Maurice B. Allen Collection of Eero Saarinen and Associates Material

1954-1962
1.5 linear ft.

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History

Maurice B. Allen was born in Lansing, MI and attended Western Michigan University and Notre Dame University before enlisting in the US Navy from 1944-1947. He graduated with a BA in Architecture from the University of Michigan in 1950. Upon graduation, Allen worked for Smith, Hinchman & Grylls before working for Eero Saarinen & Associates from 1952-1962. Significant projects include the GM Technical Center (Warren, MI), Yale University: Stiles and Morse Colleges and the Ingalls Hockey Rink, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York, North Christian Church (Columbus, IN), and the U.S. Embassy in Oslo.

In 1962, Allen joined TMP Associates as a principal and Vice President of Design and Planning. He was a member of the Environmental Arts Advisory Panel of the Michigan Council for the Arts. He taught design at the University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning. He has served on the AIA National Architecture for the Arts & Recreation Task Force (1982) and on AIA National Committee on Architecture for Justice.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains items related to Eero Saarinen & Associates and projects undertaken by that firm, and consist primarily of published articles and project presentation portfolios. The materials are arranged alphabetically by project name. Of particular note is an original sketch of the University of Michigan by Eero Saarinen. It was encapsulated in Nov 2004 and removed to the architectural drawings collection.

Related Collections

- Astrid Sampe Collection of Eero Saarinen Correspondence (1995-87)
- S. Glen Paulsen Papers (1991-25)
- Saarinen-Swanson Reunion Records (2001-14)
Box Number--Description

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  1. Concordia Senior College, Articles, 1954, 1958
  2. General Motors Technical Center, Articles, 1954-1956
  3. Ingalls Hockey Rink – Yale University, Articles, 1958-1960
  4. Other Projects, Articles
     Project Presentation Portfolios
     IBM Research Center, Yorktown – First Stage, n.d.
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     University of Michigan – School of Music, Sep 1956
     Yale University – Master Plan, n.d.

Envelope 1 (Special Photograph File)
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  Yale University – Morris & Stiles Colleges
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