes notes, drawings, articles written by her, newspaper clippings, photographs and correspondence. Series Two is specific to the Estudillo House, largely her greatest accomplishment in the field of architecture. This collection contains copied photographs, Estudillo family history, correspondence, architectural notes and renderings, manuscript drafts, booklets, and other ephemera. Series Three contains a variety personal effects, including her marriage license and certificate, passport, copies of genealogy reports, copied photographs of the Waterman family, newspaper clippings, correspondence, UC Berkley ephemera, and memory notebooks penned by Hazel Waterman.

**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged by content in three series:

Series I: Architecture

Series II: The Estudillo House

Series III: Personal Papers

**Subjects:**

Waterman, Hazel Wood

Estudillo House

Ramona

Children's Home

San Diego architecture

Stonewall Mine

Granite Cottage

Gill, Irving

Wangenheim garden

Mrs. George Baoney cottage

**Hazel Wood Waterman Collection  
1902-1945**

**MS 42**

Leisediring, H.G.  
Clayton residence  
Freeze residence  
A.A. Ackerman residence  
Wednesday Club

Church cottage  
Walter J. Weed residence  
American Institute of Architects  
American Architectural Foundation

**Related Collections and Other Resources:**

Biographical Files: Waterman  
Institute of History: 1981, Brovarney, Dot. *Another horizon: women in San Diego history*  
Institute of History: 1985/8, Thornton, Sally. *Hazel Wood Waterman: a California pioneer woman architect*  
720.924 THO Thornton, Sally Bullard. *Daring to Dream: the Life of Hazel Wood Waterman.*  
TMS ROC. Rochlin, Harriet. *Among the first and the finest: California Architects*  
OH: Kincade, John Gardner, October 21, 1987  
OH: Waterman, Waldo Dean, January 14, 1971

**Citation:** Hazel Wood Waterman Collection, MS 42, San Diego Historical Society Research Archives

**Restrictions:** The San Diego Historical Society holds the copyright to the unpublished materials.

**Condition and conservation:**

The condition of the materials in this collection is good.

**Comments:**

All photos were transferred to the photo department on 8/24/2005. The call number is TR2005.03.  
**The contents of Box 2, File 10 are located in Oversize D9.**

**Provenance:**

**Accession:** #681029B

**Processing:** Lindsay Banuelos

**Date:** January 2007

**Container List**

**Series I: Architecture**

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>File</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Subjects</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
1	1	Scrapbook of articles by Hazel Waterman	1902-1920
	1	Article by Hazel Waterman featured in <i>The House Beautiful</i> (4 pages)	June 1903

	1	Copy of article by Mrs. Newman, featured in <i>The Federation</i>	January 1921
	1	Article by Hazel Waterman featured in <i>The Federation</i> (2 pages)	January 1921
	1	Article by Olive Percival, <i>The House Beautiful</i>	No date
	1	Note of decline of contribution from <i>Sunset</i> magazine	No date
	1	Correspondence from <i>House and Garden</i> magazine	May 25, 1920
	1	Correspondence from <i>The American Home</i>	Sept. 6, 1935
	1	Correspondence from <i>The Western Architect</i>	Sept. 3, 1912
	1	Correspondence from the San Diego Historical Society	Aug. 12, 1935
	1	Correspondence from <i>The Los Angeles Times</i>	May 18, 1935
	1	Correspondence from the California Federation of Women's Clubs	October 1910
	1	Correspondence from May Mills	Feb. 11, 1941
2	2	Letter to Hazel Waterman	Oct. 20, 1914
	2	Letter to State Board of Architecture from Evelyn N. Lawson, President of Children's Home during construction	Dec. 27, 1913
	2	Letter to State Board of Architecture from Caroline N. Darling	Dec. 27, 1913
	2	Letter from Anna L. Marston (Mrs. George Marston) regarding architecture of Wednesday Club, by Hazel Waterman	Dec. 12, 1913
	2	Letter to CSBA from William Clayton, vice-president of Speckles' Companies	Nov. 12, 1913
	2	Letter from California state board of architecture to Hazel Waterman	Jan. 30, 1914
3	3	Handwritten list of Hazel Waterman's clients (written by Hazel Waterman)	No dates

