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Summary Information

Repository: Special Collections

Creator: Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005

Title: Philip Johnson architectural projects

ID: 2002.M.39

Dates: 1984-1995

Extent: 30.5 Linear Feet

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Language: English

Abstract: American architect. Architectural drawings, study models, photographs, brochures, and miscellaneous papers, the bulk of which relate to the Franklin Square building, Washington, D.C., a project by John Burgee Associates with Philip Johnson. The collection also includes models and brochures for other projects by the firm, and papers relating to the Peter Lewis guesthouse, a project by the office of Philip Johnson.

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Biographical / Historical Note

Born in 1906, Philip Johnson was one of the most prominent and outspoken architects of the post-World War II era. During his long career from the 1930s until his death in 2005, Johnson has been a major participant in the architectural debate of his time and has contributed to all major architectural movements during those years.

In 1930 Johnson founded the Department of Architecture and Design at the Museum of Modern Art, New York. In 1934 Johnson enrolled in architecture school at Harvard.

He started as a follower of Mies van der Rohe's most austere modernism (ref his Glass House, New Caanan, CT, 949), broke with early modernism to design in what he called a more "humane" modernistic vocabulary, and was one of the leaders of postmodernism (ref the AT&T corporate headquarters, NYC, 1978) during the 1980s.

Johnson was in partnership with John Burgee from 1967-1991. When in his 90s Johnson designed and built structures that showed his interest in the deconstructivist idiom.

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Scope and Content of Collection

A collection of architectural materials: drawings, study models, photographs, slides, negatives, brochures and miscellaneous papers. The bulk of the collection relates to the Franklin Square building, Washington, D.C., a project by John Burgee Associates with Philip Johnson (1985-1986). The collection also includes materials relating to the Peter Lewis guesthouse, a project by the office of Philip Johnson (1991-1995). The Lewis guesthouse was an addition (never realized) to a house designed (redesigned and ultimately unrealized) by Frank Gehry. In addition, there are seven models for other buildings designed by John Burgee Associates with Philip Johnson, as well as 21 brochures regarding various projects of the firm. The bulk of the papers and drawings that document projects designed with John Burgee are in private hands.

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Arrangement note

Arranged by project and type of material.

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Administrative Information

Access

Open for use by qualified researchers.

Publication Rights

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Acquisition Information

Acquired in 2003.

Processing History

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Controlled Access Headings

Contributor(s)

- Burgee, John, 1933-
- Gehry, Frank O., 1929-2025
- John Burgee Associates

Subjects - People

- Burgee, John, 1933-
- Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005

Subjects - Corporate Bodies

- John Burgee Associates

Subjects - Topics

- Architects -- United States
- Architects and patrons
- Architectural practice -- United States
- Architecture -- United States -- 20th century

- Architecture—Designs and plans

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Architectural drawings (visual works) -- United States -- 20th century
- Photographic prints
- Photographs, Original
- Study models -- United States -- 20th century

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers	
IBM Tower model, 1984 Styrofoam, paint size 16" x 3.25" x 3.25" scale: 1/20" = 1'	Box 1	
Franklin Square Office Building, Washington, D.C., 1985-1986 *Scope and Contents note*: Models, photographs, and drawings, including oversize.		
Franklin Square Office Building models, 1985 *Scope and Contents note*: Seven models.		
Franklin Square Office Building corner study model, 1985 white plastic size: 10" x 5" x 5" scale: 3/8" = 1'	Box 2	
Franklin Square Office Building column/ cornice study model, 1985 white plastic size: 8.5" x 2.5" x 2.5" scale: 3/8" = 1'	Box 3	
Franklin Square Office Building facade study model, 1985 white plastic size: 13" x 8.25" x 4' scale: 1/16" = 1' *Scope and Contents note*: Building with 2 facades.	Box 4	
Franklin Square Office Building entry study model, 1985 plastic, paint size: 7" x 6" x 5" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 5	
Franklin Square Office Building facade color study model, 1986 plastic, paint size: 6.5" x 6.5" x 2.5" scale: 1/4" = 1' *Scope and Contents note*: Client is Hines Interests.	Box 6	
Franklin Square Office Building grille study model, 1986 plastic, paint size: 6" x 6" x 1/4" scale: 1/4" = 1'	Box 7	
Franklin Square Office Building: lobby ceiling color study model, 1986 plastic, paper, paint, Styrofoam size: 16" x 16" x 2" scale: 3/4"= 1' *Scope and Contents note*: Donald Kaufman was the color consultant.	Oversize box 18	
Franklin Square Office Building photographs, 12 photographs	Box 8	Folder 1-13
Model of north facade, 2 photographs	Box 8	Folder 1-2

Scope and Contents note: Photographer: Robert Walker, N.J.

