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Summary Information

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Biographical sketch

The birth of Columbia architecture school graduate James Richard Doman, Jr. in 1937 coincided with the completion of New York City's first federally subsidized housing project. The Harlem River Houses, located at 151st Street and Harlem River Drive, was the architect's home from infancy until age 12. Doman's future mentor, John Louis Wilson, Jr., the first African American graduate of Columbia University's School of Architecture in 1928, was one of the primary architects of the housing complex.

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Biographical sketch

By the early 1970s, Doman established James R. Doman and Associates, one of the largest architectural firms in the city headed by an African American. At the time, there were only eight such firms and as Doman stated in the Sept. 1976 Black Enterprise, in which he appears on the cover "There are so few of us in the field that a precise definition of Black architecture is impossible."

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Scope and Content

The archive includes architectural drawings and community studies, laying emphasis on Doman's belief that "architectural forms should reflect the cultural background and heritage of the people for whom they are designed." Approximately 25 projects are represented in the collection. The majority of projects are for housing complexes and urban development in New York City.

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Arrangement

This collection is made up of two series: Series I: Architectural Drawings; Series II: Printed Material

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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- Architecture -- United States -- Designs and plans
- Public housing -- New York (State) -- New York
- Public housing -- Designs and plans
- Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- Buildings, structures, etc
- Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- Social conditions

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Architectural Drawings

Title/Description	Instances
(231 & 235 West 145th Street, New York, NY), 1992 Scope and Contents 20 drawings	roll 7
Academic Center, Spelman College (Atlanta, GA), 1988 Scope and Contents 8 drawings	roll 18
Alterations for Mary E. Waller (Bill Cosby Residence) (18 East 71st Street, New York, NY), 1987 Scope and Contents 118 drawings	roll 26 to 27
Betsy Head Memorial, Pool and Playground (Brooklyn, NY), 1975	roll 9

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14 drawings

Bradhurst Condominiums (70 Bradhurst Avenue, New York, NY), 1995 roll 25

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41 drawings

Bradhurst (223 West 145th Street, New York, NY), 1993 roll 8

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20 drawings

Brighton Beach Competition (Brooklyn, NY), undated roll 24

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5 drawings

Brooklyn Housing Project (Between Atlantic Avenue and Herkimer Street and Schenectady Avenue and Troy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY), undated roll 17

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3 drawings

Bushwick Development Association, Proposed Housing Community & Commercial (Brooklyn, NY), undated roll 6

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11 drawings

Faith Mission Alcoholism Crisis Center (114-40 Van Wyck Expressway, Queens, NY), 1990 roll 19 to 21

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100+ drawings

Graham Court (West 116th Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd, New York, NY), 1981 roll 2

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26 drawings

Hotel/Entertainment Center Complex, HUDC Proposal (New York, NY), 1980 roll 23

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36 drawings

Hudson Club Residential Development (Poughkeepsie, NY), 1996 roll 14

Scope and Contents

6 drawings

Monolith Sculpture and Miscellaneous, undated roll 22

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3 drawings

Morrisania Amphitheatre, Playhouse, Ice Skating Rink (Crotona Park, Bronx, NY), undated roll 4

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11 drawings

Morrisania Housing (Crotona Park, Bronx, NY), 1971 roll 5

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5 drawings

Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer Summer Residence (Harmony, PA), 1969 roll 15

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9 drawings

New York College of Podiatric Medicine (1800 Park Avenue, New York, NY), 1993 roll 11

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7 drawings

Newark's Passaic Riverfront Development (Newark, NJ), 1986 roll 3

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13 drawings

Schermerhorn State Street Housing Design (Brooklyn, NY), undated roll 10

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25 drawings

Solitude Farm, Dr. Melvine and Barbara Horwich House (Womelsdorf, PA), 1987	roll 16
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5 drawings

St. Nicholas Avenue, St. James Housing Development (West 141st Street, New York, NY), undated	roll 13
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9 drawings

St. Nicholas Avenue, Typical Facades (West 138th Street, New York, NY), undated	roll 12
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9 drawings

St. Nicholas Houses, Amphitheatre (New York, NY), 1970	roll 1
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5 drawings

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Series II: Printed Material

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Study of Area of 145th Street, ca. 1973 Scope and Contents Prepared for the City of New York Office of the Borough President, Community Planning Board No. 9 Manhattan	box 1
Survey and Report, St. Nicholas Historic District, 1973 Feb Scope and Contents Prepared for the New York City Housing & Development Administration	box 1
Booklet, The Doman Wilson Partnership, ca. 1977	box 1
Survey and Report, Graham Court, 1979 Jul	box 1

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Prepared for the Harlem Urban Development Corp.

Abstract 89/90, Columbia Architecture Planning Preservation Journal, 1990	box 1
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Conceptual Design Report for New Residential Building at St. Nicholas Ave. & West 141st Street, 1997 Jul	box 1
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Prepared for St. James Presbyterian Church

Updated Condition Survey of the Site Development Potential, YWCA of Yonkers, 2001 Nov	box 1
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Prepared for the YWCA of Yonkers' Board of Directors

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