	3	Handwritten list of buildings designed and developed by Hazel Waterman (written by Hazel Waterman)	1906-1921
	3	Letter from A.A. Ackerman	Nov. 23, 1912
	3	Letter from A.A. Ackerman	Dec. 10, 1912
	3	Letter from Walton J. Wood	June 7, 1929
	3	Letter from William Clayton	June 24, 1908
	3	Letter from Alice C. Pratt	July 23, 1906
	3	Letter from Chas. F. Lummis, secretary of the Southwest Society Archaeological Institute of America	May 25, 1908
	3	Letter from Julius Wangenheim	Mar. 12, 1920
	3	Letter from Julius Wangenheim	Mar. 17, 1917
	3	Letter to Mrs. Davidson, from Hazel Waterman	Apr. 27, 1924
	4	Newspaper clippings (11 pages)	1907-1945
	5	Notebooks (4)	No date
	5	Rough notes (13) in envelope	No date
	5	Miscellaneous house floor plans, Hazel W. Waterman collection (8) in envelope	No date
	5	Floor plans (2)	No date
	5	Floor plans	No date
	6	Photocopies of original photographs: designs and development (19 items). <b>Originals can be found in the photo department.</b> Items included are: cottage for Mrs. George Baoney (1907), alterations for Dr. and Mrs. H.G. Leisediring (no date), Clayton residence (1907), Miss Freeze residence (1908), Captain A.A. Ackerman residence (1912), Wednesday Club (1909), Mrs. Church cottage (1915), Judge Walter J. Weed residence (1928-1929), Julius Wangenheim garden (1917).	1907-1929
	7	Letter to Bernice Cosgrove, president board of directors	Oct. 2, 1946

		of the San Diego Children's Home Association, from Hazel Waterman (2 pages)	
	7	Notes (2 pages)	No date
	7	Notes: A California Home for Children, by Matilda Hunt (2 pages)	No date
	7	Notes: A Home for Children by Matilda Hunt (13 pages)	No date
	7	A Home for Children by Matilda Hunt—rough draft (6 pages)	No date
	7	A Home for Children by Matilda Hunt—rough draft (8 pages)	1927
	7	Artist rendering of the Nellie-Inez Cottage, Home for Babies	May 1912
	7	Photocopies of original photographs of the Children's Home buildings (16)— <b>originals can be found in the photo department.</b> Items include: exterior of administration building, exterior of homes for babies, exterior of children's hospital, interior shots, and architect's sketch	1927
	8	Award from the San Diego chapter of the American Institute of Architects	June 29, 1933
	8	Booklet: <i>That Exceptional One: Women in American Architecture 1888-1988</i> , produced by the American Architectural Foundation	May 15, 1988

**Series II: The Estudillo House**

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>File</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Subjects</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
	9	Notes: Restoration of a Landmark by Hazel Waterman (12)	No date
	9	Draft: Restoration of a Landmark by Hazel Waterman (13)	No date

