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Abstract

The David Pass papers contain correspondence, oral histories, research files, photographs, maps, and plans that document the development and study of new towns in the United States and internationally, particularly Sweden. The collection thoroughly documents Pass's career at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden, the Urban Development Corporation in New York, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. Although the inclusive dates span from 1934 to 2001, the bulk of the collection dates from the early 1960s to the early 1980s.

Creator

David Pass, 1938-2007

Physical Characteristics

17 linear feet 35 boxes

Repository

Special Collections and Archives, George Mason University

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

Donated by the estate of David Pass, July 25, 2008.

Processing Information

Documents removed from folders binders were placed together into acid-free folders with a photocopy of the original binder and folder information. Selected books relating to urban planning and new towns were placed in the Special Collections and Archives reference collection.

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Related Material

The Special Collections and Archives also holds the Planned Community Archives which documents the new town of Reston, Virginia.

Biographical Information

David Pass was born on January 14, 1938 in Paterson, New Jersey and graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1954. Pass earned a bachelor's from Columbia University in New York in 1958, a master's from the Architecture School in 1962, a B.S. from the Engineering School in 1964, a master's in city planning from University of California in Berkeley (also in 1964) and the equivalent of a Ph.D. in city planning from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm in 1969. During his years as a student, he worked primarily as a planner for both public and private organizations in New York, Sweden, and California. From 1964-1969, he worked in the Royal Institute of Technology as the project director and chief researcher on "Vallingby and Farsta: The Suburban Development process in a Large Swedish City", which was later published as a book by MIT Press. Following his work in Sweden, he returned to the United States to work as the Director of New Communities and Environmental Quality in the New York State Urban Development Corporation. A career employee of HUD from 1973 until his 2003 retirement, Pass worked as the Senior Financial and Economic Advisor in the New Community Development Corporation and then later in Indian Affairs. In addition to writing "Vallingby and Farsta from Idea to Reality: the New Community Development Process in Stockholm" (1973), he also wrote "New Communities in New York State" (1971) and many other articles on new towns in Sweden and the United States. He died in Bethesda, Maryland on July 18, 2007.

Scope and Content

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The correspondence in Series 1 consists of communication between David Pass and colleagues during his time in Sweden in the 1960s and with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in the 1970s and 1980s. There is also correspondence related to Pass's efforts to publish his work on new towns

in Sweden in the 1960s and correspondence during his time with the New York Urban Development Corporation in the early 1970s.

Series 2 contains oral histories from David Pass's work on new towns in Sweden. Pass interviewed many people involved with the development and financing of new towns, particularly Farsta and Vallingby. The conversations cover the acquisition of land, the planning of the towns, and the construction. The oral histories are numbered according to a scheme created by Pass. This series also includes unedited transcripts. The original binder labels were photocopied prior to being discarded, and the photocopies were placed with the appropriate oral histories. The transcripts are in both English and Swedish.

The research and writing files in Series 3 contain substantial documentation on new towns both in the United States and internationally. Types of documents include reports, conference papers, and publications, some of which are authored by Pass. Other documents consist of clippings and correspondence. Most of the material from the 1960s covers planning and development issues most likely used by Pass for his writing and well as in his day-to-day work at the Department of City Planning in Stockholm, Sweden . The files from the 1970s and 1980s focus more on Pass's work as an analyst for the New York Urban Development Corporation and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The documents contain descriptions of United States new town development in Reston, Virginia; Los Angeles, California; Columbia, Maryland; Lysander, New York; Welfare Island, New York; and Energy New Towns in the West with the Department of Energy. There is significant correspondence with regards to the Lysander and Welfare Island developments in New York in the 1970s. The international new town developments described in the documents include towns in France, London, and Vallingby, Farsta, and Stockholm in Sweden. The conference documents include information on the International New Town Association (1983) and the League of New Community Developers. The research and conference files from the early 1980s reflect Pass's growing interest in new town computer modeling. The files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Series 4 contains information about Reston and the Moorings Cluster Association that Pass collected when he lived there from the 1970s to the 1990s. There are multiple publications on the regulations created by the Reston Home Owners Association, which later became the Reston Association. The regulations specifically focus on design guidelines. Also included are meeting agendas for the Reston Association as well the Moorings Cluster Association on Lake Anne where Pass lived.

Series 5 consists of images of new towns in Reston, Virginia; Columbia, Maryland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Paris, France. There are also images of New York City. The subjects include buildings, street scenes, maps, and models. Some of the slides were used in presentations and also contain charts and graphs illustrating population growth and financial projections. There are also some large ariel images of the Stockholm area. The photographs are mostly 8"x10", and the slides are standard size. The slides in box 31 are glass plate and were used with the script "New Communities for New York" in box 30, folder 2. Some of the larger photographs were placed in the oversize series.

