



## DESIGN LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### MARCUS WHIFFEN COLLECTION

Collection #: MS MSS 20

Location: DESIGN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Papers: c. 1930s-1990s

No. of Items: 15 boxes, c. 7 linear feet

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marcus Whiffen was born in Herefordshire, England in 1916. He graduated with a B.A. from the University of Cambridge in 1937 and completed his M.A. degree at the same institution in 1946. The career in which he established an international reputation as a scholar in the field of architectural history began on the staff of *Architect & Building News* (London) in 1937. From 1946-1952, he was Assistant Editor for the *Architectural Review* (London). After arriving in the United States in 1952, he held lecturer positions at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then at the University of Texas before becoming Architectural Historian at Colonial Williamsburg (1954-1959). In 1960, Professor Whiffen began a long association with Arizona State University.

During his long career Marcus Whiffen authored many books and articles on British and American architecture. His published volumes include: *Stuart and Georgian Churches: The Architecture of the Church of England Outside London* (1948), *An Introduction to Elizabethan and Jacobean Architecture* (1952), *The Public Buildings of Williamsburg* (1958), *The Eighteenth-Century Houses of Williamsburg* (1960), *American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles* (1969, 1992), *American Architecture 1607-1976* with Frederick Koeper (1981), and *Pueblo Deco: The Art Deco Architecture of the Southwest* with Carla Breeze (1984). His additional professional experience included serving as Editor of the *Journal of*

***Architectural Education* from 1962-1967, and Editor of *Triglyph: A Southwestern Journal of Architecture and Environmental Design*, 1984-1990.**

**Marcus Whiffen served as Director of the Society of Architectural Historians (1969-1971, 1975-1978) and Director of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (1963-1968). His prominent awards included the Society of Architectural Historians Annual Book Award for *The Public Buildings of Williamsburg* (1958) and the Arizona State University Alumni Association Faculty Achievement Award (1979). Marcus Whiffen died in Phoenix, Arizona in 2002.**

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

**This collection consists primarily of manuscript materials relating to the career of architectural historian, journalist, and educator Marcus Whiffen. The collection spans the period 1930s-1990s and includes fifteen boxes of materials arranged in six series: 1) General Correspondence, 2) Book Projects Files, 3) *Triglyph* Files, 4) Academic Files, 5) Professional Files, and 6) Miscellany. Within most series there exist subseries. Any discernible order imposed by Professor Whiffen at the folder level as well as with the documents inside folders has been retained in the processing of the collection.**

**The bulk of the collection consists of documentary materials that reflect Marcus Whiffen's interaction with publishers, architects, academic colleagues, and students. Of particular note in SERIES ONE, General Correspondence, are copies of letters sent to Professor Whiffen from noted British architectural historian, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner. Other correspondents in this series include architectural historian Henry-Russell Hitchcock and Sir John Summerson, and architects Walter Gropius, Paul Schweikher, and Bart Prince (a former student). Another important body of material is SERIES TWO, Book Projects Files, which contains extensive correspondence between Professor Whiffen and the co-author of the work *American Architecture, 1607-1976*, Frederick Koeper. The letters between the two authors provide a useful study for the evolution of a scholarly work. Also within this series are a number of photographic prints by Marcus Whiffen used in the latter volume and the book *American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles*.**

**Marcus Whiffen's professional editorial experience is reflected in SERIES THREE, *Triglyph* Files, and SERIES FIVE, Professional Files. The latter series contains materials from his period as editor of the *Journal of Architectural Education*. The *Triglyph* series contains correspondence with contributors to this journal published by the ASU College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Notable contributors included Reyner Banham, Will Bruder, Herb Greene, David Gebhard, Robert Maxwell, Bruce Brooks Pfeiffer, Antoine Predock, and Bart Prince. SERIES SIX, Miscellany, contains an important folder of biographical material titled**

**“Personalalia.”** The folder includes newsclippings, vitas, and photographs regarding Marcus Whiffen’s career. The collection was donated by Professor Marcus Whiffen during the period March to June 1997, with small additional accessions in 1998 and 2000.

