William Stephen Allen, Jr., 1912-1992

A Finding Aid for Student Architectural Drawings, 1932-1936 in The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

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Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

Title: Student Architectural Drawings, 1932-1936.

Coll. ID: 110.

Origin: William Stephen Allen, Jr., 1912-1992, architect.

Extent: Architectural drawings 35 sheets;

Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

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Abstract: The collection comprises 35 student drawings (1932-1936), including two competition

drawings for the Paris Prize.

Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in

WorldCat, an international union catalogue of library and archival holdings. The

record number for this collection is 231631517.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

W. Stephen Allen, Jr. was born in Neptune Township, NJ, the son of Margaret Pope and William Stephen Allen. Allen received his secondary education in Philadelphia, attending Roosevelt Jr. High School and the Carson Long Institute before graduating from Germantown Academy. Allen received his architectural training at the University of Pennsylvania, completing a B. Arch. with honors in 1935 and an M. Arch. the following year. He distinguished himself as a student, winning a medal in graphics in 1931, second prize in the Samuel Huckel Jr. Architectural Prize in 1934, the Faculty Medal, Paul Cret Prize, and the T-Square Prize, all in 1935, as well as the Theophilus Parsons Chandler Fellowship and the Henry Gillette Woodman Scholarship in 1935 and 1936, respectively.

After leaving Penn, Allen moved to San Francisco, where in 1940 he established a partnership with S. Robert Anshen. Anshen & Allen was a leading California firm in the 1960s.

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Access Points for Indexing

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Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: This collection is available for research by appointment only.

Preferred citation: William Stephen Allen, Jr. Collection, The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania.

Acquisition: Gift of William Stephen Allen, Jr., 1986; Additional drawing purchased 2006.

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Container list

Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Call# Descriptive Title

Student work, 35 architectural drawings (originals)