Series 6 contains 15 reel-to-reel audiotapes with interviews conducted by Pass during his new town research in Sweden. Series 2 contains the edited and unedited transcripts.

Series 7 consists mostly of maps and plans of Farsta and other towns and cities in Sweden. There is also a large plan for Reston, Virginia, a Spanish Tourism poster, and "Vallingby and Farsta" book cover artwork. Some of the oversize New York new town files and ariel photographs of Sweden are in this series as well.

Index Terms

Persons:

Pass, David.

Corporate Names:

New York State Urban Development Corporation.

United States. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

Subjects:

City planning.

City planning--New York (State)

City planning--Sweden--Stockholm.

Housing.

Housing--New York(State)

Housing--Stockholm--Sweden.
New towns.
New towns--New York (State)
New towns--Stockholm--Sweden.
Planned communities.
Planned communities--New York (State)
Planned communities--Stockholm--Sweden.

Arrangement

Organized into six series:

- Series 1: Correspondence, 1960s-1980s (Box 1)
- Series 2: Oral Histories, 1966-1967 (Boxes 1-5)
- Series 3: Research and Writing Files, 1934-2001 (Boxes 6-29)
- Series 4: Reston, 1966-1996 (Boxes 30-31)
- Series 5: Photographs and Slides, 1960s-1980s (Boxes 31-32)
- Series 6: Audiovisual, 1966-1967 (Boxes 33-34)
- Series 7: Oversize, 1960s-1970s (Box 35)

Contents List

Series 1: Correspondence,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Extent

(0.5 box)

Scope and Content

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Correspondence,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 1 (box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

Series 2: Oral Histories,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Extent

(4.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

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Oral Histories 50-54,

Unit Date 1966

Container 1 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Oral Histories 43-49,

Unit Date 1966

Container 2 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Oral Histories 39-42,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Container 2 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Oral Histories 33-38,

Unit Date 1966

Container 2 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Oral Histories 27-32,

Unit Date 1966

Container 2 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Oral Histories 22-26,

Unit Date 1966

Container 2 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Oral Histories 17-21,

Unit Date 1966

Container 2 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Oral Histories 6-11,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Container 3 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Oral Histories 1-5,

Unit Date 1966

Container 3 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Oral Histories 61-62,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Container 3 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Oral Histories 55-60,

Unit Date 1966

Container 3 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Oral Histories, Index,

Unit Date ca. 1966

Container 3 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Oral Histories, Contacts before February 1966 and List of Participants,

Unit Date 1966

Container 3 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Oral Histories, Interview Correspondence and Notes,

Unit Date 1965

Container 4 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Oral Histories 11-21, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966

Container 4 (box)

Container 2-3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Oral Histories 22-32, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966

Container 4 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Oral Histories 22-32, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1965

Container 4 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Oral Histories 60-62, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Container 4 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Oral Histories 1-10, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966

Container 5 (box)

Container 1-2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Oral Histories 33-46, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966

Container 5 (box)

Container 3-4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Oral Histories 47-59, Unedited Interviews,

Unit Date 1966

Container 5 (box)

Container 5-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders

Series 3: Research and Writing Files,

Unit Date 1931-2001

Extent

(24 boxes)

Scope and Content

This series contains substantial documentation on new towns both in the United States and internationally. Types of documents include reports, conference papers, and publications, some of which are authored by Pass. Other documents consist of clippings and correspondence. Most of the material from the 1960s covers planning and development issues most likely used by Pass for his writing and well as in his day-to-day work at the Department of City Planning in Stockholm, Sweden . The files from the 1970s and 1980s focus more on Pass's work as an analyst for the New York Urban Development Corporation and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The files are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

California New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 6 (box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

David Pass Publications,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 6 (box)

Container 5-7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 folders.

David Pass Publications, Vallingby and Farsta - From Idea to Reality,

Unit Date 1969

Container 7 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Miscellaneous New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 7 (box)

Container 2-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

Miscellaneous New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 8 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Miscellaneous New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 9 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Miscellaneous New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 10 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Miscellaneous New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 11 (box)

Container 1-4 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 folders.

New York New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 11 (box)

Container 5-7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 folders.

New York New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 12 (box)

Container 1-7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

7 folders.

