

Duke Calhoun

6, Sacramento. July 30 1920

began building statues + fences 1906

reason - "always wanted to build a statue" -
built at his yard, cause wife wouldn't let
him build @ home.

documentation

b+w photos
color slides - wheels, welded metal patterns, large figure
jug, cat, dog, moon-man, primitive woman
whale, assorted heads.

wooden signs w/ wood letters - aphorisms +
exhortations signed "Duke"

the yard filled with bldgs. + the sculpture lines the
yard + pathways betw. bldgs. - has effect of
a midway. - a carnival.

very neat, thro' filled w/ objects

Calhoun

said of him > "loves animals, doesn't care much for people"
loved poetry + literature ("Ballad of Sam Mc Bee")
choir boy, + musician. Resp. for the sign around the place

a collector he + his workers welded + made
the objects
helped by Ray W(sp?), a master machinist. worked
for/w/ Duke for about 20 years

[has been 'shy', careful about showing his place -
since a robbery @ the yard.

impulse seems to be collecting + assemblage of found
objects - a world of circles + wheels

The large figures ^{are formed} made of oil barrels -
which predicated their size & shape
chunky figure

delicate filigree of the metal hoops
sculpture + the gates.

The walls of assemblage of tools

the posters + signage used to create
whole picture walls

the neat placement of the ^{various} objects
in the storage sheds reflect the important
& ~~perhaps~~ potential starring role each
object might take, in the yards' constellation.

Use of refuse

collected will
an eye for objects apart from their intended
use

Comrades of the men who worked together @
the yard - they (?) participated in the
assemblage + construction. ^{in the yard} They also built
themselves a club house on the days when
weather prevented them from constructing
burning posts.

How much participation was there by others
vs. either the "directors" or just permission
given + participant

Allan, 1984
neighbor of Duke

constant changes

1966-67

bottle POPP "Pure Old Peantler Pizz"
1st constant

Structure full of bottles + beer cans

Tried to hang on to his men

in order to keep them thro

winter months - b/t clubhouse, + work in yard.

Antique collection - large

men made most

Ray did ~~all~~ ^{most} craftsmanship + welding but

Duke always had ideas

his home was a chicken farm

^ crazy about animals, but doesn't care

that much for people's

gruff art

The old foreign school was bought to become
a rest. - not happened.

Duke resp. for most of signs

yard =
a man's
place