

Guide to Yale University Buildings and Grounds Architectural Documentation

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The materials consist of correspondence, memoranda, specifications, articles, reports, sketches, photographs, floor plans, notes, booklets, and related materials documenting the planning, construction, renovation, and use of Yale buildings.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The materials have come from a variety of sources, including transfers from the Yale offices concerned with building design, construction, and maintenance; other Yale offices; and individual donors. Additional materials concerning Yale buildings and facilities that do not form an integral body of records on their own may be added to this collection.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Yale University records are arranged and described at the accession level by the creating office. The University Archives creates collection level descriptive records, but typically does no further arrangement and description at the accession level.

Scope and Contents

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General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 46-A (YRG 46-A), Records and materials broadly documenting Yale buildings, facilities, and grounds.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged in two series: I. General documentation, 1906-1974; II. Documentation on specific buildings, 1747-2006; and subsequent accessions.

Collection Contents

Series I: General documentation, 1906-1974

b. 1, f. 1	Armed Forces Includes tender of buildings, equipment, instructions, and news articles.	1942-1951
b. 1, f. 2	Boathouses Includes Old Boat House, Gale's Ferry, and Bob Cook.	1906-1935
b. 1, f. 3 - 4	Classrooms, laboratories, and offices Includes faculty directories, floor plans and news articles.	1941-1956
	Housing	
b. 1, f. 5	Capacities Includes regulations and floor plans.	1926-1953
b. 1, f. 6	Graduate housing	1930-1961
b. 1, f. 7	Old Campus Includes building descriptions and floor plans.	1936-1945
b. 1, f. 8 - 9	Outlying Includes Nathan Smith Hall, Quonset huts on Whitney Avenue, and housing on Hillhouse Avenue, Lake Place, Howard Street, Temple Avenue.	1905-1951
b. 2, f. 10 - 11	Rates Includes rate lists and floor plans.	1935-1943
b. 2, f. 12 - 13	Kline Science Center - construction and renovations	1957-1973
b. 2, f. 14	Memorials Includes printed copy of John W. Sterling's will.	1909-1954
b. 2, f. 15 - 17	Old Campus Includes pictures, drawings, floor plans, and news articles.	1906-1957
b. 3, f. 18	Sheffield Scientific School Includes pictures, articles, and other documentation on buildings occupied by the school.	1909-1947
b. 3, f. 19 - 20	Societies, fraternities, and student organizations Includes news articles, pictures, and building measurements.	1906-1945
b. 3, f. 21 - 23	Yale-New Haven Hospital and Yale Medical School Includes pictures, cost sheets, floor plans, and documents.	1918-1966
b. 13, f. 1	New Haven Includes walking tour information, news clippings, brochures, newsletters, etc.	Circa 1909-1974

b. 13, f. 2

Yale University

Circa 1909-1974

Includes news clippings, brochures, newsletters, *Yale Alumni Magazine* articles,
etc.

Series II: Documentation on specific buildings, 1747-2006

Arranged by building (region:chronology) code.

1:02 Connecticut Hall		
National Historic Landmark certificate See: Series II. Box 12, Folder 114 ref220		
b. 4, f. 1	Two photostats regarding the 1747 lottery for the building	1747
b. 4, f. 2	Minutes of meeting, list of occupants	1905
b. 4, f. 3	Correspondence and notes about the bricks	1923
1:07 Second President's House See: Series II. Box 12, Folder 115 ref221		
1:19 Alumni Hall		
b. 4, f. 4	ALS Edw. C. Herrick to A.J. Davis, Esq., asking for the bill for Alumni Hall	1853
1:20 Street Hall		
b. 13, f. 3-4	Specifications, correspondence, drawings, etc. re: remodelling by Carleton Granbery	1963
b. 13, f. 5	"Street Hall, Its History and Stylistic Sources," by Linda Krause	1974
1:31 Osborn Hall		
b. 4, f. 5	Correspondence of President Timothy Dwight (the younger) to John W. Sterling	1887-1888
b. 4, f. 6	News articles, pictures, documentation, and cornerstone data	Circa 1926
1:39 Linsley Hall		
b. 4, f. 7	Addition to University Library - minutes, drawings, and specifications	1905
2:03 Medical School Building		
b. 4, f. 8	General description of alterations and specifications for water closets, carriage shed, plumbing, and gas fitting; H.W. Lindsey, architect	1893
2:08 Medical Laboratory		
b. 4, f. 9	Specifications for slaters, plumbing, gas, fitting, masons, furniture, and steam fitting; H.W. Lindsey, architect	Circa 1893
3:07 University Theatre		
b. 4, f. 10	News articles, pictures, and floor plans	1926-1944
3:25 Davenport and Pierson Colleges		
b. 4, f. 11	Floor plans, cost sheets, and pictures	1933-1948

