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Abstract

Ann Arbor, Michigan architect; architectural drawings, presentation boards, journal articles, publicity material, and brief project summaries.

Biography

David W. Osler was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1938, he graduated from Ann Arbor's University High School and later attended the University of Michigan's School of Art and Architecture. Osler's first professional job as an architect was with the firm of Pete Loree, Architect. Osler was the son-in-law of Emil Lorch, dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Michigan. His children Robin Elmslie Osler and Peter Osler both became architects.

In 1958, Osler established his private firm David W. Osler Associates. The firm's earlier commissions were primarily single-family residences and renovations. Over many decades, Osler developed a diverse portfolio which included commissions for condominiums, churches, and libraries. The firm's many awards and distinctions include AIA Michigan Firm of the Year in 2005 and the AIA/American Library Association Library Building Award.

In 1981, Osler was a finalist in the Memorial for the Veterans of the Vietnam War design competition. Out of 1420 competition entries, Osler's design was one of fifteen to receive honorable mention and a cash prize.

Scope and Content Note

The David W. Osler collection documents the architectural career of David Osler between the years 1961 and 2008. The collection consists mainly of architectural drawings, with a scattering of journal articles, publicity material, and brief project summaries. The collection contains the following series: **Background, Architectural Drawings, and Presentation Boards**.

Background series includes journal articles, publicity material, and brief project summaries.

Architecture Drawings series reflects the diverse design background of David Osler. The series contains architectural drawings of multiple single-family residences, office and academic buildings, the Oslund Condominium Development, St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church, and the Howell Carnegie Library. . All projects are located in Ann Arbor, Michigan unless otherwise noted.

The **Presentation boards** series are for his proposed design for the Memorial for the Veterans of the Vietnam War and the Kalamazoo Arcadia Creek Urban Design and Development.

Box No. Description

Background**Box 1**

Articles, 1970-2008
 Publicity, undated
 Project Summaries, undated

Architectural Drawings (in single sets of drawings unless otherwise noted)

Oslund Condominiums (folders 1-4)

Drawer 1

Preliminary Scheme, 1968 (4 sets)
 Phase I, undated (2 sets)
 Phase II, 2000-2001 (3 sets)
 Phase III/Final Scheme, 2003 (4 sets)

Residential (folder 5)

Drawer 2

John Airey, Jr. Residence, 1961
 William J. Conlin Residence, 1962
 Mr. And Mrs. Gilbert Ross Residence, 1965
 Mr. And Mrs. Frederic W. Corwin Residence, 1967

Residential (folder 6)

Mr. And Mrs. Paul Greene Residence, 1967
 Dr. and Mrs. Karl Malcolm Residence, 1967
 Mr. And Mrs. Glen H. Kumasaka Residence, 1969-1970 (2 sets)

Residential (folder 7)

Dr. and Mrs. James B. Minor and Dr. and Dr. and Mrs. David B.
 Prior Residence, 1973
 Carrol/Virgo Residence, 1980
 Mr. And Mrs. Arthur C. Henrie Residence, on Skiff Lake, Jackson,
 Michigan, 1981
 Marcus Cottage, 1985

Other buildings (folder 8)

Drawer 3

St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church, 1967
 Gerstacker Language Center, Albion College, 1969
 Newport West, 1971
 Williams Research Office Building, Walled Lake, Michigan, 1971

Other buildings (folder 9)

Independence Lake Park Pavilions, 1979
 Independence Lake Park Pavilions II, 1987

Other buildings (folder 10)

Howell Carnegie Library, Howell, Michigan, 1989(4 sets)

Box No. Description

Presentation boards

Drawer 4

Vietnam Memorial presentation boards, 1981 (4 boards)

Drawer 5

Kalamazoo Arcadia Creek Urban Design and Development Plan
presentation boards, undated (4 boards)