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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The E. Maria Roth Architectural Collection contains the personal papers, professional papers, and project files of a landscape architect working largely in New Jersey, New York, and Virginia. School work from Cooper Union and Rutgers University is included, along with a school notebook from 1940 made during the Hitler era in Germany. Projects largely conform to the following categories: schools, residences/neighborhoods, public and recreation areas, and furniture/structural designs.

### Creator

Roth, Maria

### Extent

3.6 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

### Repository

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## Processing Information

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# Biographical Note

E. Maria Roth lived in Germany throughout World War II and later immigrated to the United States at age fifteen. She attended Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT, and became a United States citizen. After receiving a Certificate of Completion from the Cooper Union School of Architecture in New York City in 1956, Roth designed for Robert P. Moran Architects and Engineers in East Orange, New Jersey, until 1958.

From 1974 to 1976, Roth served as a substitute teacher while rewriting and updating the landscape portion of Hopewell Township, New Jersey's city ordinances; performing technical translation of German; and providing civil engineering and architectural work in New Jersey firms. Also in 1976, Roth earned a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Rutgers University. From 1976 to 1978, Roth worked for Van Note-Harvey Associates in Princeton, New Jersey, and Parsons Brinckerhoff in New York.

During the late 1970s to the mid nineties, she worked for the state of New Jersey in several departments: the Department of Transportation as an Assistant Landscape Architect, Transportation Planner, and Assistant Architect; the Department of Human Services as Senior Architectural Assistant; and the Department of Community Affairs as Construction Code Specialist.

Roth returned to a private architecture firm as a Marketing Associate, Morgan Architecture Inc, in Lawrenceville, NJ, from 1996 to 1997. In 2000, she received a Master of Science from Virginia Tech's department of Landscape Architecture. Roth continued her relation with Virginia Tech as a part time instructor of German in 2005.

# Scope and Content

The E. Maria Roth Architectural Collection contains the personal, professional, and project records of an architect working primarily in New Jersey, New York, and Virginia. Documents date from the mid to late twentieth century to the early twenty-first century.

Roth's personal papers include artwork, educational documents, newspaper articles, various notes and sketches, and a resume of her work. The artwork within Roth's personal papers includes intricate paper cut-outs, prints done in linoleum paint, hand-painted cards, and several examples of calligraphy.

The included educational papers extend from Roth's early grammar school days through high school, to her time at Columbia University, Cooper Union, Rutgers University, and finally Virginia Tech. Particularly significant is Roth's grammar school notebook created during the Hitler era in Germany. This social studies/geography notebook, from 1940, mentions Hitler's fifty-first birthday as well as other contemporary political events.

Roth's professional papers include competition information, an application to a professional organization, newspapers from her time as editor of the "New River Free Press," logos Roth designed, and documents from her time at the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

# Keywords

History of Women in Architecture  
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Women -- History  
Women architects -- New Jersey  
Women architects -- New York  
Women architects -- Virginia

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# Arrangement

The collection is arranged in the following series: I: Personal Papers 1940-2010, n.d.; II: Professional Papers 1956-2006, n.d.; and III: Projects 1973-2005, n.d. Within these series, folders appear in alphabetical order.

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Series I: Personal Papers

**Unit Date** 1940-2010, n.d.

### Artwork

**Unit Date** n.d. (c.1949-1952)

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### Artwork

**Unit Date** n.d.

**oversize** 5 (folder)

### Artwork/Calligraphy, Bulkeley High School, Hartford, CT

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### Calligraphy, Department of Transportation

**Unit Date** 1977

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### Calligraphy, "Freedom to Read"

**Unit Date** 1953

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Calligraphy, German Language from Goethe's Faust**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Citizen Activism, Blacksburg, VA**

**Unit Date** 2000, 2010

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Pieces written as a citizen activist in Blacksburg.

**Columbia University School of Engineering**

**Unit Date** 1953

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**Cooper Union Architectural Design, "Construction"**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Cooper Union Architectural Design I, "Garden Apartment"**

**Unit Date** 1955

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Cooper Union, "Chelsea Redevelopment"**

**Unit Date** May 1956, n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**oversize** 2 (folder)

**Cooper Union Class Notes, History of Architecture**

**Unit Date** n.d. (c.1954)

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Cooper Union Life Drawing Sketch Book**

**Unit Date** 1955

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Cooper Union Sketches of Professors**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Grammar School Notebook**

**Unit Date** Spring 1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Created during the Hitler era in Germany.

**"The New Yorker" Letter**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Notes and Sketches**

**Unit Date** 1998-2000, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Ocean Currents and Pollution Patterns Map**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Map drawn by Roth based on National Geographic Magazine.

