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Descriptive Summary

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M 386

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Unit Date

1994-2002

Language

English .

Creator

McRoberts, Brian P.

Extent

0.42 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU James Branch Cabell Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research, however all student records in folder 20 are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) restrictions and are not available for research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Dr. Charles Brownell in 2009.

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Biographical Information

Brian P. McRoberts (d. 1995) was an architectural history student at Virginia Commonwealth University. He studied early American architecture with Dr. Charles Brownell and served as his undergraduate teaching assistant (1994-1995). In the fall of 1996, he would have been the first recipient of the Bess T. Brownell Assistantship in Architectural History. However, he died unexpectedly in the fall of 1995. In honor of McRoberts' memory, Dr. Brownell dedicated the Fourth Annual VCU Architectural Symposium in the Fall of 1996 to him.

McRoberts' greatest scholarly contribution is the reconstruction of Thomas Jefferson's design for the great hall of the Virginia State Capitol. McRoberts published his drawings in the first issue of *The Classicist* (1995). His drawings were used in several publications by Dr. Brownell, including a book titled, *The Capital of Virginia—Landmark of American Architecture* (2002).

From December 1994 to June 1995, McRoberts cataloged hundreds of drawings by the architectural firm of Carneal and Johnston. However, both his written and computerized records have yet to be found. The only records that remain are several contact sheets with images of the drawings.

Scope and Contents

The collection, dated 1994-2002, includes McRoberts's drawings, papers, and correspondence as a Virginia Commonwealth University student. It also includes letters written by Dr. Charles Brownell and members of the McRoberts family. The papers in the collection serve as a foundation for students to conduct further research in American architecture.

Keywords

Architecture -- Virginia -- Richmond.

Virginia Commonwealth University. Department of Art History -- students

McRoberts, Brian P. -- Archives

Brownell, Charles E. -- Correspondence

Virginia State Capitol (Richmond, Va.)

Custodial History

The McRoberts family gave this collection to Dr. Charles Brownell in December 1995.

Arrangement

The Brian P. McRoberts Collection is organized into four categories. The first group consists of papers regarding his submission to *The Classicist*. The papers, organized chronologically, include letters between McRoberts and the Director of the Institute for Classical Architecture as well as ten different sets of drawings. A second group of papers are from McRoberts' academic career, including a paper written as an undergraduate student as well as fliers created while serving as an assistant to Dr. Brownell. The Johnston and Carneal images are also included in this section. The third group of papers are correspondence between Dr. Brownell and the McRoberts family, which provide insight into McRoberts as a beloved individual. A fourth category consists of a photocopied image and Dr. Brownell's initial guide for the McRoberts' Papers.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Papers for The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48381

Unit Date 1994-1996

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

"Call for Papers Fliers, The Classicist"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48385

Unit Date 1994-1996

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Letter of Submission to The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48386

Unit Date December 23, 1994

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence regarding McRoberts' Submission to The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48387

Unit Date January 4, 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence regarding McRoberts' Submission to The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48388

Unit Date January 14, 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence regarding McRoberts' Submission to The Classicist: Director's Corrections to Drawings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48389

Unit Date February 28, 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence regarding McRoberts' Submission to The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48390

Unit Date March 17, 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence regarding McRoberts' Submission to The Classicist

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48391

Unit Date April 19, 1995

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McRoberts' Drawings for The Classicist, Set 1

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Unit Date 1995

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McRoberts' Drawings for The Classicist, Set 2

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McRoberts' Drawings for The Classicist, Set 3

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McRoberts' Drawings for The Classicist, Set 9

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Unit Date 1995

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McRoberts' Drawings for The Classicist, Set 10

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48401

Unit Date 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Announcement of McRoberts' Article in The Classicist in Newsletter for the Prairie Avenue Workshop (no. 33)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48402

Unit Date October 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Information for The Classicist (no. 1) from UVA Catalog

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48403

Unit Date 1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Assistantship with Dr. Charles Brownell

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48382

Unit Date 1994-1995

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Brownell Evaluation/Notes from Student File, Robert McRoberts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48404

Unit Date August 31, 1993

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Fliers Created by McRoberts during assistantship

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48405

Unit Date 1995

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Interview with Brownell on Richmond Drawings from 19th-century in Style Weekly

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48406

Unit Date January 10, 1995

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McRoberts' Drawings Published in Brownell's Article in Richmond Journal of History and Architecture

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48407

Unit Date Summer 1994

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Paper presented for freshman art history class titled, "Mark Rothko: From Surrealism to Abstract Classicism: Painting in the Mid-Twentieth Century"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48408

Unit Date April 1994

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Program Flier for The Institute for the Study of Classical Architecture, addressed to Brian McRoberts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48409

Unit Date Summer 1995

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Contact Sheet of Carneal and Johnston Drawings

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48410

Unit Date n.d.

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Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48383

Unit Date 1995-1996, 2002

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Correspondence Between Dr. Charles Brownell and McRoberts Family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48411

Unit Date 1995-1996

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Letter to McRoberts Family from John Bryan, Associate Dean of Development

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48412

Unit Date December 22, 2002

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Miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48384

Unit Date n.d.,1996

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Miscellaneous, Photo-copied image of Brian McRoberts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48413

Unit Date n.d.

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Original Guide to McRoberts' Papers, Created by Dr. Charles Brownell

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/48414

Unit Date January 1, 1996

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