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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Rattner, Selma, 1929-2005
<b>Title:</b>	Selma Rattner papers
<b>ID:</b>	10577025
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960s-1980s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 linear feet
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## Biographical sketch

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Selma Rattner was an architectural historian, preservationist, and unofficial biographer of the architect James Renwick, Jr. She received her bachelor's degree from Sarah Lawrence College in 1950, earned a certificate from the Restoration and Preservation program of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (GSAPP) in 1969, and a master's of science in Historic Preservation from Columbia in 1977. Rattner was also a lecturer at the GSAPP from 1973 to 1977 and an adjunct professor from 1977 to 1979.

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## Scope and content

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The collection consists of research files primarily on New York City architectural history. Prominent topics include Friends Meeting House, Cast Iron, James Renwick, and Grace Church.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Church buildings -- New York (State) -- New York
- Architecture -- New York (State) -- New York
- Architecture -- United States
- Neighborhoods -- New York
- Renwick, James, 1818-1895
- Renwick, James, 1792-1863
- Grace Church (New York, N.Y.)

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## General Note

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