

Guide to the George Herbert Gray Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Gray, George Herbert, 1874-1945

TITLE: George Herbert Gray papers

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, surveys, reports, maps, legal documents, printed matter and clippings relating to Gray's work as a planning consultant for the Connecticut State Planning Board and his private work in the field of flood control. The surveys for Connecticut (1921-1940) cover population, state libraries, electricity, and zoning, also specifications for a house in Hamden, Connecticut and material on pollution of the Connecticut River. Planning data is also included for flood control in Ohio, for the Huron Valley in Michigan and for the New England region.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Consultant in architecture and city planning; A.B., Johns Hopkins, 1895; studied architecture in New York & Paris, 1896-1907; practicing architect, 1906-1925, architect and city planner since 1925; head of Dept. of City Planning, Columbia, 1920-1923.

Scope and Contents

These papers of George Herbert Gray consist entirely of subject files kept during the 1930s while Gray worked for various Connecticut and federal planning agencies, in particular the Connecticut State Planning Board. The files are arranged alphabetically by projects and topics in Gray's original order, and contain approximately 375 letters, memoranda, maps, printed matter, and other papers. Correspondents include a variety of federal, state, and local government offices and officials. Among the topics covered are floods and flood control, town and state planning projects, water legislation and zoning, and rural zoning.

These papers were given to Yale University in 1946 by Mrs. George H. Gray.

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	Connecticut	
b. 1, f. 1	Area	1928-1929, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Ashford and Essex, subsistence homesteads	1934
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b. 1, f. 4	Government	1935-1940
b. 1, f. 5	Population	1934, undated
b. 1, f. 6	State library survey and educational	1934, undated
b. 1, f. 7	State school system	1921, 1935
b. 1, f. 8	Work -Hamden, 44 Morse St.	1936-1938
b. 1, f. 9	Connecticut Refuse Disposal (Gen. Sanford H. Wadhams, director of Conn. State Water Commission)	1934
	Connecticut River	
b. 1, f. 10	Pollution	1934, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Zoning See also: Box 3	1934, undated
	Conservation	
b. 1, f. 12	General	1937
b. 1, f. 13	Game and wildlife	1935
b. 1, f. 14 - 19	Eliot, Charles William 2nd (assistant executive officer of the National Resources Board)	1934-1935, undated
b. 1, f. 20 - 23	Flood	1936-1938, undated
b. 1, f. 24	Flood control	1935-1939
b. 1, f. 25 - 28	Flooded cities	1937-1940, undated
b. 1, f. 29	Forests	1938-1940
b. 1, f. 30	Forests and town parks	1934
b. 1, f. 31	Housing	1938

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b. 1, f. 32	Housing Authority A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1935-1944, undated
b. 1, f. 33	Huron Valley (Michigan) Improvement Plan	1937, undated
b. 2, f. 34	Land use See also: Box 3 Folder 74 - 75	1934, undated
b. 2, f. 35	Mapping technique	1934-1935, undated
	Maps	
b. 2, f. 36	General	1934, undated
b. 2, f. 37	Comparative data	1934, undated
b. 2, f. 38	Drafting Force	1934
b. 2, f. 39	Ohio flood Control Congress	1937
b. 2, f. 40 - 42	Places of historic and scenic interest	1933-1938, undated
	Planning	
b. 2, f. 43	General	1934-1936
b. 2, f. 44	New England Regional Board Meetings	1934
b. 2, f. 45	Regional Association, Inc.	1934
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b. 2, f. 48	Town; letters to selectment	1934
	Planning Board	
b. 2, f. 49 - 52	Connecticut State	1933-1935, undated
b. 2, f. 53	Publicity for Connecticut state	1934
b. 2, f. 54 - 55	Fleming, Phillip B. (executive officer of Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works)	1934, undated
b. 2, f. 56	Recreation	1934, 1937, undated
b. 2, f. 57	Roads: Connecticut highways	undated
b. 2, f. 58	Roads and roadsides, Connecticut	undated
b. 2, f. 59	Slate, William L. (Chairman, Governor's Planning Board, Connecticut)	1934
b. 2, f. 60	Transportation	1934, undated

b. 3, f. 61 - 63	Water legislation: John B. Gates (research investigator)	1934, undated
b. 3	Waters	
b. 3, f. 64 - 66	Connecticut	1934-1936
b. 3, f. 67 - 70	Control of floods and pollution	1934-1938, undated
b. 3, f. 71 - 73	Reconnaissance	1934-1936, undated
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b. 3, f. 82	Zoning and building codes	1938-1945, undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Architecture, Domestic -- Designs and plans
City planning -- Connecticut
Conservation of natural resources
Environmental protection
Flood control -- Ohio

Geographic Names

Connecticut River
Connecticut -- Social conditions
New Haven (Conn.)

Occupations

City planners

Names

Gray, George Herbert, 1874-1945

Corporate Body

Connecticut. State Planning Board