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Abstract

The Betty L. Moss Architectural Collection contains the architectural renderings, business correspondence, and notes of Betty Moss, an architect from New Orleans, Louisiana. Types of structures included in drawings are houses, apartment buildings, condominiums, religious centers, businesses, antique shops, offices, hospitals, and centers for convalescence.

Creator

Moss, Betty

Extent

56.5 Cubic Feet 255 boxes, 6 oversize folders

Repository

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Biographical Note

Betty Anne Lipper was born in 1921 in Houston, Texas, to Lawrence Lipper and Betty Silverman. Betty Lipper married Hartwig Moss II and had two children. Moss attended Newcomb College and Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, as well as the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Columbia, Missouri, and received a bachelor's in journalism from Tulane in 1942. Moss later returned to Tulane in the 1950s and earned a bachelor's degree in Architecture in 1960. After over forty years, Moss was awarded a master's degree in architecture from Tulane in 2004. Starting her practice in her 40s, Moss continued to work for more than four decades and produced designs for many houses and small office buildings in New Orleans. An outspoken defender of building preservation and conservation, Moss ardently defended against the demolition of the Rivergate (an exhibition center) on Canal Street in New Orleans. The Rivergate was demolished; and, Moss and Abbye A. Gorin wrote a six-minute film about the structure. After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005, Moss composed plans for rebuilding and safety guidelines for disaster prevention. Betty Moss died October 22, 2007.

Scope and Content

The Betty L. Moss Architectural Collection contains the drawings, business correspondence, and notes of Betty L. Moss, an architect from New Orleans, Louisiana, practicing largely in the second half of the twentieth century. Structures appearing in drawings include: houses, apartment buildings, condominiums, religious centers, businesses, antique shops, offices, hospitals, and centers for convalescence. The locations of most projects center around New Orleans, Louisiana; but, some structures were designed for Texas, Mississippi, New Jersey, Tennessee, and Idaho. These drawings include projects that were constructed, as well as others that may not have been built. Projects range from plans for the design of the Moss residence made in 1950 to proposals drafted after Hurricane Katrina's devastation of New Orleans in 2005. Architectural designs on illustration board, some tinted, date from Moss's study at Tulane University. Correspondence includes letters to and from clients, professionals, and tradesmen. Interoffice notes and pages from catalogs illustrating fixtures also appear.

Related Archival Material

See the Abbye A. Gorin Architectural Collection, Ms1997-009, which contains the video Gorin and Moss made together, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by architectural project. Projects appear in chronological order from their beginning.

Description of Subordinate Components

Single Residence for Mr. and Mrs. H. Moss

Unit Date 1950-1981

box 1-3

Scope and Content

See also Box 255 Folder 1.

A Regional Dwelling

Unit Date 1955

oversize 1 (folder)

An Art Gallery

Unit Date 1955

oversize 2 (folder)

Residence for Mr. Esmond Phelps and A Living Porch Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Robert I. Reisfeld

Unit Date 1956 [1923]

box 4

A Candy Shop

Unit Date 1956

oversize 3 (folder)

A Methodist Church

Unit Date 1956

oversize 4 (folder)

Plaza Shopping--A Building for the I.L.A.

Unit Date 1957

box 5

A Proposed Redevelopment of 1120 Thalia Street

Unit Date 1957

box 6

Hartwig Moss Insurance

Unit Date 1959-2004

box 7

Scope and Content

See also Box 255 Folder 2-3.

A United States Consulate

Unit Date 1960

oversize 5 (folder)

An All Purpose Meeting Room

Unit Date 1960

oversize 6 (folder)

Temple Beth El

Unit Date 1960

box 7

A House for Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Leithman

Unit Date 1960

box 16

Lakewood South I and II

Unit Date 1960-1997

box 17-27

Scope and Content

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411; 411-415 Royal Street

Unit Date 1961-2001

box 28-47

Scope and Content

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L'Elysee--Luxury Apartment Living

Unit Date 1961

box 48-51

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Weiss

Unit Date 1961

box 52

Alterations to a House at 1817 Marengo Street

Unit Date 1961

box 53

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weiss

Unit Date 1961

box 54-55

**National Food Store, Katz and Bestoff Drugs and Finance Company; Commercial Development--
Pivach--Perino Realty Inc.**

Unit Date 1962

box 56

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Feindaerts

Unit Date 1962-1967
box 57-58

Alterations to a House for Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shapiro
Unit Date 1962
box 59

The Marguery for Urban Living
Unit Date 1963
box 60

Alterations to a House for Mr. and Mrs. Adrian C. Benjamin, Jr.
Unit Date 1963
box 61

House for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maloney, Jr.
Unit Date 1963
box 62

A House for Mr. and Mrs. John Breyer
Unit Date 1963
box 63-65

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prins
Unit Date 1964
box 66

Alterations to Temple Sinai Religious School Building
Unit Date 1964
box 67

An Addition to a House for Mr. and Mrs. Blake West
Unit Date 1964
box 68

Moss Antiques
Unit Date 1964
box 69

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Reisfeld
Unit Date 1964-1972
box 70-74

Scope and Content
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Alterations to a House at 6201 St. Charles Ave.
Unit Date 1964
box 75

A House for North Pascagoula Realty Company

Unit Date 1964

box 76-78

Houses for Luling, Louisiana

Unit Date 1964

box 79

A House for Mr. Peter E. Newman

Unit Date 1964-1965

box 80

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Sterner

Unit Date 1964

box 81

A Pool Enclosure

Unit Date 1965

box 82

An Addition to a Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kahn II

Unit Date 1965

box 83

Addition to the House of Mr. and Mrs. George Marcuse

Unit Date 1965

box 84

West Bank Academy (A Preliminary Design)

Unit Date 1965

box 85

Proposed Redevelopment of 3337 South Claiborne

Unit Date 1965

box 86

A House for Dr. and Mrs. Louis Hughes

Unit Date 1965

box 87

An Addition to a Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kahn II

Unit Date 1965

box 88

Sara Mayo Hospital

Unit Date 1965-1966

box 89

A House for Mr. and Mrs. William Carter

Unit Date 1965

box 90

Alterations to an Existing House for Judge and Mrs. Walter Marcus, Jr.