	9	Notes and drafts of Restoration of a Landmark by Hazel Waterman (12)	No date
	9	Correspondence and notes from Winifred Davidson on Estudillo family history	No date
	9	Letter from Salvador R. Estudillo to Hazel Waterman	July 30, 1909
	9	Booklet on history of Estudillo House, or, "Ramona's Marriage Place"	No date
	10	Specifications used in restoration process (part) (8)	No date
	10	Specifications for restoration of "typical old Spanish California home" prepared by Hazel Waterman	July 1909
	10	Notes	No date
	10	Correspondence from Joseph Medry	Nov. 17, 1909
	10	Correspondence and architectural notes from Lionel Sherwood (7)	Sept. 7, 1908
	10	Drawings and notes (3)	No date
	10	Photocopies of floor plans (2)	1909
	10	Correspondence from William Clayton	Mar. 7, 1910
	10	Signs (3)	No date
	10	Article: "The Restoration of Ramona's Marriage Place" by D.E. Kessler, featured in <i>The Pacific Monthly</i> (2)	June 1910
	10	Article: "Ramona's Marriage Place" by "La Suen", featured in <i>The West Coast Magazine</i> (6)	August 1910
	10	Brochure for Ramona's Marriage Place (2)	No date
		<i>The Federation Courier</i>	Feb. 1911
	11	Photocopies of original photographs and magazine clippings (28). Originals photographs on file with the photo department. Items include: interior and exterior of completed Estudillo House, restoration process, curing of adobe bricks, patio and verandas.	1909-1910

**Series III: Personal Papers**

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>File</u></b>	<b><u>Title/Subjects</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
2	1	Copies of photographs: family portraits and Waterman residence at 237 Hawthorn, SE corner of Albatross. (originals on file in the photography department, transferred 8/24/2005). (30 items)	1870-1954
	2	Wood Family genealogy papers (photocopies, 12 pages)	1730-1987
	3	Waterman Family genealogy papers (photocopies, 17 pages)	1592-1939
		Cemetery plots and business card of cemetery manager	1977
		Original memoriam of R.W. Waterman	Apr. 12, 1891
	4	Newspaper clippings (photocopies, 14 pages—mostly death notices of family members)	1883-1976
	5	Original correspondence	
	5	Correspondence: to Emma (Hazel) from Frank A. Peachy	June 20 ,1883
	5	Correspondence: to Hazel from Waldo	Apr. 6, 1889
	5	Correspondence: partial letter to Hazel from Waldo	No date
	5	Correspondence: to Hazel from Waldo	Apr. 21, 1893
	5	Correspondence: to Hazel from Waldo	Apr. 21, 1893
	5	Correspondence: to Hazel from Waldo	May 7, 1893
	5	Correspondence: Robert, Helen, and Waldo Dean from Jesse Wood (grandfather)	Dec. 25, 1900
	5	Correspondence: to Hazel from Ernest E. Wood	July 13, 1906
	5	Poem to Aunt Charlotte, tribute to Cephas Gardner (3)	No date
	5	Correspondence: to precious child from mother (believed to be to Hazel Waterman from her mother on the death of	1903

		Waldo Waterman)	
	6	Photocopied correspondence (13)	1891-1931
	7	Photocopied U.C. Berkley program	1885
	7	Class day card	Jun. 25, 1886
	7	The Berkeley Women's City Club writer's section yearbook	1944
	7	Waldo S. Waterman's graduating class ribbon, with seal of University of California	June 30, 1886
	8	Marriage license	Apr. 12, 1889
	8	Marriage certificate	Apr. 11, 1889
	8	Hazel Waterman's passport	Mar. 1, 1926
	8	Brochure for Waterman "Arrowbile"	No date
	9	Notebooks (4)	1865-1937
	9	Transcription of notebooks (13)	1865-1935
	10	<b>The contents of Box 2, File 10 are located in Oversize D9.</b>	
	10	California Public Instruction, Grammar School Life diploma awarded to Mrs. Waldo S. Waterman, with high honors in the profession of teaching	Jan. 17, 1902
	10	University of California diploma, awarded to Waldo Sprague Waterman, BS, college of mining	June 30, 1886
	10	Company G., San Diego Minute Men Certificate, awarded to Captain Waldo S. Waterman	Oct. 15, 1898
	10	Commission as first lieutenant to Waldo S. Waterman, Battalion of the University Cadets	June 15, 1886
	10	Commission as captain to Waldo S. Waterman, San Diego regiment of Minute Men	May 4, 1898
	10	Certificate from University of California to Helen	No date

		Gardner Waterman	
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