The Environics Collection

1961-1998

Size: 15 linear feet including 6 picture boxes, 1 photo binder, and microfilm

Abstract: Correspondence between Patrick Horsbrugh and the people involved in choosing, moving and reconstructing St. Mary the Virgin Aldermanbury, a Christopher Wren church, from London, England to Fulton, MO.

Provenance: This collection comes from Patrick Horsbrugh, the lead architect of the project.

Restrictions:

- All items bearing original signatures have been removed from files and can be accessed by appointment with the curator.
- All microfilm concerning this collection may be accessed upon request to the curator.
- Gloves must be worn at all times when handling documents and photos.

Biographical Note:

Patrick Horsburgh, originally from Great Britain, taught architecture at the University of Nebraska when he became involved in the project. Dr. Robert Davidson, President of the Westminster College, and others decided they wanted to honor Winston Churchill’s famous “Iron Curtain” speech, which he gave at the college in 1946. Dr. Davidson hired Patrick to choose a church in England to be brought over and used as a memorial. During the war, Germany’s blitz of London destroyed many of the churches (St. Mary’s was among the many destroyed and was going to be demolished by the city of London). The church had been hit with an incendiary bomb, with the roof and the inside burned, but the four walls still standing, the church was chosen to be rebuilt on the campus of Westminster College.

Patrick was the lead of this project, while teaching at the Nebraska, Texas, and then eventually the University of Norte Dame. The name Environics comes from Patrick’s personal company. He would eventually leave the project over conflicts on the placement of the church on the campus. But he kept up his correspondence with those involved with the project.
Scope and Content: Includes three main categories

1) This collection contains decades of correspondence between Patrick Horsbrugh and all those involved with the memorial to Winston Churchill. The main correspondence being with Dr. Davidson (President of Westminster College), David Stinson (VP of Westminster College), Frederick Sternberg (American architect responsible for rebuilding the church), and Marshall Sisson (British architect responsible for dismantling, shipping and helping reconstruct the church in the US).

2) The collection included photos from the many events surrounding the rebuilding and dedication of the memorial

Related Documents

- Microfilm containing documents from the parish of St. Mary Aldermanbury dating from the 1500s-1900s. The documents include vestry minutes, account books, monumental inscriptions in London City churches, householder’s registers and parish rentals and sermons preached at St. Mary’s. These documents are located offsite. Please contact the curator if you wish to see them.
Documents

Box 1 Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1961 Correspondence
2. 1962 Correspondence
3. 1963 January Correspondence
4. 1963 February-April Correspondence

Box 2 - Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1963 May-August Correspondence
2. 1963 September-December Correspondence
3. 1964 January-April Correspondence
4. 1964 May-August Correspondence
5. 1964 September-December Correspondence
6. 1965 Correspondence

Box 3 Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1966 Correspondence
2. 1967 Correspondence
3. 1968 Correspondence
4. 1969 Correspondence
5. 1970 Correspondence
6. 1971 Correspondence
7. 1972 Correspondence
8. 1973 Correspondence
9. 1975 Correspondence
10. 1971-1975 Newspaper Clippings

Box 4 Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1976-1980 Newspaper Clippings
2. 1976 Correspondence
3. 1977 Correspondence
4. 1978 Correspondence
5. 1979 Correspondence
6. 1980 Correspondence
7. 1981 Correspondence
8. 1982 Correspondence
9. 1983 Correspondence
10. 1984 Correspondence
11. 1986-1987 Correspondence
12. 1988 Correspondence
Box 5 Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1989-1996 Newspaper Clippings
2. 1989 Correspondence
3. 1990 Correspondence
4. 1991 Correspondence alphabetically
5. 1992 Correspondence
6. 1993 Correspondence
7. 1994 Correspondence
8. 1995 Correspondence

Box 6 Correspondence (Cabinet A, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. 1996 Correspondence
2. 1997 Correspondence
3. 1998 Correspondence
4. Buckingham Palace Correspondence
5. Harris, Jonathon
6. Oliver, Dame Beryl
7. Sisson, Marshall
8. Stainer, Peter
9. Sternberg, Frederick

Box 7 Press/PR (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. Pre-1960s Press clippings on St. Mary’s
2. 1962 Press Clippings
3. 1963 Press Clippings
4. 1963 Press Clippings
5. 1964 Press Clippings
6. 1964 Press Clippings
7. 1964-1965 Publicity

Box 8 Press/PR (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. 1965 Press Clippings
2. 1965 Press Clippings
3. 1966 Press Clippings
4. 1967-1968 Press Clippings
5. 1969-1962 Press Clippings
6. 1989 Tearing Down the Wall and Westminster

