Eloi Bordelon Office Records

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SCOPE and CONTENTS

Project drawings, photographs, etc.
Ca. 1945 – 1984
One flat file drawer; 7 boxes

Records of the office of New York interior designer and trompe l’oeil painter, Eloi Bordelon (1925-1984). Records include project drawings, many in color, with the addition of a few photographs. See inventory for a list of records. Bordelon, who was originally from Marksville, LA, was an interior decorator in New York, New York, who had an international reputation as a noted designer and trompe l’oeil painter. He executed projects in the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. His commissions include work at the Sheraton St. Regis Hotel in New York City, the Arthur Sachs residence in Super Cannes, France, and at the Barry Trupin estate, “Dragonhead”, on Long Island, New York.

PROVENANCE

Color drawings were given by Paul Uhlein, Eloi Bordelon’s companion, to Tulane, in 1985. Tracings,
photographs, and research materials were given by Bordelons’s nephew, Bruce V. Bordelon, in 1986.

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**INVENTORY**

All projects included in inventory are Eloi Bordelon, unless otherwise noted.

**Renderings-Mounted on Illustration Board**

*Box 1.*

1 sheet.
Cushions. Client not given. Two designs for needlepoint cushions. Undated. 1 sheet.
Ecker, Mrs. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.
Kempner, Mrs. Thomas J. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil For entrance foyer. 1956. 1 sheet.
Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration of tropical plants in Planters. Undated. 1 sheet.
Unidentified Project. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration For entrance hall. Undated. 1 sheet.
Client and location not given. Various scenes of India. Undated. 3 sheets.
Fireplace Covers. Trompe l’oeil. Client and location not given. Undated. 3 pieces.
Unidentified Project. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration in red and gold. Undated. 1 sheet.
Figure study of male. Undated. 1 sheet.
Unidentified Project. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration. Undated. 5 sheets.
Undated. 1 sheet.
Undated. 1 sheet.
Merrill, Robert. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration.
1953. Mrs. Jeffcott Pell, Interiors and Eloi Bordelon, interior decorators. 1 sheet.
Unidentified Residence. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil
decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.
Undated. 1 sheet.
Trompe l’oeil decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.

Sketches-Pencil on Tracing Paper
Box 2.
Trupin, Barry. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil
Decoration. Undated. 4 sheets.
Stark, Mrs. A. Residence. Location not given (15 Cedar Hurst Avenue).
Undated. 1 sheet.
Fantasy drawing of scene with butterflies and girl. Undated. 1 sheet.
New York, NY. Project and client not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration
for hall. Undated. 1 sheet.
Drawing of Herculaneum fresco with poster of original. Undated.
1 sheet.
Study drawings. Undated. 8 sheets.
swimming pool. Undated. 2 sheets.
New York, NY. Project and client not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration
for dining room. Undated. 1 sheet.
Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Restoration. Residence. Trompe l’oeil
Decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.
New York, NY. Project and client not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration for
entry hall. Undated. 1 sheet.
Undated. 1 sheet.
New York, NY. New York Hilton Hotel. Trompe l’oeil decoration for
Trianon Ballroom. Undated. 2 sheets.
Unidentified Residence. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil
Decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.
Thomas. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration and other
decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.
Unidentified Residence. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration and other decoration. Undated. 2 sheets.
Fantasy drawing with Egyptian theme. 1945. Negative Photostat. 1 sheet.
Unidentified Residence. Client and location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration. 1968. 2 sheets.
Coolidge, Mrs. Residence. Location not given. Trompe l’oeil decoration. Undated. 1 sheet.

**Project Specifications, etc.**
*Box 3.*

Sketchbooks of drawings and notes of Eloi Bordelon. Undated. 3 pieces.
Magazine articles regarding Eloi Bordelon decoration of Sheraton-St. Regis Hotel, New York, NY. Undated. 8 sheets.
Pamphlet of life and notable work of Eloi Bordelon with specific trompe l’oeil work done by Bordelon for the Sheraton-St. Regis Hotel. Undated. 1 sheet.
Advertisement for Eloi Bordelon, Interior Decorator. Undated. 1 sheet.

**Photographs**
*Box 4.*

Photographs of trompe l’oeil work and other interior decoration projects

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by Eloi Bordelon. Undated. 75 prints.