Color drawing of entry plan, elevation, reflected ceiling plan, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Unidentified photographer.	Box 8	Folder 3
Drawing of lobby perspective, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Renderer: Louis Blanc; photographer unidentified.	Box 8	Folder 4
Drawing of lobby plan, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Showing marble colors. Photographer unidentified.	Box 8	Folder 5
Color drawing of lobby plan, elevation, reflected ceiling plan, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer unidentified.	Box 8	Folder 6
Northeast view, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 7
High view across the park, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 8
Entry, looking up, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 9
North facade looking east, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 10
Northeast, upper corner, 1 photograph *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 11
Lobby, color xerox *Scope and Contents note*: Photographer: Richard Payne, TX.	Box 8	Folder 12
Franklin Square study drawings, 1985, undated 13 drawing(s) *Scope and Contents note*: Drawings numbered 1-13.	Oversize box 19	Folder 1-13
Plan scheme C-2, circular atrium, 1985	Oversize box 19	Folder 1
Section scheme C-2, circular atrium, 1985	Oversize box 19	Folder 2
Elevation scheme C-2. circular atrium, 1985		

	Oversize box 19	Folder 3
Plan: ground floor scheme F, cross vault., 1985 Aug 30	Oversize box 19	Folder 4
Plan typical floor scheme F, cross vault, 1985 Aug 30	Oversize box 19	Folder 5
North elevation scheme F, 1985 Aug 30	Oversize box 19	Folder 6
Section scheme F, 1985 Aug 30	Oversize box 19	Folder 7
Plan: ground scheme F-3, 1985 Sep 2	Oversize box 19	Folder 8
Plan: typical scheme F-3, 1985 Sep 2	Oversize box 19	Folder 9
Section: West scheme F-3, 1985 Sep 2	Oversize box 19	Folder 10
Section: North schem F-3, 1985 Sep 2	Oversize box 19	Folder 11
Elevation: North scheme F-4, 1985 Oct	Oversize box 19	Folder 12
Unlabeled section scheme F-4, undated	Oversize box 19	Folder 13
Franklin Square study drawings, 1985, undated 31 drawing(s)	Oversize box 20	Folder 1-8
Section looking West, 1985 Nov 5	Oversize box 20	Folder 1
North elevation, undated 3 drawing(s) *Scope and Contents note*: Long gable, double center column with two arches, and double center column two arches and double columns.	Oversize box 20	Folder 1
North elevation, double center column-two arches columns and rusticated piers, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 2
North elevation, 1985, undated 4 drawing(s) *Scope and Contents note*: Variations with columns and arches.	Oversize box 20	Folder 2
North elevation with four short arches, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 3
North elevation with three arches, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 3
North elevation with four canopies entry and gambrel roof, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 3
North elevation with four canopies entry and stepped roof, undated		

	Oversize box 20	Folder 3
North elevation with four canopies entry and mansard roof, 1986 Jul 28	Oversize box 20	Folder 3
Franklin Square design development set, revised, 1986 Dec 2, 1986 Oct 24	Oversize box 20	Folder 4-5
Plan floor 12, sheet no. 16, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 4
Roof plan, sheet no. 17, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 4
North elevation, sheet no. 18, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 4
East elevation, sheet no. 19, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 4
South elevation, sheet no. 20, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 4
West elevation, sheet no. 21, revised, 1986 Dec 2	Oversize box 20	Folder 5
Entry elevation, sheet no. 25, revised, 1986 Oct 24	Oversize box 20	Folder 5
Entry elevation sheet no. 25, revised, Dec 2 1986.	Oversize box 20	Folder 5
N.E. corner elevation, sheet no. 26, revised, Dec 2 1986.	Oversize box 20	Folder 5
Franklin Square, 1986, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 6
Elevation and section of ornament at lobby ceiling, 1986 Sep 30	Oversize box 20	Folder 6
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Lobby elevation studies, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 6
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Lobby plan study, undated	Oversize box 20	Folder 6
Free standing directory board, undated *Scope and Contents note*: Lobby directory board study.	Oversize box 20	Folder 7
North curtainwall section, sheet no. 38, revised, 1986 Dec 11		

	Oversize box 20	Folder 8
Franklin Square, 1985, undated 2 drawing(s)		
Elevation: lobby scheme F-4, 1985 Sep 26	Flatfile 1	
Elevation: north and east, one arch entry, undated	Flatfile 1	
Franklin Square, 1988, undated 3 drawing(s)		
Lobby details, undated	Flatfile 2	
Lobby guards desk, 1988 Jun 17	Flatfile 2	
Exterior corner elevation, undated	Flatfile 2	
Franklin Square, undated 4 drawing(s)		
North elevation study	Flatfile 3	
Lobby plan	Flatfile 3	
Lobby section	Flatfile 3	
Reflected ceiling plan	Flatfile 3	
Franklin Square, undated 2 drawing(s) *Scope and Contents note*: Lobby elevation, plan, reflected ceiling plan.	Roll 1	
Oklahoma City Office Building study model, 1987? Styrofoam size: 3" x 3" x 13" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 9	
Chicago Office Building study model, 1987? Styrofoam size: 3" x 3" x 13" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 10	
Los Angeles Building study model, 1987? Styrofoam size: 3" x 5" x 13" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 11	
Detroit Office Building study model, 1989? Styrofoam size: 3" x 3" x 13" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 12	
Louisville Building study #1 model, 1994 Styrofoam, paint size: 2" x 2" x 10" scale: 1/20" = 1'	Box 13	
Oklahoma City study #2 - circular plan mode, undated Styrofoam with coffee stain size: 3" x 3" x 15" scale: 1/16" = 1'	Box 14	
Lewis Guest House, 1991-1995 ca. .5 ft *Scope and Contents note*: Philip Johnson Architects. Architectural materials including: KP5 [Kodak Paper] prints, photocopies, handwritten notes, color laser prints, drawings, computer drawings, color negatives, color photographs, color slides, and 1 book. Items numbered 1-85, numerous duplicates.	Box 15	
Brochures regarding various projects, 21 items	Box 16 Box 17	