## **DESCRIPTION**

### **BOX ONE**

#### **SERIES ONE            GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Subseries 1: General Correspondence, 1930s-1980s**

**Folder 1    General Correspondence, etc. (A-Z), 1930s-1980s  
(includes photocopies of N. Pevsner corresp.)**

##### **Subseries 2: General Correspondence, 1950s-1960s**

**Folder 1    General Correspondence A, 1954-1966  
Folder 2    General Correspondence B (1), 1954-1964  
Folder 3    General Correspondence B (2), 1954-1964  
Folder 4    General Correspondence C, 1954-1965  
Folder 5    General Correspondence D, 1956-1965  
Folder 6    General Correspondence E, 1960-1962  
Folder 7    General Correspondence F, 1955-1963  
Folder 8    General Correspondence G, 1955-1961  
Folder 9    General Correspondence H, 1956-1966  
Folder 10    General Correspondence I-J (1), 1954-1964  
Folder 11    General Correspondence I-J (2), 1954-1964  
Folder 12    General Correspondence K, 1954-1964**

### **BOX TWO**

##### **Subseries 2: General Correspondence, 1950s-1960s**

**Folder 13    General Correspondence L, 1955-1959  
Folder 14    General Correspondence M (1), 1954-1966  
Folder 15    General Correspondence M (2), 1954-1966  
Folder 16    General Correspondence N, 1955-1963  
Folder 17    General Correspondence O, 1957-1960  
Folder 18    General Correspondence P-Q, 1955-1965  
Folder 19    General Correspondence R, 1956-1965**

Folder 20	General Correspondence S (1), 1953-1964
Folder 21	General Correspondence S (2), 1953-1964
Folder 22	General Correspondence T, 1955-1964
Folder 23	General Correspondence U-V, 1954-1962
Folder 24	General Correspondence W (1), 1954-1964
Folder 25	General Correspondence W (2), 1954-1964
Folder 26	General Correspondence X-Y-Z, 1957-1963

## **BOX THREE**

### **SERIES ONE          GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Subseries 3: General Correspondence, 1960s-1990s**

Folder 1	General Correspondence A, 1962-1992
Folder 2	General Correspondence B (1), 1961-1974
Folder 3	General Correspondence B (2), 1975-1991
Folder 4	General Correspondence C (1), 1962-1986
Folder 5	General Correspondence C (2), 1962-1986
Folder 6	General Correspondence D (1), 1961-1994
Folder 7	General Correspondence D (2), 1961-1967
Folder 8	General Correspondence - Danforth, 1962-1963
Folder 9	General Correspondence E, 1963-1995

## **BOX FOUR**

#### **Subseries 3: General Correspondence, 1960s-1990s**

Folder 10	General Correspondence F, 1962-1990
Folder 11	General Correspondence G (1), 1961-1984
Folder 12	General Correspondence G (2), 1961-1992
Folder 13	General Correspondence H (1), 1961-1984
Folder 14	General Correspondence H (2), 1961-1993
Folder 15	General Correspondence I, 1963-1979
Folder 16	General Correspondence J, 1962-1986
Folder 17	General Correspondence K (1), 1962-1986
Folder 18	General Correspondence K (2), 1962-1988
Folder 19	General Correspondence L, 1963-1989
Folder 20	General Correspondence M (1), 1962-1996

## BOX FIVE

### Subseries 3: General Correspondence, 1960s-1990s

Folder 21	General Correspondence M (2), 1962-1987
Folder 22	General Correspondence N, 1963-1996
Folder 23	General Correspondence O, 1966-1985
Folder 24	General Correspondence P-Q (1), 1970s-1984
Folder 25	General Correspondence P-Q (2), 1963-1988
Folder 26	General Correspondence R (1), 1962-1984
Folder 27	General Correspondence R (2), 1962-1986
Folder 28	General Correspondence S (1), 1961-1984
Folder 29	General Correspondence S (2), 1966-1987
Folder 30	General Correspondence T, 1962-1986
Folder 31	General Correspondence U-V, 1962-1986
Folder 32	General Correspondence W, 1961-1995
Folder 33	General Correspondence X-Y-Z, 1962-1976

## BOX SIX

### SERIES TWO BOOK PROJECTS FILES

#### Subseries 1: *The Architect and the City*

Folder 1	<i>The Architect and the City</i> Correspondence (Cranbrook Seminar), 1962-1966
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#### Subseries 2: *American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles*

##### Sub-subseries 1: Correspondence

Folder 1	Field Guide Correspondence A-B, 1966-1968
Folder 2	Field Guide Correspondence C, 1966-1969
Folder 3	Field Guide Correspondence D, 1966-1969
Folder 4	Field Guide Correspondence E-F-G, 1966-1969
Folder 5	Field Guide Correspondence H, 1967-1974
Folder 6	Field Guide Correspondence I-J, 1968
Folder 7	Field Guide Correspondence K-L, 1966-1968
Folder 8	Field Guide Correspondence M-N, 1966-1969
Folder 9	Field Guide Correspondence O-P, 1966-1969
Folder 10	Field Guide Correspondence R, 1966-1968
Folder 11	Field Guide Correspondence S-T, 1966-1969

