

(Collection 020)

A Finding Aid for
The Robert Adam Collection, 1766-1774
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Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

Title: Robert Adam Collection, 1766-1774.

Coll. ID: 020.

Origin: Adam, Robert, architect, 1728-1792,

Extent: Architectural drawings: 22 drawings (original)
Additional materials: 2 leases.

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Abstract: This collection contains architectural drawings by Robert Adam (1728-1792) for the unbuilt Court House and Gaol, Appleby, 1766, together with architectural drawings by Robert Fothergill, architect, for the same project. In addition, the collection contains two leases, signed by four Adam brothers, for a house in the Royal Terrace, London, in the Adam family development, Adelphi, as well as an architectural drawing attributed to the office of Robert Adam for an unidentified five-bay house.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

This collection was assembled and donated by G. Holmes Perkins, Dean of the Graduate School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania, 1953-1970, and founder and first director of the Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains architectural drawings by Robert Adam (1728-1792) for the unbuilt Court House and Gaol, Appleby, 1766-1767, together with architectural drawings by Robert Fothergill, architect, for the same project. In addition the collection contains two leases, signed by four Adam brothers, for a house in the Royal Terrace, London, in the Adam family development, Adelphi, and also an architectural drawing attributed to the office of Robert Adam for an unidentified five-bay house.

Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Adam, Robert, 1728-1792.

Fothergill, Robert.

Architectural design --History --18th century --Sources.

Architectural drawing --England.

Adelphi (London, England).

Administrative Information

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

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Acquisition: Series I: Gift of G. Holmes Perkins, 1963.
Series II: Gift of G. Holmes Perkins, 1991.
Series III: Gift of G. Holmes Perkins, 1997.

Processing: The collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by Nancy Thorne, with the assistance of Rebecca Kantor, Melissa Steeley and Erin McCabe.

Container list

Series I. County Court, Town Hall etc. for Appleby in the County of Westmorland.

Note: The documents show two different spellings "Goal" and "Gaol". Care has been taken to transcribe exactly as written.

A. Robert Adam. Scheme 1

- | Call# | Descriptive Title |
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| 020.I.A.1 | "Front of a New Design of a County Court, Town Hall &c. for Appleby in the County of Westmorland".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 16 3/4 x 26 1/2 inches (42.7 x 67 cm).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Architect, 1766". |
| 020.I.A.2 | "Plan of the Ground Story".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 17 x 26 1/2 inches (43 x 67.3 cm).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Archit., 1766". |
| 020.I.A.3 | "Plan of the County Court, Town Hall etc. for Appleby in Westmorland".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 16 3/4 x 26 1/2 inches (42.7 x 67.3 cm.).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Archit., 1766". |

B. Robert Adam. Scheme 2

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| 020.I.B.1 | "Front of a New Design for a County Court, Town Hall &c. for Appleby in the County of Westmorland".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 9 7/8 x 16 1/2 inches (25 x 42 cm).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Archt, 1767". |
| 020.I.B.2 | "Plan of the Ground Story".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 9 1/8 x 16 3/8 inches (23.3 x 41.5 cm).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Archt, 1767". |
| 020.I.B.3 | "Plan of the County Court, Town Hall etc. for Appleby in Westmorland".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 9 3/4 x 16 5/8 inches (24.8 x 42.2 cm).
Signed: "Robt Adam, Archt, 1767". |

C. Robert Adam. Scheme 3

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| 020.I.C.1 | "No 1. Principal Front of a New Design for a County Court, Town Hall and Goal for Appleby".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 17 x 12 5/8 inches (43 1/4 x 32 cm).
Unsigned. Annotated in pencil: "No. 5". |
| 020.I.C.2 | "Plan of Goal &tc. for Appleby No. 1".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 17 x 19 3/4 inches (43.3 x 50 cm).
Unsigned. Annotated in pencil: "No. 5". |
| 020.I.C.3 | "No. 5 Plan of County Court, Town Hall etc. for Appleby".
Ink and wash on laid paper. 17 x 12 5/8 inches (43 x 32 cm).
Unsigned. Annotated in pencil: "No. 5". |

