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Abstract

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Creator

Boynton, Henry B., 1899-1991

Creator

Smithey & Boynton, Architects and Engineers (1935-1992) (Roanoke, Va.)

Extent

2 Cubic Feet 2 boxes

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Biographical Note

Henry B. Boynton was born in West Chicago, Illinois, in 1899 and grew up in Amelia County, Virginia. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1921 with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering and then again in 1923 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He then spent a year (1923-24) at the University of Illinois in Urbana taking architecture classes. He became a registered architect in Virginia in 1930 (he later registered in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania).

From 1924 to 1928, Boynton worked as a draftsman at Carneal & Johnston, Architects & Engineers, in Richmond, Virginia. In 1929 he worked as an associate with Louis Phillipe Smithey, Architect & Engineer, in Roanoke, Virginia. In 1935 he and Smithey became partners and formed Smithey & Boynton, Architects & Engineers, in Roanoke. Boynton became senior partner of the firm when Smithey retired in 1963.

Smithey & Boynton designed several structures over the years, including, in Roanoke, Christ Episcopal Church, the South Roanoke Fire Station, the Shenandoah Life Building, McClanahan Street Office Building, and the American Theater Building. The firm also designed Lane Stadium at Virginia Tech.

Associations with which Boynton was affiliated include the Virginia Chapter (later changed to the Virginia Society & Blue Ridge Chapter) of the American Institute of Architects from 1938 to his death. He served on the board of directors in 1952, 1953, and 1956, as vice-president in 1954, and president in 1955. He was a member of the State Registration Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, and Land Surveyors, as a Governor's appointee, from 1962-72 (President of the Board in 1967). He received a distinguished service award in 1980, and the Noland Award in 1989, both from the Virginia Society & Blue Ridge Chapter of the AIA.

Boynton served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II and completed his career as a colonel. He was a member of the Virginia Tech Alumni Board of Directors from 1969 to 1979 and Chair of its Annual Fund Committee from 1973 to 1979. He served on the Board of the VPI Educational Foundation, Inc., from 1978 to 1982. In 1976 Boynton received the Virginia Tech Alumni Distinguished Service.

Boynton died on September 13, 1991, at the age of 92, at his home in Roanoke.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the papers of architect Henry B. Boynton. The bulk of the materials consists of financial and organizational material for the firm of Smithey & Boynton, and awards and honors bestowed on Boynton. The collection also includes a notebook from the Statics class he taught at VPI from 1931 to 1932.

Separated Material

Related Archival Material

See the Smithey & Boynton Records, Ms1992-027, also at the Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Students and alumni
University History
Smithey & Boynton, Architects and Engineers (1935-1992) (Roanoke, Va.)

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

"Statics course outline as given at VPI during the Spring quarter 1931-32 by H.B. Boynton"

Unit Date 1931-1932

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Container 1 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1935-1939

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Container 2 (folder)

General Smithey & Boynton Historical records

Unit Date 1935-1982

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Container 3 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1940-1949

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Container 4 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1950-1954

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Container 5 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1955-1959

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Container 6 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1960-1964

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Container 7 (folder)

Report on Examination of Accounts and Financial Records for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1963

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Container 8 (folder)

Smithey & Boynton Partnership meeting minutes

Unit Date 1963-1971

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Container 9 (folder)

Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1965-1969

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Atelier, Inc.

Unit Date 1969-1983

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Cost accounting for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1970-1972

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Container 12 (folder)

Review of accounting system and procedures for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1971

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Container 13 (folder)

Statement of Income for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1973

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Container 14 (folder)

Unaudited financial statements for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1974-1975

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Container 15 (folder)

Atelier building proposed expansion

Unit Date 1976

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Container 16 (folder)

Unaudited financial statements for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1976-1977

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Container 17 (folder)

Unaudited financial statements for Smithey & Boynton

Unit Date 1978-1979

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John M. Thompson's projects

Unit Date 1979-1983

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Container 19 (folder)

Preparations for Boynton's retirement

Unit Date 1980-1982

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Smithey & Boynton, P.C., Executive Committee minutes

Unit Date 1980-1982

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Indemnification agreement/ownership transfer literature

Unit Date 1980-1983

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Container 22 (folder)

Cash flow projections

Unit Date 1981-1982

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Smithey & Boynton-Atelier agreement

Unit Date 1982-1985

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Smithey & Boynton operating manual

Unit Date 1983

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Container 25 (folder)

Noland award (clippings, program), awarded to Boynton

Unit Date 1989

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Container 26 (folder)

Organization and function for Smithey & Boynton

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Container 27 (folder)

Resolution from the State Board for the Examination and Certification of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors honoring Boynton for his work as a member and as President and Chairman of the Architectural Section of the Board

Unit Date 1972

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Certificate of Appreciation from the Virginia Foundation for Architectural Education

Unit Date 1980

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Distinguished Service Award of the Virginia Society of American Institute of Architects

Unit Date 1980

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Cross-stitch rendering of Smithey & Boynton logo ("Smithey & Boynton Architects & Engineers, 1928-1982")

Unit Date [1982]

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Collage of cut photographs of buildings that Boynton designed, with caption reading "With fondest recollections, Smithey & Boynton, 1928-1982"

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Resolution from Smithey & Boynton elevating Boynton to the position of Chairman Emeritus of the firm; signed by colleagues, coworkers, pupils and friends

Unit Date 1983

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Resolution by Planning Commission of the City of Roanoke commending the services of Boynton from 1960 to 1984

Unit Date 1984

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William C. Noland Award from the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects to Boynton

Unit Date 1989

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Resolution by the Architectural Review Board of Roanoke, Virginia, to recognize the meritorious service of Boynton

Unit Date 1991

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Seal press ("State of West Virginia, Architect, Henry B. Boynton, 392, Registered")
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