Unit Date 1966

box 91

New Threshold and Fence for Mr. and Mrs. Morris W. Newman

Unit Date 1966

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A House for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tubbs, Jr.

Unit Date 1966

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Burka Job

Unit Date 1966-1967

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Proposed Four Unit Apartment Building

Unit Date 1966

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Alterations to a House for Mr. & Mrs. Jack M. Weiss

Unit Date 1968

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A House for G. Walter Loewenbaum & Mrs. Joel Simon Loewenbaum

Unit Date 1968

box 99

Proposed Addition to Existing Office Building for Sam Reisfeld and Son

Unit Date 1968-1970

box 100-104

A Proposed Subdivision of Lots A and B

Unit Date 1969

box 105

Enclosure of First Floor Screened Porch and Playroom for Kohlmeyer

Unit Date 1969

box 106

Alterations and Additions to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sbisà

Unit Date 1971

box 107

Additions and Alterations to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Moss III

Unit Date 1971-1974

box 108

Alterations and Additions to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stich

Unit Date 1972

box 109

A Swimming Pool and Accessory Building for Dr. and Mrs. Howard Strauss

Unit Date 1972

box 110

Scope and Content

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An Addition for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moss

Unit Date 1972-1976

box 111

Office Building of Robert Reisfeld

Unit Date 1972-1988

box 112-120

A House for Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dureau, Jr.

Unit Date 1973-1987

box 121-122

Scope and Content

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Additions and Alterations to an Existing House for Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Farber

Unit Date 1973

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A House for Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lacabe

Unit Date 1974

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Griffin Project

Unit Date 1975

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A House for Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Alexander

Unit Date 1976

box 127

Additions and Alterations to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Cooper (original and renovations)

Unit Date 1976

box 128

Alterations to an Existing Building for William Sabatier

Unit Date 1976

box 129

325 Royal Street

Unit Date 1977-1991

box 130

St. John

Unit Date 1977

box 131

Restoration of a Three Apartment Building

Unit Date 1978

box 132-134

Alterations to the Cynthia Building for Mrs. Marguerite P. Keil

Unit Date 1979-1981

box 135

Renovation on 1621 State Street

Unit Date 1979-1986

box 136-138

Alterations to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig Moss III

Unit Date 1980

box 139

Proposed Development of a Site on Versailles Blvd.

Unit Date 1980

box 140

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Unit Date 1980

box 141

Office Building for B&G Crane Services and Sun Erection

Unit Date 1982-1984

box 142-148

Scope and Content

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Donner Estates

Unit Date 1985

box 149

Redevelopment of 1454 Joseph Street

Unit Date 1985

box 150

Alterations to Residence F

Unit Date 1986

box 151

Parking Lot Revisions for Mrs. Jon B. Strauss,

Unit Date 1986

box 152

Alterations to 6319 Story St.

Unit Date 1986

box 153

Carport Enclosure at 222 Hector Avenue

Unit Date 1986

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Greengates Revised

Unit Date 1987

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Part Seventh Floor Plan Park VII Apartments

Unit Date 1988

box 160

Antique Furniture Storage Building for Mrs. Jon Strauss

Unit Date 1989

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Variations on a House for a 30'x120' Interior

Unit Date 1989

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Alterations to an Existing House for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenberg

Unit Date 1989

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Unit Date 1994

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Unit Date 1999

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Unit Date 1999-2000

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A Plan for West Village

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A Swinging Gate for Mr. and Mrs. Morris Newman

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Preliminary Plan for Moss Family LLC

Unit Date 2005

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A House for 2525 Deers Street

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231 Royal Street

Unit Date 2006

box 211

A House for Joseph Garcia

Unit Date 2006

box 212

Alterations and Additions to 965 Nashville Ave.

Unit Date n.d.

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Unit Date n.d.

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Selma Moss, Inc.

Unit Date n.d.

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House for Mr. and Mrs. Cleven J. Daigle

Unit Date n.d.

box 219

A Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Levy

Unit Date n.d.

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W. G. Moses Residence

Unit Date n.d.

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A House for Lakewood Builders, Inc.

Unit Date n.d.

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Repairs to 5127 Laurel Street

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Building on Carrollton Avenue and Zimple Street

Unit Date n.d.

box 225

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12-A and 12-b Austerlitz Street

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Diagram of City Blocks

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Letter Concerning the Proposed Development of Lambeth House

Unit Date 1994

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Unit Date 1994

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Materials Concerning Doyle Project

Unit Date 1998

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Plumbing Specifications for the "Rearrangements of One Apartment"

Unit Date n.d.

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Scribbling Concerning 4M: The Carol Condominium

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Schedule of Openings, Specifications, and Drawings for "Rearrangements to an Apartment"

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