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**Unit ID**

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**Unit Date**

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**Language**

The materials in the collection are in English.

**Abstract**

The collection contains papers of Los Angeles, California architect Lorraine Rudoff. Included are 2 rolls of floor plans and elevations from 1975-1976; one scrapbook containing photographs, clippings, architectural drawings, etc.; and three conference pins.

**Creator**

Rudoff, Lorraine, 1920-

**Extent**

3.2 Cubic Feet 1 box; 1 oversize folder

**Repository**

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# Biographical Note

Lorraine Rudoff was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on January 5, 1920, to Isidor Rudoff and Rose Beckman. She began her education in New York City public schools before attending the Cooper Union School of Architecture. Initially, she attended an unknown school to study fashion design before attending Cooper Union, but discovered that the fashion industry wasn't favorable to women at the time and the pay was low.

Rudoff has over 35 years of varied architecture experience including commercial and industrial complexes, public schools, government projects, office and medical high-rise facilities, and high-rise apartment complexes. Some of her major projects include: serving as job caption on buildings for Lockheed and Hughes Aircraft and the Vons Market, meat processing plant in El Monte, CA.

A life member (1957-) of the Association for Women in Architecture (AWA) Rudoff has served as president, treasurer, program chair, as well as other offices. She was also active in The International Union of Women Architects (UIFA).

Always interested in arts and crafts Rudoff has taken classes at UCLA, Woodbury, and Barnsdall Arts and Craft Center. In her retirement she volunteered at the Craft and Folk Art Museum.

Rudoff died on October 16, 2002, and she is buried in Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, California.

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# Scope and Content

The Lorraine Rudoff Architectural Collection contains 1 roll of Architectural drawings totaling 33 sheets and dated 1976 of Vons Grocery Co. Meat Service Center in El Monte, CA; 1 roll of floor plans, elevations, color and furnishing schedule, etc. dated 1975 of the Economics Laboratory Inc. in Tucson, Az; 3 folders of scrapbook memorabilia containing photographs, architectural drawings, clippings, and certificates of achievements; and 1 envelope containing three conference pins (UIFA, AWA).

# Keywords

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)
Women -- History

# Existence and Location of Copies

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# Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

# Description of Subordinate Components

**Envelope containing three conference pins (UIFA, AWA) and scrapbook memorabilia containing biography, photographs, clippings, and certificates of achievements**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Scrapbook memorabilia containing photographs, renderings, clippings, and photocopies**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**2 architectural drawings containing plans and construction details for a house in Tucson, Arizona**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**1 roll of architectural drawings totaling 33 sheets and dated 1976 of Vons Grocery Co. Meat Service Center in El Monte, CA**

**Unit Date** 1976, n.d.

**oversize** 1 roll (item)

**1 roll of floor plans, elevations, color and furnishing schedule dated 1975 of the Economics Laboratory Inc. in Tucson, AZ and a photocopy of a personal note about the project**

**Unit Date** 1975, n.d.

**oversize** 1 roll (item)