

# A Guide to the Delos H. Smith Collection, ca.1940-ca.1959

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## Biographical/Historical Information

Delos H. Smith (1884-1963) was the architect and architectural historian of Alexandria, Virginia. Smith specialized in ecclesiastical work and practiced in Washington D. C. His projects included numerous churches, two low-rent housing projects, the Beltsville Farm Export Station, and the Capitol Building Prayer Room, on which he was a consulting architect. Smith also served as commander of the Civil Engineering Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, from 1940-45, and as design superintendent of the Army and Navy Munitions Board at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

## Scope and Content Information

Materials in the collection include photographs, prints, architectural drawings, newspaper and magazine clippings, letters, scrapbooks, notebooks, maps, books, and periodicals. Major subject areas in the collection are colonial religious and secular architecture in the eastern United States, materials on British and other European origins of American colonial architecture, and art books as sources for architectural drawings.

## Index Terms

**Persons:**

Smith, Delos H. (Delos Hamilton), 1884- 1963.

**Subjects:**

Church architecture--East (U.S.)

Church history--East (U.S.)

**Geographical Names:**

Washington (D.C.)

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