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Abstract

The Reston Founders Video History Collection contains interviews of various people including Reston's founder, Robert E. Simon. The interviews were recorded from 1989 to 1990. The collection is small with only eight 3/4" videotape cassettes, each with its own interview.

Creator

Ernst and Young Visual Services Group Studio

Extent

1 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

The copyright and related rights status of this collection have not been evaluated (See <http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/CNE/1.0/>)

Acquisition Information

Donated by Ernst and Young Visual Services Group Studio, Reston, Virginia, on March 22, 1989, May 15, 1990, March 6, April 17, 1990 and May 15, 1990.

Processing Information

The Reston Founders Video History Project collection was originally attached to the larger Planned Community Archives collection currently in the Special Collections Research Center. In 2009 the videotape cassettes were removed and organized into a separate collection. The old box numbers are also included as part of the new arrangement.

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Historical Information

Reston is a planned community in Northern Virginia. Robert E. Simon, Jr. was the founder of Reston, and he purchased the land with the proceeds from the sale of Carnegie Hall in New York City in 1961. Construction began in 1963 with the building of Lake Anne. Simon wanted Reston to be a place where individuals could remain their entire lives, thus many different types of housing were constructed. The focus of Reston, according to Simon, was to develop a place where people could live and work. Essentially he wanted Reston to be a way to live. A priority of this way of life was leisure time, so a wide variety of recreational choices were made available. In 1989 the Ernst and Young Visual Services Group Studio recorded interviews with the Reston Founders.

Scope and Content

The Reston Founders Video History Collection contains interviews of various people including Reston's founder, Robert E. Simons. The interviews were recorded from 1989 to 1990. The collection is small with only eight 3/4" videotape cassettes, each with its own interview.

Series 1 is entitled Interviews and is the only series in this small collection. The 3/4" videotape cassettes are interviews with various people about the founding of the Reston Community. People who were interviewed include Robert E. Simon and Jane G. Wilhelm, along with other individuals. The title of each item is the name of the person being interviewed.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center also holds the Planned Community Archives collection and other personal papers and organizational records that document Reston, Virginia, and other planned communities.

Keywords

Planned communities -- Virginia -- Reston
Housing
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Interviews
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Reston (Va.) -- History
Simon, Robert E., Jr. (Robert Edward), 1914-2015

Technical Requirements

The Special Collections Research Center is not able to play all media formats. Additional time and money may be required to digitize this material for access.

Arrangement

Arranged into one series.

Series

- Series 1: Interviews, 1989-1990 (Boxes 1-2)

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Interviews

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57152

Unit Date 1989-1990

General Physical Description note (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents note

These 3/4" videotape cassettes are interviews with various people about the founding of the Reston Community. People who were interviewed include Robert E. Simon and Jane G. Wilhelm, along with other individuals.

Robert E. Simon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57153

Unit Date 1989

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Tape 1 of 2; 151 VHS copy available. Available on digital format. Available on DVD.

Robert E. Simon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57154

Unit Date 1989

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Tape 2 of 2; 151 VHS copy available. Available on digital format. Available on DVD.

Edgar Allen "Ed" Prichard

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57155

Unit Date 1989-1990

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

151 VHS copy available. Available on digital format. Available on DVD.

Glen Saunders

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57156

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

60 Minutes; 151 Copies on VHS and CD available.

Embry C. Rucker and Priscilla Ames

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57157

Unit Date 1989

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

60 minutes; 152 VHS copy available. Available on DVD.

Embry C. Rucker and Priscilla Ames

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57158

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

60 minutes; 152 VHS copy available. Available on digital format.

John A. Scherze

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57159

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

152 VHS copy available. Available on digital format.

Jane G. Wilhelm

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/57160

Unit Date 1990

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

152 VHS copy available.