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1926-1981



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Descriptive Summary

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Materials are in French, German and Dutch.

Abstract

Born in 1915 in St. Petersburg, Russia; Architect and founder of the Union of Women Architects in Belgium. Studied in Germany and Austria before emigrating to Belgium at the onset of World War II. She specialized in remodels of 19th century residences. Outspoken advocate for women in the profession. Collection consist of drawings, personal journals, business records, as well as published articles about the Union of Women Architects of Belgium and Roque-Gourary.

Creator

Roque-Gourary, Dita, b.1915

Extent

4.2 Cubic Feet 2 Boxes 9 Tubes of Rolled Drawings 1 Oversized Folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from the Judith (Dita) Roque-Gourary Architectural Collections must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

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Acquisition Information

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Biography

Judith (Dita) Roque-Gourary was born July 26, 1915 in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her family fled the country following the revolution of 1917 and relocated to Naples, Italy. As a child, she studied abroad in Germany and Austria. When Nazi Germany annexed Austria in 1938, Roque-Gourary was three tests away from receiving her architecture degree. She promptly left Vienna and transferred to La Cambre in Belgium to finish her studies. She remained in Belgium for the remainder of her career. Much of her work from 1941-1945 was destroyed in the occupation. From 1945-1948 she worked alongside architect Jean Nicolet-Darche until departing to form her own private practice. Roque-Gourary specialized in remodeling and modernizing 19th and 20th century residences during the reconstruction period.

In 1978, Roque-Gourary created the Union of Women Architects in Belgium and acted as president until 1983. She was an outspoken advocate for women in the profession and a noted speaker for The International Union of Women Architects (UIFA). Numerous articles and interviews are attributed to her work and she continued to promote the work of women in architecture until her retirement in 1984.

Scope and Content

The collection contains notebooks and sketchbooks from Roque-Gourary's childhood, documents and drawings related to her work with Jean Nicolet-Darcge as well as her private practice, and numerous publications of her work. In addition, one will find personal documents, speeches, and various ephemera relating to women in architecture. The majority of the collection is in French, however early grade and secondary school work is in German while articles from late in her career are written in Dutch.

Separated Materials

The following publications were cataloged separately in the [Addison](#) library catalog, and are available through the Special Collections Reading Room:

- Die Alte Deutsche Stadt [The Old German Town]
- Die Darstellung von Bauzeichnungen im Hochbau [The Presentation of Building Drawings]
- Bau Entwurfslehre [Construction Design Theory]

Keywords

Architects

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Architectural drawings (visual works)

Women -- History

Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

Description of Subordinate Components

SERIES I: Personal Papers

Identification

box 1

Personal Poetry

box 1

Language German.

Diaries/Journals

Poetry Journal, 1924-1926

Unit Date 1924-1926

box 1

Poetry Journal, 1927-1928

Unit Date 1927-1928

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Journal, 1931-1940

Unit Date 1931-1940

box 1

Journal, 1932-1937

Unit Date 1932-1937

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Student Work

Class Artwork

box 3

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Class notebook

Unit Date 1940

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Primary School Report Cards

Primary School report cards

Unit Date 1922-1931

box 1

Secondary School course certificates

Unit Date 1933-1938

box 1

Transfer documents and Diploma Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture et des Arts Decoratifs de Belgique

Unit Date 1940-1941

box 1

Photographs, Architectural social events

box 1

SERIES II: Professional Papers

Publications

"Architects J. Nicolet et R. Gourary." Architecture: Urbanisme-Habitation, Jan.-Mar. 1946: 18-19. Print.

box 1

Language French.

J. -J. Stephane. "Quatre zones pour un grenier." Le Soir 27 Jan.1979. Print.

box 1

"Union des Femmes Architectes de Belgique affiliée à l'U.I.F.A., ..." Perspectives Mar. 1979: 7-10. Print

box 1

Language French.

Danielle Leroy. "Reflexions sur le Metier de Femme Architecte." Batiment Oct. 1979: 56-58. Print

box 1

Language French.

Marianne Burton. "Les maisons des femmes architectes." Libelle Jan. 1980: 57-61. Print

box 1

Language French.

"Dialogue/Gresprek." Decors 1981: 82-83. Print.

box 1

Language French.

Diane de Clopper. "Wij bouwen net zo goed als de mannen." Panorama May 1981: 20-21. Print.

