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Collection Summary

Title: Koyl-Mathieson Collection

Inclusive Dates: 1963-1969

ID no.: MSS86351

Collector: Koyl, George S. (George Simpson), 1885-1975

Collector: Mathieson, Moira B.

Extent: 8,500 items

Extent: 24 containers

Extent: 9.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2020086351>

Summary: Architectural drawings, surveys, correspondence, subject files, and related research material used to compile an architectural catalog.

Acquisition Information

The Koyl-Mathieson Collection was transferred from the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division in 2019.

Processing History

The Koyl-Mathieson Collection was arranged and described by Rosa Hernandez in 2020.

Copyright Status

Materials from the Koyl-Mathieson Collection are governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.) and other applicable international copyright laws.

Access and Restrictions

The Koyl-Mathieson Collection is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Division prior to visiting in order to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note for George S. Koyl and Moira B. Mathieson

George S. Koyl was born February 8, 1885, in Evanston, Wyoming. He studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and the American Academy in Rome. He worked as an architect in Colorado and New York, and later opened up his own independent firm. He then partnered with the firm Rich, Mathesius & Koyl in 1929. He left the firm in 1932 to work as the Dean of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. He retired in 1950 and worked as a professor of architecture until 1955. Koyl was the president of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) chapter in Pennsylvania from 1943 to 1944 and served on its executive committee from 1943 to 1946.

Moira B. Mathieson was born around 1924. She became a freelance writer and editor after a career in architecture and art history. From 1963 to 1969, she was the Head of Architectural Drawings Project, Department of Civil History at the Smithsonian Institution. Together, Koyl and Mathieson compiled and edited *American Architectural Drawings: a Catalog*

of *Original and Measured Drawings of Buildings of the United States of America to December 31, 1917* (1969), which was funded by a Kress Foundation grant and prepared and published through the Philadelphia Chapter of the AIA.

Scope and Content Note

The Koyl-Mathieson Collection spans the years 1963-1969 and consists of research material for *American Architectural Drawings: a Catalog of Original and Measured Drawings of Buildings of the United States of America to December 31, 1917* (1969), compiled and edited by George S. Koyl and Moira B. Mathieson and prepared and published through the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and for *Addendum to American Architectural Drawings* (1977) by James M. Goode.

The [States and Countries File](#) contains architectural drawings, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and surveys related to buildings and other structures, most of which date from the eighteenth century to the early twentieth century. The [Correspondence](#) series primarily documents the publishing of the architectural catalog, and includes correspondence with museums, architectural archives and associations, the Kress Foundation and other organizations, and suppliers. The [Subject File](#) includes architectural surveys, printed matter, manuals, and reports. The [Architects](#) series has biographical material and other appropriate information on various architects compiled for the catalog.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [States and Countries File, 1963-1969](#)
- [Correspondence, 1963-1969](#)
- [Subject File, 1963-1969](#)
- [Architects, 1963-1969](#)

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Goode, James M. *Addendum to American architectural drawings* : compiled February 1977 ... from unpublished surveys of the location of American architectural drawing prepared by the AIA, Phila. Chapter, but not included in the 5 vol. publication compiled and edited by George S. Koyl, 1969.

Koyl, George S. (George Simpson), 1885-1975, *American architectural drawings; a catalog of original and measured drawings of buildings of the United States of America to December 31, 1917*.

Koyl, George S. (George Simpson), 1885-1975.

Mathieson, Moira B.

Mathieson, Moira B., *American architectural drawings; a catalog of original and measured drawings of buildings of the United States of America to December 31, 1917*.

Organizations

American Institute of Architects. Philadelphia Chapter.

Subjects

Architects--United States.

Architectural drawing.

Architecture--United States.

Titles

Koyl-Mathieson index to architectural records

Occupations

Architects.
Editors.
Educators.

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-15	<p><u>State and Countries File, 1963-1969</u></p> <p>Architectural drawings, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and surveys related to buildings and other structures. Arranged alphabetically by location.</p>
BOX 15-18	<p><u>Correspondence, 1963-1969</u></p> <p>Correspondence documenting the publishing of the architectural catalog. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.</p>
BOX 19	<p><u>Subject File, 1963-1969</u></p> <p>Architectural surveys, printed matter, manuals, and reports. Arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>
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BOX 7	Louisiana-Maryland, 1963-1969 (37 folders)
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BOX 9	New Jersey-New York, 1963-1969 (105 folders)
BOX 10	New York-Oklahoma, 1965-1967 (67 folders)
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Correspondence, 1963-1969

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BOX 19	Aiken-Chandler (34 folders)
BOX 20	Clark-Davis (23 folders)
BOX 21	Davis-Griffin (36 folders)
BOX 22	Guastavino-Plowman (83 folders)
BOX 23	Poindexter-Stevens (48 folders)
BOX 24	Stewardson-Zantzinger (57 folders)