**Personal Photos**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Press Coverage**

**Unit Date** 1975-1976, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Scope and Contents note**

Articles cover Medford Circle Project, Pennington Park Project, and Toll Gate School Project. Folder also includes an article profiling Roth as an eighteen year old award winning student. Additional photographs included.

**Plant Drawings**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Resume**

**Unit Date** 2005

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Rutgers University, Cook College, Advanced Landscape Architecture, "Town Green"**

**Unit Date** January 1977

**oversize** 10 (folder)

**Rutgers University, Cook College, Intermediate Landscape Architecture, "The Hunt Club"**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Rutgers University, Cook College, Intermediate Landscape Architecture, "Haddonfield Commons," "Married Student Housing," "Elementary School, K. Play Area"**

**Unit Date** 1975

**oversize** 11 (folder)

**oversize** 15 (folder)

**Rutgers University, Cook College, Landscape Architecture Materials and Structures**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**oversize** 12 (folder)

**Virginia Tech, Urban Design**

**Unit Date** c.1999

**oversize** 16 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

Includes drawings that redesign Blacksburg and other locations.

**Series II: Professional Papers**

**Unit Date** 1956-2006, n.d.

**A. S. L. A. Application**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Competitions**

**Unit Date** 1956, n.d.

**oversize** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Content**

Includes Drawings for the "1956 Marble Industry of New York Competition" and the "Parcel Enamel Design Competition."

**Gloucester Board of Transportation Memo, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1981

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Logos Designed by Roth**

**Unit Date** 1974, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**New River Free Press**

**Unit Date** 1998, 2002, 2006

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**New Jersey Uniform Construction Code News**

**Unit Date** 1995

**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 23 (folder)

**Open Space Advisory Board, Trenton, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1987-1988  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 24 (folder)

**Principles of Successful Code Officials**

**Unit Date** 1995  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 25 (folder)

**Series III: Projects**

**Unit Date** 1973-2005, n.d.

**Untitled Sketch**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**oversize** 3 (folder)

**Blacksburg Baptist Church Expansion, Blacksburg, VA**

**Unit Date** 2001  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 26 (folder)

**Christiansburg Public Library Reading Garden, Christiansburg, VA**

**Unit Date** 2004-2005  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 27 (folder)  
**oversize** 18 (folder)

**Churchill Junior High School, "Planting Design," East Brunswick, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1975  
**oversize** 14 (folder)

**Dublin Park**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**oversize** 13 (folder)

**Eggerts Crossing Village, Lawrenceville, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1981  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 28 (folder)

**First Presbyterian Church, Pennington, NJ**

**Unit Date** June 5, 1975  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 29 (folder)

**Garden Shed [for Roth Home], Blacksburg, VA**

**Unit Date** 1999

**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 30 (folder)

**Hopewell Valley Housing Coalition, Pennington, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1975  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 31 (folder)

**Lincoln Property Company, Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Plainsboro Township, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1974  
**oversize** 4 (folder)

**Lower Township, NJ, Schematics**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 32 (folder)

**Marcus, Elizabeth, Residence, Hopewell, NJ**

**Unit Date** n.d.  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 33 (folder)

**Medford Circle [Department of Transportation], Medford, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1979, n.d.  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 34 (folder)  
**oversize** 8 (folder)

**Outdoor Nature Education Area, Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Pennington, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1977  
**oversize** 16 (folder)

**Pennington, NJ, Park**

**Unit Date** 1975-1976  
**oversize** 9 (folder)  
**Scope and Contents note**  
See also "Press Coverage."

**Private Golf Course, Montgomery Township**

**Unit Date** 1973  
**oversize** 17 (folder)

**Raritan Valley Community Development Foundation, New Brunswick, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1977  
**oversize** 14 (folder)

**Roth Residence, Pennington, NJ**

**Unit Date** 1979  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 35 (folder)

**Roth Table/Furniture**

**Unit Date** 1977, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**Shack, Mrs. R., Planting Design, Pennington, NJ**

**Unit Date** April 2003

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 37 (folder)