3:43 Art and Architecture Building

See also: Series II. Box 12, Folder 117 [ref225](#)

b. 4, f. 12	Correspondence, sketches, cost sheets, building format and space requirements	1958-1963
b. 4, f. 13	Furniture costs	1963
4:03 Peabody Museum		
b. 4, f. 14	News articles, guide books, and floor plans	1927-1966
4:04 Sloane Physics Laboratory		
b. 4, f. 15	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1910-1967
b. 4, f. 16	Papers and drawings for transformer vault	1912, 1954, undated
4:28 Memorial Quadrangle		
b. 4, f. 17	<i>Architecture</i> (magazine) Includes extensive articles on Memorial Quadrangle.	1921 October
b. 4, f. 18	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1945-1950
Saybrook College: Gala Italiana		
b. 4, f. 19	News releases	1934-1935
b. 4, f. 20	Clippings on the opening of Gala Italiana	1934-1936
b. 4, f. 21	Correspondence, lists, and presentation statement	1934-1937
4:29 Weir Hall		
b. 4, f. 22	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles Includes 1948 Chapel St. Tenants.	1924-1948
4:34 Jonathan Edwards College		
b. 4, f. 23	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and measurements	1924-1949
4:37 Yale University Art Gallery		
b. 5, f. 24	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1911-1953
b. 5, f. 25	Proposed addition (not built)	1945
b. 5, f. 26	Specifications and related papers regarding Art Gallery Extension; Egerton Swartwout, architect	1950-1951, undated
5:16 Morse College, 5:17 Ezra Stiles College		
b. 5, f. 27	News articles and dedication booklet	1960-1962
6:16 Payne Whitney Gymnasium		
b. 5, f. 28	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1930-1947

	6:17 Ray Tompkins House	
b. 5, f. 29	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1932-1941
	7:10 Phi Upsilon Fraternity House	
b. 5, f. 30	Alterations and additions, list of blueprints	1904, 1968
	7:31 Sterling Memorial Library	
b. 6, f. 31 - 32	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1904-1965
b. 6, f. 33	Proposed additions	Circa 1961
b. 6, f. 34	Mezzanine project specifications See also: Series II. Box 12, Folder 118 ref227	1963
b. 6, f. 32	Honorable mention for SML renovation, phase I, from AIA (Connecticut Chapter) See also: Series II. Box 12, Folder 119 ref228	2000
	7:36 Trumbull College	
b. 6, f. 35	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1929-1945
	8:16 Law School	
b. 6, f. 36	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation Includes descriptive booklet.	1917-1961
	9:12 North Middle Berkeley Hall	
b. 6, f. 37	List of occupants in room 81	1813-1880
	9:13 White Hall	
b. 6, f. 38	Book of addenda and contract specifications: J.C. Cady and Co. (Cady, Berg and See) Architects	Circa 1893
	9:23 Porter Memorial Gateway	
b. 6, f. 39	Memoranda of meetings with President Hadley and others; facts about Noah Porter	1911-1912
	9:24 Sprague Memorial Hall	
b. 6, f. 40	Pictures, floor plans, and news articles	1917-1964
	9:34 Calhoun College	
b. 6, f. 41	Floor plans, drawings, and rates	1941, undated
	9:35 Berkeley College	
b. 6, f. 42	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation Includes heating system information.	1908-1944
	9:36 Cross Campus Library	