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Language Dutch; Flemish.

"Dita Roque-Gourary specialiste en restauration/ Dita Roque-Gourary specialiste in vernieuwbouw." Bati Deco/Deco Bouw Apr. 1981: 52-59. Print.

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Language French.

Roger Lecut. "Plus de 400 Femmes Architectes en Belgique." G Magazine 1982: 18-19. Print.

box 1

Language French.

Various Article Referencing Women Architects

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1st Response to Licensure Application in Belgium,

Unit Date 1941

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Professional Correspondence, 1946

Unit Date 1946

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Language English.

Account Ledger,

Unit Date 1952-1970

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Conference Program, Union Internationale Des Femmes Architectes Exposit,

Unit Date 1978

box 1

Public Speeches,

Unit Date 1976 and 1982

box 1

International Archive of Women in Architecture Newsletter [Fall 2002] includes personal correspondence with Milka Bliznakov

Unit Date 2002

box 1

SERIES III: Project Records

Scope and Content

Project/Client Name (location, date, project type) Collaborator (role) [Format - Ms=Manuscripts, Dr=Drawings, Ph=Photographs]

Michelin Tire, Rue Gustave Gibon (Zuen, Belgium, 1947, Commercial) Collaborator Jean Nicolet [Dr]

box 1

J.B. de Mol. Mrs. J.B. de Mol Residence (St. Gilles, Belgium, 1947 Residence) Collaborator Jean Nicolet [Dr]

box 1

J.B. Decant, J.B. Decant Residence (Waterloo, Belgium, 1947 Residence) Collaborator Jean Nicolet [Dr]

box 1

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Mr. and Mrs. Gaullet, Project of a Semi-Detached House (Wasmuel, Belgium, 1949 Residence) Collaborator Jean Nicolet [Dr]

box 1

Mr. and Mrs. G. Van Den Hecke, Van Den Hecke Residence (Brussels, Belgium, 1950 Residence [Dr]

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box 1

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Godfriaux, Transformation of Store on Adolphe Maxiaan Street (Brussels, Belgium, 1952 Commercial) [Dr]

box 1

Mr. and Mrs. J. de Ridder, Remodel of Office (Brussels, Belgium, 1954 Commercial) [Dr]

box 1

Design for Israel Fair in Brussels (Brussels, Belgium, 1954 Commercial); Photographer unknown [Dr,Ph]

box 1

Mrs. Wulliger, Villa Construction (Schaerbeek, Belgium, 1954 Residence) [Ms, Dr]

box 1

Mr. and Mrs. J Brysz, Brysz Residence (Brussels, Belgium 1955 Residence) [Ms, Dr]

box 1

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box 8

Ms. Zmigrod, Zmigrod Residence/Investment Property (Brussels, Belgium 1956 Residence) [Ms, Dr]

box 1

Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Perelman, Perelman Residence (Brussels, Belgium 1950-1970 Residence) [Ms, Dr, Ph]

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box 2

Apartment Remodel Rue Faider, n.d.

box 4

Avery Residence, (n.d.)

box 3

Ms. Fourvel, Fourvel Pavillion (n.d. Residential) [Dr]

box 2

Ms. Fuss, Door Mantle Design Detail (n.d.) [Dr]

box 2

Hirsh Department Store (Brussels, Belgium, n.d. Commercial) [Dr]

box 2

Modification of an Old Mansion (Brussels, Belgium n.d. Residential) [Dr, Ph]

box 2

Project d'un Centre Hotelier et d'Habitation (n.d.) [Dr]

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Project of a Hotel and Residential Center (n.d) [Dr]

box 2

Project of Houses for the Michelin Society of Zuen (Zuen, Belgium n.d. Residential) [Dr]

box 2

Project to Realize Removable Housing (Ardennes, France n.d. Residential) [Dr]

box 2

Rassco Settlement (Tel Aviv North, Isreal, n.d. Residential) [Dr]

box 2

Residence Remodel, Hewitt Bay Park, NY, n.d.

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box 10

Shoham Store Remodel on Ravenstein Street (Brussels, Belgium) [Dr]

box 2

box 9

Transformation and Arrangements in 19th Century Patrician House (Brussels, Belgium, n.d. Residential) [Dr]

box 2

Unidentified Projects and Details (n.d.) [Dr]

box 2