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Summary Information

Repository:	Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library
Title:	Francis J. Sypher Jr. collection of architectural drafting tools
ID:	12307254
Date [inclusive]:	1840s-1900s
Physical Description:	10 items (approximate)
Language of the Material:	English .

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Scope and content

Small collection of primarily English drafting tools dating from around the mid to late 19th century.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library

Restrictions on Access

This collection is available for use by appointment in the Department of Drawings & Archives, Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, Columbia University. For further information, please email avery-drawings@library.columbia.edu.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Francis J. Sypher, Jr.. Method of acquisition--Donated;; Date of acquisition--2016. Accession number--2016.007.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architectural drawing -- Equipment and supplies
- Surveying -- Instruments

Collection Inventory

Series I: Architectural Drawings

Subseries 1: Apartment Buildings

Title/Description	Instances	
114 East 90th Street (New York, New York), 1915-1920 <u>Physical Description</u> : 25 drawings ink on linen	box 1	
20 Beekman Place (New York, New York), 1918-1925 <u>Physical Description</u> : 32 drawings blueprints	box 2	
The Gilford, 469 Lexington Avenue (New York, New York), 1928-1929 <u>Physical Description</u> : 35 drawings ink on linen, blueprints, and diazo prints	box 3	
The Gilford, 469 Lexington Avenue (New York, New York), 1928-1929 <u>Physical Description</u> : 28 drawings pencil on trace	box 150	folder 1
San Remo Apartments (New York, New York), ca. 1932 <u>Physical Description</u> : 12 drawings blueprints	box 4	
560 Riverside Drive (New York, New York), 1960-1964 <u>Physical Description</u> : 15 drawings pencil on paper	box 150	folder 2

Subseries 2: Commercial Buildings

Title/Description	Instances
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1180 Sixth Avenue (New York, New York), 1968-1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> 25 drawings blueprints	box 150	folder 3
1180 Sixth Avenue, Alterations (New York, New York), 1985 <u>Physical Description:</u> 45 drawings diazo prints	box 5	
280 Park Avenue (New York, New York), 1970-1973 <u>Physical Description:</u> 42 drawings diazo prints	box 200	folder 1
55 Water Street (New York, New York). Lobby renovations, 1985 <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 drawings diazo prints	box 200	folder 2
1700 Broadway (New York, New York), 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 87 drawings ink on mylar and diazo prints		
Architectural working drawings, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 9 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Elevation, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
West Section, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
East Section, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Site Plan, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Floor plan, Lobby, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Floor plan, 1st floor, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Floor plan, 2nd floor, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Floor plan, 100th floor, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
Floor plan, Observation Deck, 1988 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 drawings ink on mylar	box 6	
HVAC working drawings, 1990-1991 <u>Physical Description:</u> 15 drawings diazo prints	box 7	
Shop working drawings, 1990-1991	box 1	folder 2 to 5

Physical Description: 25 drawings diazo prints

Mechanical working drawings, 1990-1991	box 1	folder 6
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Physical Description: 26 drawings diazo prints

Plumbing working drawings, 1990-1991	box 1	folder 7 to 8
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Physical Description: 3 drawings diazo prints

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Series II: Professional Papers

Title/Description	Instances	
AIA New York, 1975	box 1	folder 9
Scope and Contents		
Includes reports, correspondence, and meeting minutes		
Architectural Licenses, 1960s-1990s	box 1	folder 10
City Planning Commisions, 1965	box 2	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Includes reports and meeting minutes		
Clippings, general, 1950s-1990s	box 2	folder 2
Clippings, projects, 1942-1985	box 2	folder 3 to 5
Correspondence, 1920s, 1920-1929	box 2	folder 6 to 7
Scope and Contents		
includes letter from Frank Lloyd Wright (15 June 1923)		
Correspondence, 1930s, 1932-1938	box 2	folder 8
Correspondence, 1940s, 1940-1949	box 2	folder 9
Correspondence, 1950s, 1950-1959	box 2	folder 10
Day Books, 1922-1964	box 3	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 38 items		
Scope and Contents		
includes day books for every year except 1923, 1929, 1960, 1962		

Lectures, 1978-1990

Title/Description	Instances	
"A Public Architecture," Collins Kaufmann Lecture, Columbia University, 1978	box 2	folder 11
"A View of Architecture and Development," Cooper Union, 1978	box 2	folder 12
"If Buildings Were People", 1979	box 2	folder 13
"Post European Architecture", 1983	box 2	folder 14
Notes and Drafts, undated	box 2	folder 15 to 17
Regional Plan Association, 1965-1966	box 3	folder 1
Resume and professional biographies, 1952-1974	box 3	folder 2

Writings, 1950s

Title/Description	Instances	
Articles, 1950s	box 3	folder 3
Reviews, 1960s	box 3	folder 4
Drafts, 1952-2002	box 3	folder 5 to 8
"Working Cities", 1952	box 3	folder 5
"Architectural Practice in Africa", 1986-1987	box 3	folder 6
"Productivity, Health, and Safety in Constructed Facilities", 1999[?]	box 3	folder 7
"Contemporary Architecture," American Architecture, 2000-2002	box 3	folder 8

Scope and Contents

Chapter written for book American Architecture, edited by Peter Blake

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