9:36 Cross Campus Library (continued)

b. 7, f. 43	Punch list for lower level and accompanying letter from W. Andersen of Edward Larrabee Barnes, architect, to George B.H. Macomber	1971
10:13 Bicentennial Buildings		
b. 7, f. 44	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1903-1949
b. 7, f. 45	Correspondence from Gugler, Kimball, and Husted, architects, to J.C. Stella of Vermont Marble Co. regarding panels for the Yale Memorial	1948-1949
10:18 Woodbridge Hall		
b. 7, f. 46	Specifications	1901
b. 7, f. 47	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1925-1954
b. 7, f. 48	Proposed addition	1927
10:24 Beinecke Rare Books Library		
b. 7, f. 49	<i>Architectural Forum</i> article	1960 November
b. 7, f. 50	Yale University News Bureau releases	1960-1964
b. 7, f. 51	Correspondence from Remington Rand regarding the stack layout and wire mesh partitions	1961, 1963
b. 7, f. 52	Yale Daily News articles	1961-1963
b. 7, f. 53	Correspondence regarding the building of Beinecke	1961-1964
b. 7, f. 54	Newspaper and magazine articles	1961-1964
b. 7, f. 55	Manuscripts published to commemorate the dedication of the library	1963 October
b. 7, f. 56	News articles, press releases, and floor plans Includes <i>Wilson Library Bulletin</i> , 1963.	1963-1964
b. 7, f. 57	Essay by Frederick W. Beinecke II	1964 May
b. 7, f. 58	American Institute of Architects Honor Award to Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill	1967 February
11:12 Department of University Health		
b. 8, f. 59	Pictures, news articles, and floor plans	1921-1936
12:26 Timothy Dwight College		
b. 8, f. 60	Specifications for Frigidaire Equipment	1935
b. 8, f. 61	Pictures, floor plans, and documentation	1935-1939
12:28 Silliman College		
b. 8, f. 62	Pictures, floor plans, and documentation Includes background data on Sheffield School and Vanderbilt Hall.	1903-1940
13:5 Winchester Hall		

13:5 Winchester Hall (continued)

b. 8, f. 63	Assignment plans for five floors	1965-1966
13:6 Arthur K. Watson Hall		
b. 8, f. 64	Construction manual	1984 April
b. 8, f. 65	List of items placed in cornerstone	1986
13:7 Kirtland Hall		
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b. 9, f. 69	Specifications for the building of Hammond Laboratory, floor plans	1903?, 1963
16:10 Observatory		
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16:12 Trowbridge House		
b. 9, f. 71	Planting list for garden sent by Alexander Kahn	1926 March
19:17 Ingalls Rink		
b. 9, f. 72	Pictures, news articles, and press releases Includes Yale vs. Dartmouth booklet, 1959 Feb 21.	1957-1960
20:2 Osborn Memorial Laboratory		
b. 9, f. 73	Pictures, news articles, and documentation	1913-1966
20:5 Sterling Chemistry Laboratory		
b. 9, f. 74	Correspondence and lists regarding the dedication of Sterling Chemistry Laboratory	1921-1924
b. 9, f. 75	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1921-1969
b. 9, f. 76	American Chemical Society	1922-1923
b. 9, f. 77	Letters from invitees unable to attend the dedication	1922-1923
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b. 9, f. 80	Address by Sir Joseph Thomson	1923 April 4
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b. 9, f. 84	A Solid Solutions, a paper given by Guiseppe Bruni	1923
b. 9, f. 85	"Twenty-Five Years of Research on the Yttrium Earths" (two copies: French and English), paper by G. Urbain	Undated
20:7 Sage Hall (Forestry School)		
b. 9, f. 86	Pictures, news articles, and documentation	1912-1960
20:14 Gibbs Laboratory		
b. 9, f. 87	Plan by R.H. Ferguson, Jr.; clippings	1951
20:15 Bingham Laboratory		
b. 9, f. 88	Records regarding the building of the Oceanography and Ornithology Building, Douglas Orr, architect	1957-1958
20:19 Kline Geology Laboratory		
b. 10, f. 89	Floor plans	1963?
20:20 Kline Chemistry Laboratory		
b. 10, f. 90	Dedication booklet	1965 April 9
20:23 Kline Biology Tower		
b. 10, f. 91	Floor plans, <i>Alumni Magazine</i> picture	1966
21:6 Divinity School		
b. 10, f. 92	Pictures, floor plans, news articles, and documentation	1931-1956
b. 10, f. 93	Specifications, charts, construction and installation documentation	1936-1944
22:14 Medical Clinic Amphitheatre		
b. 10, f. 94	Specifications for carpenter's and mason's work and materials, L.W. Robinson, architect	1900
22:50 Institute of Human Relations		
b. 10, f. 95	Specifications for plumbing fixtures, Crane Co., Grosvenor Atterbury, architects	1929-1930
22:50 Sterling Hall of Medicine		
b. 10, f. 96	Broad Street extension - skeleton specification, Charles Z. Klauder, architect	1930
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b. 10, f. 98	Extensions - Supplements to plumbing specifications	1930
b. 10, f. 99	Library extension - schedule of hardware for Dwight Building Company	1940

