

Guide to the James Wilder Green Papers

MS 1891



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1891

CREATOR: Green, James Wilder

TITLE: James Wilder Green papers

DATES: 1950-2003

BULK DATES: 1958-1976

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 53.5 linear feet (19 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The James Wilder Green papers document Green's architectural commissions from 1950-2003. While Green never worked full-time as an architect, he was trained at Yale by Louis Kahn and apprenticed with Philip Johnson in New York and Paul Rudolph in Florida. His services as a residential and furniture designer were in demand by friends and family, and he also redesigned several galleries and museum exhibition spaces.

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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

Gift of Nancy T. Park, 2007.

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Other Finding Aids

For a list of projects and the boxes in which project materials are located, please consult the [Project Index](#).

Biographical / Historical

James Wilder Green (1927-2005) was an American architect and arts administrator. He received his bachelor of architecture degree from Yale in 1952. For twenty-five years, he sat on the board of The MacDowell Colony, and was director of the American Federation of the Arts from 1971 to 1987. He was also a longtime staff member at the Museum of Modern Art, beginning in 1956 in the Department of Architecture and Design as assistant to Alfred Barr and becoming head of the Department of Exhibitions from 1967 to 1970.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged in two series: Series I, Personal Papers, and Series II, Project Records.

Collection Contents
Series I: Personal Papers, Circa 1952-1967

Items are listed by type of material.

b. 1, f. 1	Sketchbook, Yale University	Circa 1952
b. 1, f. 2	Teaching: Hunter College	1967
b. 1, f. 3	Writing: Green, James Wilder, "Architecture in Theaters" in <i>Chrysalis</i>	1955

Series II: Project Records, 1950-2003

This series consists primarily of architectural drawings and sketches. The clients for which project materials are contained in the series are listed below. See the attached project index for box numbers and other project information.

Material is arranged alphabetically by project/client name.

	180 Beacon St. Corporation Lobby- Gallery-Sculpture Court Job location: Boston, MA Project type: Business	1965
b. 13	Drawings	
b. 13	Details	
	Angell, Ernest: guest house Job location: Prout's Neck, Scarborough, ME Project type: Residential	1960
b. 7	Drawings	
b. 7	Details	
	Angell, Ernest: main house Job location: Prout's Neck, Scarborough, ME Project type: Residential	1967-1969
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 1, 14	Drawings	
	Auchincloss apartment 3-4 D Job location: 812 Park Ave., New York, NY Project type: Tube Fixtures	1969
b. 1	Details	
	Bettelheim, Ralph and Mildred Constantine Job location: New York, NY Project type: Residential	1968-1969
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 1	Drawings	

	Bettelheim, Ralph and Mildred Constantine: addition Job location: New York, NY Project type: Residential	1960
b. 7	Drawings	
	Bettelheim, Ralph and Mildred Constantine: addition Job location: New York, NY Project type: Residential	1965–1966
b. 14	Drawings	
	Blinken, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Job location: East Hampton, NY Project type: Baffle screen	1999
b. 1	Drawings	
	Byers, J. Frederick apartment Job location: 66 E. 79th St., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1969–1971
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 16	Drawings	
	Carter, Dr. & Mrs. George H.,;cabinet Job location: 10 Garden Terrace, Cambridge, MA Project type: Furniture	
b. 3	Drawings	
	Carter, Dr. & Mrs. George H.: alteration Job location: 10 Garden Terrace, Cambridge, MA Project type: Residential	
b. 3	Drawings	
	Carter, Dr. & Mrs. George H.: summer cottage Job location: Wareham, NA Project type: Residential	1958
b. 6	Drawings	

	Dewey, Mr. & Mrs. F. H. III Job location: Holden, MA Project type: Residential	1955
b. 2	Drawings	
	Eastman, Lee V.: alterations Job location: 39 W. 54th St., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1962
b. 9	Drawings	
	Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Tilghman Job location: Quaker Hill, Pawling, NY Project type: Residential	
b. 18	Drawings	
	Green apartment Project type: Residential	
b. 19	Drawings	
	Green, James Wilder Job location: 519 Old Stone Highway, East Hampton, NY Project type: Residential	1973
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 1, 19	Drawings	
	Green, James Wilder Job location: 169 E. 78th St., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1965-1970
b. 1, 16	Drawings	
	Green, James Wilder apartment Job location: 430 E. 57th St., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1965
b. 14	Drawings	

	Green, James Wilder: Apartment 9G cabinet Job location: 20 E. 74th St., New York, NY Project type: Furniture	
b. 1	Drawings	
	Green, James Wilder: closet and bookshelves Job location: 169 E. 78th St., New York, NY Project type: Furniture	1959
b. 19	Drawings	
	Green, James Wilder: couch Job location: 169 E. 78th St., New York, NY Project type: Furniture	1962
b. 19	Drawings	
	Green, Thomas S.: deck Job location: Worcester, MA Project type: Residential	1970
b. 1, 19	Drawings	
	Hattis, Phyllis: desk Job location: New York, NY Project type: Furniture	2003
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 1	Drawings	
	Hennegar, Mr. & Mrs. Gilford Job location: Windmill Farm, North Castle, Armonk, NY Project type: Residential	1957–1958
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 4–5	Drawings	
b. 4	Details	