Box 9 Press/PR (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. 1991 New Yorker Article
2. Brook-Hart, Ruder and Finn Premiere House, PR Firm
3. Harold L. Oram Inc, PR Firm
5. Wechsler, Benjamin (PR, works for Harold L. Oram, Inc)
Box 10 Events/Fundraising (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. 1960s Fundraising Pamphlets
2. American Churchill Memorial: A Statement of Purpose 1960s
3. 1962 Giving to Westminster College
4. 1963 Fundraising
5. July 6-Aug 13 1964 Robert LD Davidson’s trip to England
7. November 30, 1964 Fundraising Banquets
8. 1964 Groundbreaking Ceremony
9. 1964 Correspondence with Wallace A. Reidt, Campaign Director

Box 11 Events/Fundraising (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. 1966: Churchill’s 80th Birthday Volumes by Michael Papirnik
2. 1969: Rededication Ceremony
3. 1971: 25th Anniversary of “Iron Curtain” Speech
4. 1972: Commemorative Stamps
5. 1974: Centenary Celebration
6. 1988: Eagle Squadron’s Memorialization
7. 1989: A Christopher Wren Symposium

Box 12 Church Documents (Cabinet A, Shelf 2)
Folder:
1. Address on church removal +
2. Architectural Criticism
3. “Architectural Record”
4. Authors and Publications
5. Cards-1964
6. Carillons
7. Ceremonial Stones Airlift
8. Church-First Series Drawings
9. Church notice board
10. Commissions and estimates
11. Commissioning of Music
12. Dismantling
14. Drawings of Church-1963
15. Drawings of Church-1965
16. Drawings of Church Interior
17. Fabrics and Embroidery
18. Film Survey of Church by Dr. Brian Stanford
19. Gillet & Johnston Limited Bells
20. Heming and Condell Monument
21. J Cast Incorporated-Stones
22. Meteorological Reports for Groundbreaking Ceremony
Box 13 Church Documents (Cabinet B, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. Mills Steel Products- Scaffolding
2. Milwaukee Transshipment
3. Organ
4. Organ in Church, Clifford Bennett
5. Plaque in St. Mary’s Churchyard
6. Pulpit and Canopy- Shepton Mallet
7. Selber Studios Incorporated
8. Speen Weavers and Spinners
9. Statue of Mary, the Virgin
10. Stinson, David
11. Szerelmey and Company
12. Transshipment
13. West One Studios Limited
14. Westminster Bank Limited
15. Worshipful Company of Glaziers
16. “A Wren Church for the United States” Iowa Chapter AIA

Box 14 Museum Documents (Cabinet B, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. Accounts
2. American Navies of the Revolution, Paintings 1975
3. Angle-Kin Society
4. Arthur S. Varney- decorating the Library
5. British-American Parliamentary Group
6. Bronze Bust of Winston Churchill
7. Churchill Commemorative Goblet
8. Churchill Memorial Memo
9. Epstein Bust- Winston Churchill
10. Exhibition Rooms-Hearst Corporation
11. George Englesmith, Churchill Portrait- Texas 1966
12. House of Commons fireplace drawings
13. Incidental items

Box 15 Museum Documents (Cabinet B, Shelf 1)
Folder:
1. Items for purchase or commission
2. Kemper Lecture pamphlets
3. Michael Rizzelo, Sculptor 1967
4. Metropolitan Public Gardens Association
5. Oscar Nieman- sculptor
6. “Overlord Tapestry” 1976
7. Salute to Churchill from the Publishers of America
8. Scholarship potentialities
9. Stationary, correspondence on
10. Stationary, examples
11. Telegraphs upon the death of Sir Winston Churchill
12. Wedgewood
13. Well wishers addresses
Photographs (Cabinet C, Shelf 2)

Box 1:
MA.01 Series: .001-.035
MA.02 Series: .001-.018
MA.03 Series: .001-.044
Description: Pictures of the reconstruction of the Church in Fulton, pictures of the Church in its original location in London.

Box 2:
MA.03 Series: .045-.075
Description: Pictures of St. Mary Aldermanbury in original location in London.

Box 3:
MA.04 Series: .067A-.137C
Description: Rebuilding the Church in Fulton, shipment of the stone

Box 4:
MA.04 Series: .138-.193
Description: Rebuilding the Church, shipment of the stones

Box 5:
MA.05 Series: .001-.100
Description: Pictures of the dedication ceremony in 1969.

Box 6:
MA.05 Series: .101-.200
Description: Pictures of the dedication ceremony

Photo Binder (Cabinet B, Shelf 1)
This photo binder includes photos found in the documents boxes in the collection. They are divided into six sections.