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b. 10, f. 100	Library extension - painting specifications	1940-1941
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22:100 Laboratory for Medicine and Pediatrics		
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b. 10, f. 103	Specifications for electrical fixtures and sterilizing equipment, Henry C. Pelton, architect	1931
23:3 Bethany Observatory		
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25:3 Armory		
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26:3 Athletic Association buildings, Gales Ferry, CT		
b. 11, f. 107	Appraisal of buildings with photographs	1927
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b. 11, f. 108	Brochures Includes house floor plan.	1939, undated
27:34 Wrexham Tower, Wales		
b. 11, f. 109	Correspondence regarding Elihu Yale's tomb	1881
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b. 11, f. 110	Specifications from the Office of Douglas Orr, architect, and the Austin Co.	1940-1941
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b. 11, f. 111	44 Wall St. - residence of Simeon E. Baldwin, Esq.: specifications for an addition to the residence, L.W. Robinson, architect	1891
b. 11, f. 112	460 Prospect St. - residence of Irving Fisher: specifications for changes, Angell and Swift, Architects	1904, 1910-1911, 1920, 1929
b. 11, f. 113	250 Church St. - Woolsey House: copy of letters to John F. Stevens from Carl A. Lohmann regarding "Certain Pieces"	1949

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b. 12, f. 114	1:2 Connecticut Hall, National Historic Landmark Certificate	1965
	1:7 Second President's House	
b. 12, f. 115	Elevations, floor plans, copies of construction contract and related papers, correspondence from Talbot F. Hamlin to Hollon A. Farr regarding construction information	1799, 1951
b. 12, f. 116	1:17 Alumni House, specifications	Undated
	3:43 Art and Architecture Building	
b. 12, f. 117	Dedication booklet	1963
	4:28 Memorial Quadrangle, Harkness Tower	
b. 12, f. 117A	Parchment document of dedication	Circa 1921
	7:31 Sterling Memorial Library	
b. 12, f. 118	Floor plans, elevations, and shelving information from libraries of Harvard University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Williams College	1920, undated
b. 12, f. 119	Schemes, proposals, charts, floor plans and notes; photographs of building during construction and after completion	1922-1931, circa 1945
	13:18 Becton Engineering and Applied Science Center	
b. 12, f. 120	Architect's report, drawings of buildings to be removed, chart for departmental planning	1964-1965
	17:12 Maple Cottage (85 Trumbull)	
b. 12, f. 121	News clippings, preservation newsletters, and other related historical information	Circa 1838-2006

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Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Campus planning
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