	Herter residence Job location: Arroya Jacono, NM Project type: Residential	
b. 18	Drawings	
	Herter, Mr. & Mrs. Christian A., Jr.: swimming pool and pavillion Job location: 2912 Garfield Terrace, Washington, D.C. Project type: Residential	1973, 1970
b. 19	Drawings	
	Herter, Susan C.: proposed house Job location: Santa Fe, NM Project type: Residential	1983
b. 17	Drawings	
	Jewish Museum, Friedenberg Medal Display Room, Main Lobby Job location: 1109 5th Ave., New York, NY Project type: Museum	1962–1965
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 11	Drawings	
	Kendrick, Jack Job location: Auburn, AL Project type: Residential Collaborator: Paul Rudolph (lead architect)	1952
b. 2	Drawings	
	Kunhardt, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth: summer camp Job location: Squam Lake, NH Project type: Residential	1958
b. 6	Drawings	
b. 6	Details	
	Landfield house (suburban) Job location: New York Project type: Residential	1964

Landfield house (suburban) (continued)

b. 1	Drawings	
b. 1	Photographs	
	Landfield, Mr. & Mrs. S. Job location: W. 246th St., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1962
b. 10	Drawings	
	Lowry, Bates apartment Job location: 941 Park Ave., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1968–1969
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
	Luten, Clarey, Stern, Inc. showroom Job location: 1059 3rd Ave., New York, NY Project type: Business	1961
b. 9	Drawings	
	Mabon, Mr. & Mrs. James H., Jr. Job location: New Marlborough, MA Project type: Residential	1958–1959
b. 6	Drawings	
	Marlborough-Gerson Gallery Job location: 595 Madison Ave., New York, NY Project type: Business Photographer: Alexandre Georges	1963–1967
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 11	Drawings	
b. 1	Photographs	
	Mathews, Mr. & Mrs. Irving, apartment Job location: San Antonio, TX Project type: Residential	1983
b. 1	Drawings	

	Mellon, Mrs. Gertrud A Job location: 1035 5th Ave., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1965–1968
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 14	Drawings	
	Moore, Adrian P. Job location: Old Lyme, CT Project type: Residential	1964–1970
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 16	Drawings	
	Moore, Elizabeth B.: proposed alterations Job location: Essex, CT Project type: Residential	1995
b. 17	Drawings	
	Moore, Mrs. Clement Job location: Old Lyme, CT Project type: Residential	1976
b. 17	Drawings	
	Moore, Mrs. Clement: alterations Job location: Old Lyme, CT Project type: Residential	1963
b. 11	Drawings	
	National Gallery of Art renovation (includes reference blueprints, 1939-1940) Job location: Washington, D.C. Project type: Museum	1964–1965
b. 12	Drawings	
	Oldenburg, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Job location: Amagansett, NY Project type: Residential	1971–1974
b. 1, 19	Drawings	
	Paley, William S.: offices Project type: Business	

Paley, William S.: offices (continued)

b. 19	Drawings	
	Rockefeller, John D.: art storage and workroom Job location: 7 Beekman Place, New York, NY Project type: Residence, Furniture	1964–1965
b. 1, 14	Drawings	
b. 14	Details	
	Schneider, Karl: planter boxes and shelf Job location: New York, NY Project type: Accessories	1994
b. 1	Drawings	
	Slatkin, Mr. & Mrs. Charles: gallery alterations Job location: 115 E. 92nd St., New York, NY Project type: Business	1958
b. 7	Drawings	
	Smith, Mrs. Bertram Job location: 907 5th Ave., New York, NY Project type: Residential	1966–1971
b. 1	Manuscript Material	
b. 15	Drawings	
	Twitchell, Mrs. R. S.: boat and guest house Project type: Residential Collaborator: Twitchell & Rudolph (architects)	1950
b. 2	Drawings	
	Unidentified Project type: Residence, Furniture	1952–1953
b. 1, 19	Drawings	
b. 1	Photographs	

	White, James P.: table Job location: 40 E. 63rd St., New York, NY Project type: Furniture	1962
b. 9	Drawings	
	Wise, Howard: gallery Job location: 50 W. 54th St., New York, NY Project type: Business	1960
b. 8	Drawings	
b. 8	Details	
	Zuckerman: desk, table, cabinet Project type: Furniture	1992
b. 1	Drawings	

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 -- 20th Century -- United States

Names

Green, James Wilder

Corporate Bodies

Jewish Museum (New York, N.Y.)

Marlborough-Gerson Gallery

Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)

National Gallery of Art (U.S.)