BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marcus Whiffen was born in Herefordshire, England in 1916. He graduated with a B.A. from the University of Cambridge in 1937 and completed his M.A. degree at the same institution in 1946. The career in which he established an international reputation as a scholar in the field of architectural history began on the staff of Architect & Building News (London) in 1937. From 1946-1952, he was Assistant Editor for the Architectural Review (London). After arriving in the United States in 1952, he held lecturer positions at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then at the University of Texas before becoming Architectural Historian at Colonial Williamsburg (1954-1959). In 1960, Professor Whiffen began a long association with Arizona State University.


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of manuscript materials relating to the career of architectural historian, journalist, and educator Marcus Whiffen. The collection spans the period 1930s-1990s and includes fifteen boxes of materials arranged in six series: 1) General Correspondence, 2) Book Projects Files, 3) Triglyph Files, 4) Academic Files, 5) Professional Files, and 6) Miscellany. Within most series there exist subseries. Any discernible order imposed by Professor Whiffen at the folder level as well as with the documents inside folders has been retained in the processing of the collection.

The bulk of the collection consists of documentary materials that reflect Marcus Whiffen’s interaction with publishers, architects, academic colleagues, and students. Of particular note in SERIES ONE, General Correspondence, are copies of letters sent to Professor Whiffen from noted British architectural historian, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner. Other correspondents in this series include architectural historian Henry-Russell Hitchcock and Sir John Summerson, and architects Walter Gropius, Paul Schweikher, and Bart Prince (a former student). Another important body of material is SERIES TWO, Book Projects Files, which contains extensive correspondence between Professor Whiffen and the co-author of the work American Architecture, 1607-1976, Frederick Koepfer. The letters between the two authors provide a useful study for the evolution of a scholarly work. Also within this series are a number of photographic prints by Marcus Whiffen used in the latter volume and the book American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles.

Marcus Whiffen’s professional editorial experience is reflected in SERIES THREE, Triglyph Files, and SERIES FIVE, Professional Files. The latter series contains materials from his period as editor of the Journal of Architectural Education. The Triglyph series contains correspondence with contributors to this journal published by the ASU College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Notable contributors included Reyner Banham, Will Bruder, Herb Greene, David Gebhard, Robert Maxwell, Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, Antoine Predock, and Bart Prince. SERIES SIX, Miscellany, contains an important folder of biographical material titled...
“Personalia.” The folder includes newsclippings, vitas, and photographs regarding Marcus Whiffen’s career. The collection was donated by Professor Marcus Whiffen during the period March to June 1997, with small additional accessions in 1998 and 2000.

DESCRIPTION

BOX ONE  
SERIES ONE  GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE  
Subseries 1: General Correspondence, 1930s-1980s
Folder 1  General Correspondence, etc. (A-Z), 1930s-1980s  
(includes photocopies of N. Pevsner corresp.)

Subseries 2: General Correspondence, 1950s-1960s
Folder 1  General Correspondence A, 1954-1966
Folder 2  General Correspondence B (1), 1954-1964
Folder 3  General Correspondence B (2), 1954-1964
Folder 4  General Correspondence C, 1954-1965
Folder 5  General Correspondence D, 1956-1965
Folder 6  General Correspondence E, 1960-1962
Folder 7  General Correspondence F, 1955-1963
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Folder 9  General Correspondence H, 1956-1966
Folder 10  General Correspondence I-J (1), 1954-1964
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BOX TWO
Subseries 2: General Correspondence, 1950s-1960s
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Folder 24 General Correspondence P-Q (1), 1970s-1984
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Folder 26 General Correspondence R (1), 1962-1984
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Folder 29 General Correspondence S (2), 1966-1987
Folder 30 General Correspondence T, 1962-1986
Folder 31 General Correspondence U-V, 1962-1986
Folder 32 General Correspondence W, 1961-1995
Folder 33 General Correspondence X-Y-Z, 1962-1976

BOX SIX

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Folder 1 The Architect and the City Correspondence (Cranbrook Seminar), 1962-1966


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Folder 1 Field Guide Correspondence A-B, 1966-1968
Folder 2 Field Guide Correspondence C, 1966-1969
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Folder 4 Field Guide Correspondence E-F-G, 1966-1969
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Folder 10 Field Guide Correspondence R, 1966-1968
Folder 11 Field Guide Correspondence S-T, 1966-1969
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BOX SEVEN

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Sub-subseries 3: Illustrations

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Folder 12  Correspondence U-V, 1976-1981
Folder 13  Correspondence W-Z, 1978-1979
Folder 14  Correspondence Misc., 1976-1982
Folder 15  “Correspondence with H.F.K.,” (1) 1977-1979 (co-author Frederick Koeper)
Folder 16  “Correspondence with H.F.K.,” (2) 1979-1982 (co-author Frederick Koeper)

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Folder 3 Concise History Receipts, 1978-1979
Folder 4 HABS and Other Orders, 1978-1979
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Folder 1 Pueblo Deco, 1915-1982 (includes corres. and research matls.)
Folder 2 Pueblo Deco, 1981-1984 (includes corres. and research matls.)
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Sub-subseries 1: Triglyph Correspondence, 1983-1984

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Folder 17  Triglyph Correspondence Misc., etc.

BOX TEN

Sub-subseries 3:  Triglyph Correspondence, 1986-1987

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Folder 11  Triglyph Correspondence R
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Folder 13  Triglyph Correspondence T-U-V
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Folder 15  Triglyph Correspondence X-Y-Z
Folder 16  Triglyph Correspondence Misc., etc.

Sub-subseries 4:  Triglyph Correspondence, 1988
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**Sub-subseries 5: Triglyph Correspondence, 1989**

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BOX ELEVEN

Sub-subseries 6: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1990

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Folder 4  Curriculum Committee, 1981-1983
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Folder 10  University Library Committee (1), 1978-1981
Folder 11  University Library Committee (2), 1978-1981

BOX THIRTEEN

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Folder 2  APH 304--American Architecture, 1977
Folder 3  APH 416--20th Century Architecture I, 1977
Folder 6  APH 415--19th Century Architecture, 1979
Folder 7  APH 416--20th Century Architecture II, 1983
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Folder 10  DES 213/214--History of Western Architecture I, 1979-1980
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Folder 2  Sabbatical (1976) and Summer School, 1970s-1984
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Folder 2  Besim Hakim, 1981-1983
Folder 3  Bethel E. Ells-Buehman, 1978
Folder 4  C. Shaw Case, 1971-1974
Folder 5  Catherwood Society (ASU), 1969
Folder 6  Dean Evaluation - Burgess, 1975-1980
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BOX FOURTEEN

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Folder 2  ACSA, etc., Expense Accounts, 1962-1968
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Folder 4  ACSA/JAE, May 1966
Folder 5  ACSA Board, 1963-1968
Folder 6  ACSA International Relations Committee, 1965-1967
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Folder 15  JAE Internal, 1962
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Folder 18  JAE Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 1966

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Folder  2  Cranbrook Seminar, 1964-1965
Folder  3  Cranbrook Seminar, 1964-1966
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