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Julia Morgan exhibit at California State Library, October 1-31, 2012
First female architect in California

SACRAMENTO – As part of the Landmarks California celebration of California’s first female architect Julia Morgan, the California State Library has created an exhibit about Morgan that will feature the correspondence between her and Gladding, McBean on projects they were working on together. The State Library collection houses over 6,500 late 19th and early 20th century job files donated by Gladding, McBean, and Co., an architectural terra cotta factory in Lincoln. Rare photos and periodicals highlighting Morgan’s career will also be included in the exhibit.

In 1875 Charles Gladding, along with partners Peter McGill McBean and George Chambers began their terra cotta factory in Lincoln, California. They supplied terra cotta to architects and builders in California and across America. Julia Morgan designed three buildings that incorporated terra cotta from Gladding McBean: the San Francisco Examiner Building, the Post-Enquirer Building in Oakland, and the Methodist Chinese Mission in San Francisco. Morgan also integrated terra cotta from Gladding, McBean for the swimming pools at the Marion Davies beach house in Santa Monica and William Randolph Hearst’s Wynton resort in northern California.

The exhibit runs October 1-31, 2012 in the State Library Rotunda, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information on Landmarks California and Julia Morgan exhibits around the state, visit <http://www.landmarkscalifornia.org/>.

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