- Folder 12 Field Guide Correspondence U-Z, 1967-1974  
Folder 13 Field Guide Correspondence Misc., 1967-1974

## **BOX SEVEN**

### **Sub-subseries 2: Grant**

- Folder 1 Field Guide to American Architecture Grant, 1967-1968

### **Sub-subseries 3: Illustrations**

- Folder 1 *American Architecture Since 1780 - Photos*  
Folder 2 *American Architecture Since 1780 – Illustrations Lists*

## **BOX EIGHT**

### **Subseries 3: *American Architecture, 1607-1976***

#### **Sub-subseries 1: Correspondence**

- Folder 1 Correspondence A-B, 1978-1980  
Folder 2 Correspondence C, 1978-1981  
Folder 3 Correspondence D, 1978-1979  
Folder 4 Correspondence E-F-G, 1977-1980  
Folder 5 Correspondence H, 1978-1980  
Folder 6 Correspondence I-J, 1979  
Folder 7 Correspondence K-L, 1977-1983  
Folder 8 Correspondence M-N, 1978-1981  
Folder 9 Correspondence O-P, 1967-1980  
Folder 10 Correspondence R, 1980-1981  
Folder 11 Correspondence S-T, 1978-1983  
Folder 12 Correspondence U-V, 1976-1981  
Folder 13 Correspondence W-Z, 1978-1979  
Folder 14 Correspondence Misc., 1976-1982  
Folder 15 "Correspondence with H.F.K.," (1) 1977-1979 (co-author Frederick Koeper)  
Folder 16 "Correspondence with H.F.K.," (2) 1979-1982 (co-author Frederick Koeper)

#### **Sub-subseries 2: Miscellany**

- Folder 1 Concise History Agreement, 1976
- Folder 2 Concise History Illustration Lists, 1979
- Folder 3 Concise History Receipts, 1978-1979
- Folder 4 HABS and Other Orders, 1978-1979
- Folder 5 Reviews, 1981 (includes *American Architecture Since 1780* review)
- Folder 6 *American Architecture, 1607-1976 - Photos*

**Subseries 4: *Pueblo Deco: The Art Deco Architecture of the Southwest***

- Folder 1 Pueblo Deco, 1915-1982 (includes corres. and research matls.)
- Folder 2 Pueblo Deco, 1981-1984 (includes corres. and research matls.)
- Folder 3 O'Connor Law Offices/Pueblo Deco Book, 1983
- Folder 4 Pueblo Deco Exhibition (includes manuscripts), 1980s

**BOX NINE**

**SERIES THREE TRIGLYPH FILES**

**Subseries 1: Correspondence**

**Sub-subseries 1: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1983-1984**

- Folder 1 *Triglyph* Correspondence A
- Folder 2 *Triglyph* Correspondence B
- Folder 3 *Triglyph* Correspondence C
- Folder 4 *Triglyph* Correspondence D
- Folder 5 *Triglyph* Correspondence E-F
- Folder 6 *Triglyph* Correspondence G
- Folder 7 *Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J
- Folder 8 *Triglyph* Correspondence K-L
- Folder 9 *Triglyph* Correspondence M
- Folder 10 *Triglyph* Correspondence N-O
- Folder 11 *Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q
- Folder 12 *Triglyph* Correspondence R
- Folder 13 *Triglyph* Correspondence S
- Folder 14 *Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V-W
- Folder 15 *Triglyph* Correspondence X-Y-Z
- Folder 16 *Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc

**Sub-subseries 2: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1985**

- Folder 1 *Triglyph* Correspondence A
- Folder 2 *Triglyph* Correspondence B
- Folder 3 *Triglyph* Correspondence C
- Folder 4 *Triglyph* Correspondence D
- Folder 5 *Triglyph* Correspondence E-F
- Folder 6 *Triglyph* Correspondence G
- Folder 7 *Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J
- Folder 8 *Triglyph* Correspondence K-L
- Folder 9 *Triglyph* Correspondence M
- Folder 10 *Triglyph* Correspondence N-O
- Folder 11 *Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q
- Folder 12 *Triglyph* Correspondence R
- Folder 13 *Triglyph* Correspondence S
- Folder 14 *Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V
- Folder 15 *Triglyph* Correspondence W
- Folder 16 *Triglyph* Correspondence X-Y-Z
- Folder 17 *Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc.