D. Robert Adam. Scheme 4

Call#	Descriptive Title
020.I.D.1	“Front of a New Design for a County Court, Town Hall and Goal for Appleby”. Ink and wash on laid paper. 12 3/8 x 19 3/8 inches (31.5 x 49.2 cm). Unsigned.
020.I.D.2	“Plan of a New Design of a County Court, Town Hall and Goal intended to be built near Appleby”. Ink and wash on laid paper. 20 1/2 x 18 3/4 inches (52.3 x 47.5 cm). Unsigned.
020.I.D.3	(Untitled plan) Ink and wash on laid paper. 13 3/8 x 18 1/2 inches (34 x 47.1 cm). Unsigned.

E. Other Designs for Appleby.

Call#	Descriptive Title
020.I.E.1	No 2 Ground Storie of Gaols Ink and wash on laid paper. 7 3/4 x 12 5/8 inches (19.8 x 32.1 cm) Unsigned.
020.I.E.2	No 2 Second Storie of Court Ro[o]ms and Jury Room Ink and wash on laid paper. 7 5/8 x 12 5/8 inches (19.5 x 32.1 cm) Unsigned.
020.I.E.3	No 3 Gaols and Court Rooms Ink and wash on laid paper. 7 3/4 x 12 5/8 inches (19.8 x 32.1 cm) Unsigned.
020.I.E.4	No 4 Court and Jury Rooms Alone Ink and wash on laid paper. 7 1/2 x 12 5/8 inches (19 x 32.1 cm) Unsigned.
020.I.E.5	No 5 A Plan of the County Goal for Appleby Ink and wash on laid paper. 12 5/8 x 7 5/8 inches (32.2 x 19.6 cm) Unsigned.
020.I.E.6	No 5 The Plan agreed upon. Ink and wash on laid paper. 13 1/4 x 9 inches (33.6 x 23 cm) Inscribed recto in ink: The Ground Storie of the Goal at Appleby the second storie of the same the elevation to be Ornamented according to Plan and scale anexd by Robt. Fothergill the manner of the worke and all materials Except arching the Goal to be governed by the former proposals
020.I.E.7	A Plan of the County Goal &c, intended to be Built at Howgatesfoot near Appleby Ink and wash on laid paper. 9 1/8 x 14 1/4 inches (23.2 x 37.6 cm) Unsigned. Inscribed verso: 1768 County of Westmorland }A Plan of the County Goal No 7

- 020.I.E.8 A plan of the Ground at Howgatesfoot near Appleby where the County Goal is intended to be Built.
Ink and wash on laid paper. 9 1/8 x 14 5/8 inches (23.2 x 37.1 cm)
Unsigned. Inscribed verso:
1768
County of Westmorland }A Plan of the County Goal
No 6
- 020.I.E.9 A plan of some Houses & back Ground at Appleby.
Ink and wash on laid paper. 8 7/8 x 12 1/4 inches (22.7 x 31.1 cm)
Unsigned.

Series II. Two leases on vellum, signed by four Adam brothers.

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| 020.II.1 | <p>“This Indenture Tripartite...”
June 1, 1771
Ink on vellum. 27 x 35 inches (68.5 x 88.8 cm)
Signed: Charles Spencer, Phil. Musgrave, John Adam, Robt Adam, James Adam.</p> |
| 020.II.2 | <p>“This Indenture made the twenty second day of July ...”
July 22, 1774.
Ink on vellum, 23 1/4 x 29 1/4 inches (59.6 x 73.6 cm)
Signed: John Adam, Robt Adam, James Adam, William Adam</p> |

Series III. Five-Bay House. attributed to the Office of Robert Adam.

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| 020.III.1 | <p>[Design for front elevation of a five-bay house],
Ink and wash on laid paper. 12 x 18 5/8 inches (30.7 x 48 cm).
Unsigned. Alternate designs for both side bays pasted on.</p> |