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Collection Summary

Title: Charles M. Goodman Papers

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Summary: Architect. Project files, clippings and publications, correspondence, office files, financial material, writings, and other papers related to Goodman's career as a commercial and residential architect, primarily in the Washington, D.C., area, during the middle part of the twentieth century.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Charles M. Goodman were given to the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division by Dorothy S. Goodman in 2001 and by the Dorothy S. Goodman Revocable Trust in 2013. Manuscript material was transferred to the Manuscript Division in 2022.

Processing History

The papers of Charles M. Goodman were arranged and described by Amanda Loeb with the assistance of Chanté Flowers in 2022 and 2023.

Other Repositories

Other papers of Charles M. Goodman can be found at the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C. and the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/eadpnp.pp022002>).

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles M. Goodman are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles M. Goodman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1906, Nov. 26	Born, New York City, N.Y.
1934	B.S., Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill. Married Charlotte K. Dodge (died 1979)
1934-1939	Designing architect, Office of Supervising Architect, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.
1941	Architect, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport terminal, Arlington, Va.
1942-1945	Head architect, Air Transport Command, United States Army Air Forces
1946	Architect, Hollin Hills, Alexandria, Va. Founded Charles M. Goodman Associates, Washington, D.C.
1946-1950	Architect, American University campus, Washington, D.C.
1948-1949	Chair, Committee on D.C. Department of Building Inspection, American Institute of Architects
1951	Architect, Hammond Wood, Silver Spring, Md.
1951-1955	Chairman of Architecture and Architectural Awards committee, Washington Board of Trade
1952	Architect, American Legation building, Reykjavik, Iceland
1953-1959	Consulting architect, National Homes of Lafayette, Ind.
1954	Architect, addition to Goodman residence, Seminary Hill, Alexandria, Va.
1955-1957	Architect, Andrews Air Force Base officers club, Prince George's County, Md.
1955-1959	Consulting architect, TECFAB, Inc.
1957	Architect, Alcoa Care-free Home Architect, TECFAB, Inc., factory and office, Beltsville, Md.
1957-1958	Consulting architect, Aluminum Company of America
1959	Elected fellow, American Institute of Architects
1959-1966	Architect, Bolling Air Force Base Officers' Club, Washington, D.C.
1962	Architect, River Park cooperative, Washington, D.C.
1963	Published with Wolf Von Eckardt <i>Life for Dead Spaces; the Development of the Lavanburg Commons</i> . New York: Harcourt, Brace & World
1964	Architect, City of Reston, Va. Architect, Unitarian Church of Arlington, Va.
1964-1967	Consultant, Department of Urban Renewal, Chicago, Ill.
1964-1973	Architect, Westgate and Westpark research parks, McLean, Va.
1966	Architect, Houston House apartments, Houston, Tex.
1966-1969	Member, Navy Review and Advisory Panel, United States Navy
1967	Architect, Structural Clay Products Institute headquarters, McLean, Va.
1968	Architect, Brick Institute of America headquarters, McLean, Va.
1971	Architect, National Machine Tool Builders Association headquarters, McLean, Va.
1980	Married Dorothy M. Sopchick (died 2013)
1992, Oct. 29	Died, Alexandria, Va.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles M. Goodman (1906-1992) span the years 1932 to 2003. The collection documents Goodman's midcentury career as an architect, primarily in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. The papers are in English and are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

The collection consists primarily of project and office files from his firm, Charles M. Goodman Associates, professional correspondence, consulting material, and publications. Prominent projects represented in the collection include: Bolling Air Force Base officer's club, Washington, D.C.; Hollin Hills neighborhood, Alexandria, Va.; consulting work for the National Homes Corporation; the National Machine Tool Builders' Association headquarters, McLean, Va.; River Park cooperative,

southwest Washington, D.C.; the development of Reston, Va.; and Westgate and Westpark research parks, McLean, Va. There are also materials related to a number of private residences Goodman designed or renovated in Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, including an addition to his own home in Alexandria, Va. The collection documents his involvement in professional organizations, particularly the American Institute of Architects and the alumni association of the Illinois Institute of Technology. Other materials include awards, brochures, clippings, magazines, professional publications, correspondence, financial documents, speeches and writings, and various subject files. The collection contains a small number of blueprints and illustrated designs, chiefly for prefabricated volumnar sectional units. Very little personal material is in the collection.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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

Goodman, Charles M., 1906-1992.

Organizations

American Institute of Architects.

Charles M. Goodman Associates.

Illinois Institute of Technology--Alumni and alumnae.

National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

United States. Air Force--Officers' clubs.

Subjects

Architectural design.

Architecture, Domestic.

Architecture--Maryland.

Architecture--Societies, etc.

Architecture--United States.

Architecture--Virginia.

Architecture--Washington (D.C.)

National Homes Corporation.

Neighborhoods--Virginia--Alexandria.

Neighborhoods--Washington (D.C.)

Research parks--Virginia--McLean.

Places

Bolling Air Force Base (Washington, D.C.)

Hollin Hills (Alexandria, Va.)--Buildings, structures, etc.

Reston (Va.)--Buildings, structures, etc.

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