## BOX TEN

### Sub-subseries 3: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1986-1987

- Folder 1 *Triglyph* Correspondence A
- Folder 2 *Triglyph* Correspondence B
- Folder 3 *Triglyph* Correspondence C
- Folder 4 *Triglyph* Correspondence D
- Folder 5 *Triglyph* Correspondence E-F
- Folder 6 *Triglyph* Correspondence G
- Folder 7 *Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J
- Folder 8 *Triglyph* Correspondence K-L
- Folder 9 *Triglyph* Correspondence M-N-O
- Folder 10 *Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q
- Folder 11 *Triglyph* Correspondence R
- Folder 12 *Triglyph* Correspondence S
- Folder 13 *Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V
- Folder 14 *Triglyph* Correspondence W
- Folder 15 *Triglyph* Correspondence X-Y-Z
- Folder 16 *Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc.

### Sub-subseries 4: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1988



Folder 1 *Triglyph* Correspondence A  
Folder 2 *Triglyph* Correspondence B  
Folder 3 *Triglyph* Correspondence C  
Folder 4 *Triglyph* Correspondence D  
Folder 5 *Triglyph* Correspondence E-F  
Folder 6 *Triglyph* Correspondence G  
Folder 7 *Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J  
Folder 8 *Triglyph* Correspondence K-L  
Folder 9 *Triglyph* Correspondence M  
Folder 10 *Triglyph* Correspondence N-O  
Folder 11 *Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q  
Folder 12 *Triglyph* Correspondence R  
Folder 13 *Triglyph* Correspondence S  
Folder 14 *Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V  
Folder 15 *Triglyph* Correspondence W  
Folder 16 *Triglyph* Correspondence X-Y-Z.  
Folder 17 *Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc.

Sub-subseries 5: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1989

Folder 1 *Triglyph* Correspondence A  
Folder 2 *Triglyph* Correspondence B  
Folder 3 *Triglyph* Correspondence C  
Folder 4 *Triglyph* Correspondence D  
Folder 5 *Triglyph* Correspondence E-F  
Folder 6 *Triglyph* Correspondence G  
Folder 7 *Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J  
Folder 8 *Triglyph* Correspondence K-L  
Folder 9 *Triglyph* Correspondence M  
Folder 10 *Triglyph* Correspondence N-O  
Folder 11 *Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q  
Folder 12 *Triglyph* Correspondence R  
Folder 13 *Triglyph* Correspondence S  
Folder 14 *Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V  
Folder 15 *Triglyph* Correspondence W  
Folder 16 *Triglyph* Correspondence X-Y-Z  
Folder 17 *Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc.

## **BOX ELEVEN**

### **Sub-subseries 6: *Triglyph* Correspondence, 1990**

- Folder 1**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence A-B**
- Folder 2**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence C-D**
- Folder 3**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence E-F**
- Folder 4**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence G**
- Folder 5**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence H-I-J**
- Folder 6**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence K-L**
- Folder 7**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence M**
- Folder 8**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence N-O**
- Folder 9**     ***Triglyph* Correspondence P-Q-R**
- Folder 10**    ***Triglyph* Correspondence S**
- Folder 11**    ***Triglyph* Correspondence T-U-V**
- Folder 12**    ***Triglyph* Correspondence W-Z**
- Folder 13**    ***Triglyph* Correspondence Misc., etc.**

### **Subseries 2: Copy Files, 1980s-1990**

- Folder 1**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files A,**
- Folder 2**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files B,**
- Folder 3**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files C-F**
- Folder 4**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files G-J**
- Folder 5**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files K-M**
- Folder 6**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files N-O**
- Folder 7**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files P-R**
- Folder 8**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files S**
- Folder 9**     ***Triglyph* Copy Files T-Z**
- Folder 10**    ***Triglyph* Copy Files Misc.**

### **Subseries 3: Illustrations**

- Folder 1**     ***Triglyph* - "Illustrations by 1st Letter of Author's Last Name," 1980s**

## **BOX TWELVE**

### **SERIES FOUR                    ACADEMIC FILES**

#### **Subseries 1: ASU General**

- Folder 1 ASU Faculty Association, 1972-1979
- Folder 2 Faculty Achievement Award, 1979

#### **Subseries 2: Committees**

- Folder 1 Chairman Search Committee, 1978-1979
- Folder 2 College Standards and Appeals Committee, 1974-1975
- Folder 3 Curriculum Committee, 1975-1981
- Folder 4 Curriculum Committee, 1981-1983
- Folder 5 Curriculum Study Committee, 1976-1977
- Folder 6 F.L.W. Committee, 1980-1982
- Folder 7 Faculty of Architecture Committee of Tenured Faculty, 1977
- Folder 8 Personnel Committee, 1974-1975
- Folder 9 Personnel Committee, 1978
- Folder 10 University Library Committee (1), 1978-1981
- Folder 11 University Library Committee (2), 1978-1981

