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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The collection contains correspondence (from Mrs. Walter Gropius to G. Preston Frazer), as well as photographs, newspaper clippings, and publications about Gropius.

Creator

Frazer, George Preston

Extent

0.3 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Walter Gropius (1883-1969) was a renowned German-American architect; director of the Bauhaus from 1919 to 1928 and Chair of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design from 1938 to 1952.

G. (George) Preston Frazer was born in Davidson, Tennessee, February 4, 1908, to George Augustine and Sadie (Warner) Frazer. He received a BA in Liberal Arts from the Virginia Military Institute in 1929. In 1935, he completed a BS in Engineering at the University of Hawaii, and in 1937, a Masters of Architecture at Harvard University. During World War II, he served with the Second Armored Division in Europe and North Africa. He remained in the Army Reserves until 1968. From 1939 to 1940 and from 1946 to 1974, he taught in the Art Department of Virginia Tech. Following his retirement, Frazer continued to support Virginia Tech, which continues to be among the many institutions to display donations of his work. Frazer died at his home in Catawba, North Carolina, on September 10, 2003.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, mostly from Mrs. Walter Gropius to G. Preston Frazier, as well as photographs of the Walter Gropius bust at Virginia Tech and events surrounding the dedication. The collection also contains publications and clippings about Gropius and his work.

Separated Materials

A bronze bust of Walter Gropius is located at the School of Visual Arts gallery in the Armory building on campus.

Keywords

University History

Gropius, Walter, 1883-1969

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence,

Unit Date 1969-1992

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letter from Charles Burchard to Preston,

Unit Date December 2, 1969.

Postcard from Jean to Preston,

Unit Date December 7, 1969.

Letter from Mrs. Gropius to Mr. Frazer,

Unit Date December 11, 1969.

Letter from Charles Burchard to Frazer, Carter, Sevely,

Unit Date December 19, 1969.

Letter from Mrs. Gropius to Mr. Frazer,

Unit Date February 21, 1970.

Postcard to Preston,

Unit Date March 6, 1970.

Letter from "Grove Fest" to Mr. Preston Frazer,

Unit Date May 14, 1970.

Letter from Mrs. Gropius to Mr. Frazer,

Unit Date December 13, 1970.

Letter from Mrs. Walter Gropius to Mr. Frazer,

Unit Date October 15, 1972.

Letter from Mrs. George A. Frazer to Preston Frazer,

Unit Date November 1, 1972.

Letter from Charles Burchard to George P. Frazer,

Unit Date October 24, 1977.

Letter from Charles W. Steger to George and Bea,

Unit Date April 20, 1992.

Photographs

Unit Date 1969, n.d.

4 slides of Gropius bust.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

15 unidentified photographs.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

4 photographs from the presentation of Gropius bust,

Unit Date December 9, 1969.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

4 8x10 photographs of Gropius bust.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Walter Gropius Bust Dedication Events, Negatives (photographs by John Carnochan),

Unit Date 1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Walter Gropius Bust Dedication Events, Contact Sheets (photographs by John Carnochan),

Unit Date 1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Publications,

Unit Date 1963-1969

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

"Magister Gropius." Reprinted from Progressive Architecture,

Unit Date September 1969.

V.P.I. Daily Bulletin, Vol. 18, No. 41.

Unit Date Wednesday, December 3, 1969.

Walter Gropius-architect-creator-educator. An exhibition of the works and creations of Walter Gropius. Arranged by the Bahaus Archive, Darmstadt with support of the foreign office of the federal Republic of Germany.

Miscellaneous,

Unit Date 1968-1970

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Speech given by Mrs. Gropius.

Photocopy of article on Grope Fest.

Western Union Telegram to Professor Marvin Sevely and Professor Preston Frazer from Grope Fest,

Unit Date May 8, 1970.

Advance for feature article in the newspaper, The Star Ledger.

Newspaper article about Gropius. The New York Times,

Unit Date July 6, 1969.

Newspaper article about Gropius. The New York Times,

Unit Date July 8, 1969.

Harvard University: The President's Report,

Unit Date 1968-1969.