

**Finding Aid to  
Lou Castle's Westwood Studios Slide Collection, 1992-1995**

**Summary Information**

**Title:** Lou Castle's Westwood Studios slide collection

**Creator:** Westwood Studios (primary)

**ID:** 110.10977

**Date:** 1992-1995

**Extent:** 0.5 linear feet

**Language:** The materials in this collection are in English.

**Abstract:** This collection contains box artwork and screenshot slides of various Westwood Studios games produced between 1992 and 1995.

**Repository:**

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**Administrative Information**

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**Custodial History:** Lou Castle's Westwood Studios slide collection was donated to The Strong in August 2010 as a gift from Louis Castle. These slides and artwork were accessioned by The Strong under Object ID 110.10977. This artwork collection was received along with a donation of over 500 electronic game artifacts, books, magazines, and trade catalogs from Castle, co-founder of Westwood Studios.

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**Controlled Access Terms**

**Personal Names**

- Castle, Louis
- Sperry, Brett

**Corporate Names**

- Electronic Arts (Firm)
- Virgin Interactive Entertainment, Inc.
- Westwood Studios

**Subjects**

- Artwork--Slides (Photography)
- Command & conquer

- Computer adventure games
- Computer games
- Computer games industry
- Games--software
- Legend of Kyrandia
- Lion King (Computer game)
- Monopoly (Game)--Computer games

### **Historical Note**

Westwood Studios was a Las Vegas, Nevada-based video game developer best known for its real-time strategy and role-playing games.

Brett Sperry and Louis (“Lou”) Castle founded Westwood Associates (later Westwood Studios) in 1985. Their original projects involved contract work, such as porting 8-bit games to 16-bit game systems. Westwood soon expanded its capabilities to create original video game titles for manufacturers across various platforms. In 1992, Virgin Interactive purchased Westwood Studios. Popular titles released during this time included *Eye of the Beholder* (1990), *Dune II* (1992), and the *Legend of Kyrandia* series (1992-1994). Electronic Arts, an early collaborator with Westwood, bought the firm in 1998. By 2003, Electronic Arts rendered its Westwood division defunct.

### **Collection Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains approximately 1,000 photographic slides and a dozen large print negatives of packaging artwork for, and screenshots of, various Westwood Studios video games from 1992–1995. Additional scope and content information can be found in the “Contents List” section of this finding aid.

Lou Castle’s Westwood Studios slide collection is arranged in one series which has been further divided into four subseries. The collection is housed in one archival document box.

### **Related Materials**

The International Center for the History of Electronic Games at The Strong holds dozens of video games and other artifacts from Westwood Studios.

### **System of Arrangement**

Series I: Westwood Studios artwork slides, 1992-1995

Subseries A: *Legend of Kyrandia* series

Subseries B: *The Lion King*

Subseries C: *Command and Conquer*

Subseries D: Other Westwood Studios games

## Contents List

### Series I: Westwood Studios artwork slides, 1992-1995

#### Subseries A: *Legend of Kyrandia* series

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries contains slides of the box art and screenshots for the three *Legend of Kyrandia* games. *Kyrandia Book One* (1992), *Kyrandia Book Two: The Hand of Fate* (1993), and *Kyrandia Book Three: Malcolm's Revenge* (1994) are all represented in these slides.

#### Box 1

- Folder 1 *Kyrandia* box art slides, n.d. [c. 1992]
- Folder 2 *Kyrandia II: The Hand of Fate* box art and screenshot slides, n.d. [c. 1993]
- Folder 3 *Kyrandia III: Malcolm's Revenge* box art and screenshot slides, n.d. [c. 1994]

#### Subseries B: *The Lion King*

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries holds box art and screenshot slides from Westwood Studios' *The Lion King* (1994). One 3½" floppy disk containing screenshots is also part of this subseries.

#### Box 1

- Folder 4 *The Lion King* box art slides, n.d. [c. 1994]
- Folder 5 *The Lion King* box art transparencies for Sega Genesis, n.d. [c. 1994]
- Folder 6 *The Lion King* screenshots disk, n.d. [c. 1994]
- Folder 7 *The Lion King* screenshot slides, n.d. [c. 1994]

#### Subseries C: *Command and Conquer*

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries contains box art and screenshot slides, as well as three 3½" floppy disks, from the first installment in the *Command and Conquer* series by Westwood Studios.

#### Box 1

- Folder 8 *Command and Conquer* screenshots disks, n.d. [c. 1995]
- Folder 9 *Command and Conquer* box art and screenshot slides, n.d. [c. 1995]

#### Subseries D: Other Westwood Studios games

**Scope and Content Note:** This subseries includes box art and screenshot slides from *Monopoly* (1995), *Dune II* (1992), *Lands of Lore: Throne of Chaos* (1993), and several unidentified games.

#### Box 1

- Folder 10 *Monopoly* box art slides, n.d. [c. 1995]
- Folder 11 Miscellaneous box art and screen shot slides, n.d.

### Revision Note

"Extent" under Summary Information section was updated to reflect revision to "linear feet."