



BHC-MSS 0141
Guide to the Austin W. Mather Collection
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Mather, Austin W.

Title: Austin W. Mather Collection

Dates: 1930-1980

Quantity: 2 linear feet (4 oversize boxes)

Abstract: Mostly containing scrapbooks, the Austin W. Mather collection documents the career of local architect Austin W. Mather through carefully curated clippings about himself, his firm Lyons and Mather, and architecture as a profession. Also included are several pencil pieces produced in 1979-1980.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

Austin W. Mather (December 13, 1904-January 24, 1994) was a Connecticut based architect, whose career runs from about 1930 to the mid-1980s. A graduate of Pratt, Mather helped design nearly 200 schools in New England, the Fairfield County Court House, the Federal Court House in Bridgeport, and a number of buildings at the University of Bridgeport including the Magnus Wahlstrom Library. Mather was later named a trustee of the university. He performed this work through his firm Lyons and Mather, later Lyons, Mather, and Lechner.

In addition to his architectural work, he was active and involved in area and national professional organizations, and served as a consultant for the Fairfield County Planning Association. He emphasized city planning in his work, and also was active with developing more hurricane resistant buildings.

Scope and Content note:

Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings regarding Mather's career, fellow architects, and trends in design in and around Connecticut during Mather's career.

Arrangement Note:

A copy of the Collected Works of Austin W. Mather as of 1960 is placed first in the collection to serve as an introduction to Mather's work. Scrapbooks and drawings are arranged chronologically. Series I represents scrapbooks, series 2 contains original drawings.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1981.12

Preferred Citation:

Austin W. Mather Collection (BHC-MSS 0141), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Mather, Austin W.

Corporate names

Lyons, Mather, and Lechner
University of Bridgeport

Subject tracings

Bridgeport, Conn.
Architecture
Architects
City planning

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

Collected works of Austin W. Mather, F.A.I.A.
Scrapbook, 1930-1940
Scrapbook, 1940-1944
Scrapbook, 1948-1952

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1944-1948
Scrapbook, 1952-1953
Scrapbook, 1953-1955
Scrapbook, 1956-1958
Scrapbook, 1958-1959

Box 3

Scrapbook, 1959-1962
Scrapbook, 1963-1964
Scrapbook, 1965-1967
Scrapbook, 1967-1973
Scrapbook, 1973-1980