### **BOX THIRTEEN**

#### **Subseries 3: Courses**

- Folder 1 APH 214--History of Western Architecture II, 1979
- Folder 2 APH 304--American Architecture, 1977  
APH 416-- 20th Century Architecture I, 1977
- Folder 3 APH 304--American Architecture, 1982
- Folder 4 APH 316/416 and AP 406, 20th Century Architecture I & II, 1970-1980
- Folder 5 APH 414--Baroque Architecture, 1980-1981
- Folder 6 APH 415--19th Century Architecture, 1979
- Folder 7 APH 416--20th Century Architecture II, 1983
- Folder 8 APH 498--London Seminar, 1981-1982
- Folder 9 DES 213--History of Western Architecture I, 1979-1980
- Folder 10 DES 213/214--History of Western Architecture I, 1979-1980
- Folder 11 DES 313--History of Western Architecture I, 1981
- Folder 12 Philosophies Sequence Coordination, 1968-1969
- Folder 13 Pre-Professional Advisory, 1981
- Folder 14 Pre-Professional Program, 1978-1979

#### **Subseries 4: Sabbaticals/Retirement**

- Folder 1 Sabbatical, 1965-1966

- Folder 2 Sabbatical (1976) and Summer School, 1970s-1984
- Folder 3 Sabbatical Request, 1975
- Folder 4 Retirement Matter, 1976

**Subseries 5: Miscellany**

- Folder 1 Architectural Slide Library, 1974-1975 (M. Whiffen Master Slide Index)
- Folder 2 Besim Hakim, 1981-1983
- Folder 3 Bethel E. Ells-Buehman, 1978
- Folder 4 C. Shaw Case, 1971-1974
- Folder 5 Catherwood Society (ASU), 1969
- Folder 6 Dean Evaluation - Burgess, 1975-1980
- Folder 7 Faculty Meetings, 1981-1983
- Folder 8 Memos, etc. to Burgess, 1974-1975
- Folder 9 Party Lists, 1975-1976
- Folder 10 Slide Curator, 1981-1983
- Folder 11 Miscellany, 1970s-1990s

**BOX FOURTEEN**

**SERIES FIVE PROFESSIONAL FILES**

**Subseries 1: Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture/*Journal of Architectural Education***

- Folder 1 ACSA General, 1963-1967
- Folder 2 ACSA, etc., Expense Accounts, 1962-1968
- Folder 3 ACSA /JAE, 1964-1966
- Folder 4 ACSA/JAE, May 1966
- Folder 5 ACSA Board, 1963-1968
- Folder 6 ACSA International Relations Committee, 1965-1967
- Folder 7 ASCA Publications Committee, 1964-1965
- Folder 8 ASCA Meetings (Regional), 1961-1964
- Folder 9 ASCA Denver Board Meeting, 1963-1967
- Folder 10 ASCA Denver Meeting, 1966
- Folder 11 ASCA Washington Board Meeting and AIA Proposal, etc., 1964-65
- Folder 12 ACSA Vancouver Meeting, 1964-1965
- Folder 13 ACSA New York '67, 1967
- Folder 14 ACSA Seattle, 10/16-10-19, 1980
- Folder 15 JAE Internal, 1962
- Folder 16 JAE, Dec. 1966, 1965-1966

Folder 17    JAE, August 1966

**BOX FIFTEEN**

Folder 18    JAE Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 1966

**Subseries 2: Miscellany**

Folder 1    College Art Association - NYC, 1972-1973  
Folder 2    Cranbrook Seminar, 1964-1965  
Folder 3    Cranbrook Seminar, 1964-1966  
Folder 4    Cranbrook Seminar, 1965  
Folder 5    Koehler Correspondence (*AIA Journal*), 1962-1967  
Folder 6    SAH Board Business, 1966-1967  
Folder 7    Society of Architectural Historians, 1966-1968  
Folder 8    Society of Architectural Historians, 1975-1976  
Folder 9    Watterson (*AIA Journal*), 1961-1964

**SERIES SIX            MISCELLANY**

Folder 1    Personalia, 1954-1996  
Folder 2    Girard, 1949-1967  
Folder 3    London Program 1982, 1979-1982  
Folder 4    Mexico Slides, 1966-1968  
Folder 5    Oaxaca Forward, 1974  
Folder 6    University of Georgia, 1967-1975  
Folder 7    Miscellany, c. 1940s-1980s

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