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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

The Sarah Pillsbury Harkness Architectural Collection consists of biographical information, a booklet documenting the presentations given on November 21, 1991, and architectural drawings and photographs for her 1996-1997 design of a house in Essex, Massachusetts.

Creator

Harkness, Sarah Pillsbury, 1914-2013

Extent

2.25 Cubic Feet 1 box, 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

The Sarah Pillsbury Harkness Architectural Collection was donated to Special Collections in 1997.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Born in 1914, Sarah Pillsbury Harkness, an architect of Lexington, Massachusetts, received her Master of Architecture degree from the Smith College Graduate School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture in 1940. She was a founder, in 1945, and now Principal Emeritus of the Architects Collaborative (TAC). She was President of the Boston Society of Architects, a chapter of the AIA, in 1985. She was a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer and Guest Lecturer at the University of Arizona, Tucson, a lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a thesis advisor, lecturer, critic, and honorary member of the Boston Architectural Center.

Harkness's most noteworthy designs include the New Main Library and the Olin Arts Center at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine; the Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania; the Art School Addition at the Worcester Art Museum in Worcester, Massachusetts; and the C. Thurston Chase Learning Center of the Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Harkness has received many awards in her career, including the Boston Society of Architects Prize (1941), the American Association of School Administrators Award for her design of the Fox Middle School in Bedford, New York (1967), the American Institute of Architects Honor Award for her design of the Chase Learning Center of the Eaglebrook School (1967), the American School and University Louis I. Kahn Citation for her design of the Olin Arts Center at Bates College (1987), and the Boston Society of Architects 1991 Award of Honor.

Harkness was elected as a fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1979. She is a registered architect of Massachusetts and Tennessee. Harkness died May 22, 2013.

Scope and Content

The Sarah Pillsbury Harkness Architectural Collection consists of biographical information; a booklet documenting the presentations given on November 21, 1991, at an awards dinner by the Boston Society of Architects, where Harkness was presented with the 1991 Award of Honor; and architectural drawings and photographs for her 1996-1997 design of a house in Essex, Massachusetts.

Separated Material

The following book has been removed and cataloged for the Special Collections Rare Book Collection:
Sustainable Design for Two Maine Islands Rare Book Collection HT393 M2 S9 1985 Spec Large

Keywords

History of Women in Architecture

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Women -- History

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Description of Subordinate Components

Biographical Information

Unit Date 1991, 1997, 2013

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Audiocassette of a lecture given by Harkness at Virginia Tech about sustainable design

Unit Date October 29, 1986

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Booklet documenting the presentations given at the awards dinner when Harkness was presented with the Boston Society of Architects 1991 Award of Honor, November 21, 1991. Includes photographs of many of Harkness's designs and biographical information about her

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Photographs of the Shaw House in Essex, Massachusetts

Unit Date 1997

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Architectural drawings of the Shaw House in Essex, Massachusetts (23 drawings)

Unit Date 1996-1997

oversize 1 (folder)