New York New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 13 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

New York New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 14 (box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

New York New Town Files, AIP Environmental Quality,

Unit Date 1970-1973

Container 14 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

New York New Town Files, Columbia Process Workshop,

Unit Date 1971

Container 14 (box)

Container 7 (Folder)

New York New Town Files, Columbia University Seminar,

Unit Date 1971

Container 14 (box)

Container 8 (Folder)

New York New Town Files, DEC Institute on Man and Environment,

Unit Date 1972

Container 15 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

New York New Town Files, Lysander Cash Flow,

Unit Date 1970

Container 15 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

New York New Town Files, Practicing Law Institute,

Unit Date 1971

Container 15 (box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Paris New Town Files,

Unit Date 1971-1972

Container 15 (box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Planning and Development in the Greater Stockholm Area Draft,

Unit Date August 1967

Container 15 (box)

Container 5-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Planning and Development in the Greater Stockholm Area Draft,

Unit Date 1968

Container 15 (box)

Container 7-8 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Planning and Development in the Greater Stockholm Area Draft,

Unit Date 1968

Container 16 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Project Notes from California and Early Notes from Sweden,

Unit Date 1964

Container 16 (box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 16 (box)

Container 3-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 folders.

Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 17 (box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 18 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 19 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1980s

Container 20 (box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 20 (box)

Container 6-7 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 21 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 22 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 23 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 24 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 25 (box)

Container 1-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

6 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 26 (box)

Container 1-5 (Folder)

Scope and Content

5 folders.

Sweden New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 27 (box)

Container 1-3 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 folders.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development New Town Files,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 27 (box)

Container 4-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

3 folders.

Vallingby and Farsta Research Files,

Unit Date 1965

Container 28 (box)

Container 1-2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Vallingby and Farsta Research Files,

Unit Date 1960s

Container 28 (box)

Container 3-6 (Folder)

Scope and Content

4 folders.

Vallingby and Farsta Draft,

Unit Date February 1968

Container 29 (box)

Container 1-2 (Folder)

Scope and Content

2 folders.

Series 4: Reston,

Unit Date 1966-1996

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

Series 4 contains information about Reston and the Moorings Cluster Association that Pass collected when he lived there from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Clippings and Community Information,

Unit Date 1966-1982

Container 30 (box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Moorings Cluster Association,

Unit Date 1976-1996

Container 30 (box)

Container 2-4 (Folder)

Reston Association,

Unit Date 1987-1992

Container 30 (box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Reston Community Association,

Unit Date 1975

Container 30 (box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Reston Home Owners Association,

Unit Date 1960s-1986

Container 30 (box)
Container 7 (Folder)

Reston Community Association,

Unit Date 1981-1984

Container 31 (box)
Container 1 (Folder)

Reston Information,

Unit Date 1973-1982

Container 31 (box)
Container 2 (Folder)

Reston Recreation,

Unit Date 1980s

Container 31 (box)
Container 3 (Folder)

Swedish Institute for Business Development Tour,

Unit Date 1982

Container 31 (box)
Container 4 (Folder)

Series 5: Photographs and Slides,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Extent

(1.5 boxes)

Scope and Content

This series consists of images of new towns in Reston, Virginia; Columbia, Maryland; Stockholm, Sweden; and Paris, France. There are also images of New York City. The subjects include buildings, street scenes, maps, and models. Some of the slides were used in presentations and also contain charts and graphs illustrating population growth and financial projections. There are also some large ariel images of the Stockholm area. The photographs are mostly 8"x10", and the slides are standard size. The slides in box 31 are glass plate and were used with the script "New Communities for New York" in box 30, folder 2. Some of the larger photographs were placed in the oversize series.

Photographs and Slides,

Unit Date 1960s-1970s

Container 31 (box)
Container 5-6 (Folder)

Slides, New Communities for New York,

Unit Date 1971

Container 32 (box)

Series 6: Audiovisual,

Unit Date 1966-1967

Extent

(2 boxes)

Scope and Content

This series contains 15 reel-to-reel audiotapes with interviews conducted by Pass during his new town research in Sweden. Series 2 contains the edited and unedited transcripts.

Oral Histories,**Unit Date** 1966-1967**Container** 33 (box)**Oral Histories,****Unit Date** 1966-1967**Container** 34 (box)**Series 7: Oversize,****Unit Date** 1960s-1970s**Extent**

(1 box)

Scope and Content

This series consists mostly of maps and plans of Farsta and other towns and cities in Sweden. There is also a large plan for Reston, Virginia, a Spanish Tourism poster, and "Vallingby and Farsta" book cover artwork. Some of the oversize New York new town files and ariel photographs of Sweden and are in this series as well.

Maps, Plans, and Photographs,**Unit Date** 1960s-1970s**Container** 35 (Oversize)**Maps and Plans,****Unit Date** 1960s-1970s**Container** MC (Oversize)**Scope and Content**

Placed in the mapcase "Miscellaneous" drawer in a folder labeled "Pass Papers".