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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1900-1950

Language

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Creator

Smith, Delos H. (Delos Hamilton)

Extent

3.5 Linear Feet 3 boxes

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Biographical / Historical

Delos H. Smith was born in Arizona in 1884. He received his bachelor's and Master's degrees in Washington D.C. for architecture and throughout his career he focused on the designing and building of churches including the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and The Prayer Room in the United States Capitol. He was a long-time member of the American Institute of Architects and served on the Civil Engineer Corps during World War II. Smith combined his architectural skills with his love of history by being one of the charter members of the Historic Alexandria Foundation. He also served on the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review, the Old Town Civic Association Survey Committee, and was a long-time member St. Paul Episcopal Church. He was well known throughout the area for his knowledge of local Alexandria history and his involvement with its preservation.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of some of Delos Smith's personal papers. They range from notes on the local history of Alexandria to drawings and bills from the construction of his house at 735 S. Lee Street. It also includes some tourist guides to Glasgow, Scotland and various articles he had collected in regard to religion and history. There are also two boxes of mostly glass plate negatives of various churches and architecture.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Property and House

Plans, Receipts, and Correspondence

Unit Date 1936-1942

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains plans, sketches, correspondence, receipts, and itemized lists from the remodeling of the Delos H. Smith home at 735 S. Lee Street, Alexandria, VA.

Blueprints

Unit Date 1936-1942

Maps 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains 5 blueprints, one of which is for a table. The other 4 are of the Delos H. Smith house at 735 S. Lee Street, Alexandria, VA.

Series II: Notes and Research

Field Notebooks

Unit Date 1940

Books 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains 5 field notebooks from Delos Smith's time with the Historic American Buildings Survey. Books cover places such as Gloucester County (Virginia), North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Louisville (Kentucky), and Maryland. Photos from the locations noted and sketched are in the Library of Congress.

Alexandria History

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains materials Delos Smith used to research and study Alexandria, Virginia history. Included are several correspondences about the Woodlawn Plantation.

Alexandria Note

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several pages of hand-written notes and notecards by Delos Smith, mostly on the subject of Alexandria history.

Series III: Publications and Articles

Miscellaneous Articles

Unit Date 1918-1989

Books 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains miscellaneous periodicals and articles which Delos Smith found useful. Included are titles such as the North American Review, Tobacco Hogsheads and Rolling Roads in Northern Virginia, The American Mercury, Ups and Downs (poems by Irene Flory), and the Tuileries Brochures.

Series IV: Photographs

Lantern Slides

Graphic Materials 2 (box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains 75 glass lantern slides of various buildings in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and England, among other locations.

List of slides:

- 1 Lantern slide of a view of a building for Hopkins Hardware from a river.
- 2 Lantern slide of an unknown house.
- 3 Lantern slide of an unknown house covered in ivy.
- 4 Lantern slide of the James Brice house in Annapolis, MD.
- 5 Lantern slide of Colony Hill in Washington, DC.
- 6 Lantern slide of two people in front of Colony Hill in Washington, DC.
- 7 Lantern slide of blueprints of the Baltimore House near Tisbury, Wiltshire in England, home of Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore and proprietor of the Colony of Maryland, 1634.
- 8 Lantern slide of the Johnson House.
- 9 Lantern slide of an old sausage factory.
- 10 Lantern slide of trucks in front of Windmill Point.
- 11 Lantern slide of the Vallejo House in Sonoma, California.
- 12 Lantern slide of a concrete villa in Brunn, Czechoslovakia.
- 13 Lantern slide of 415 I Street SE and 417 I Street SE, Washington, DC.
- 14 Lantern slide of homes on L Street, near 11th Street S.E., Washington, DC.
- 15 Lantern slide of 720 L Street, SE, Washington, DC.
- 16 Lantern slide of the Octagon House at 1799 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC.
- 17 Lantern slide of 513 6th Street NW and 515 6th Street NW, Washington, DC.
- 18 Lantern slide of a gothic house on 3rd Street in Washington, DC.
- 19 Lantern slide of a house on 3rd Street in Washington, DC.

- 20 Lantern slide of a house on Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, DC.
- 21 Lantern slide of blueprints for the Boothby Pagnell Manor in England.
- 22 Lantern slide of the Winwall House in Norfolk, England.
- 23 Lantern slide of the Boothby Pagnell Manor in England.
- 24 Lantern slide of a South Devonshire, England, home designed by W. W. Wood.
- 25 Lantern slide of a street in Rye, Sussex, England.
- 26 Lantern slide of a street in Saddlescombe, Sussex, England.
- 27 Lantern slide of the Queen's Head Inn in Saddlescombe, Sussex, England.
- 28 Lantern slide of a street in Hastings, Sussex, England.
- 29 Lantern slide of the Gonzalez-Alvarez House, at 14 St. Francis Street in St. Augustine, Florida (the oldest house in that city).
- 30 Lantern slide of a tea shop in Hastings, Sussex, England.
- 31 Lantern slide of blueprints for the House of Carl Radicke in Harburg, Germany.
- 32 Lantern slide of the House of Carl Radicke in Harburg, Germany.
- 33 Lantern slide of a house in Chicago designed by Evelyn and Herman Voss.
- 34 Lantern slide of what could be the Chapman-Hall House in Walpole, Maine.
- 35 Lantern slide of the Wedding Cake House in Kennebunk, Maine, designed by George W. Bourne.
- 36 Lantern slide of old chimney stacks from long-gone homes in Londontowne, MD.
- 37 Lantern slide of Shaw house in front of the State House in Annapolis, MD.
- 38 Lantern slide of a door to a laboratory in Beltsville, MD.
- 39 Lantern slide of a sketch of a house called Charlesgift in Preston, MD, circa 1650.
- 40 Lantern slide of a home in the Chevy Chase neighborhood of Washington, DC.
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- 42 Lantern slide of Holly Hill, a home in Friendship, MD.
- 43 Lantern slide of Old Trinity Church in Church Creek, MD.
- 44 Lantern slide of a home near Easton, MD.
- 45 Lantern slide of Fort Washington in Maryland.
- 46 Lantern slide of the Vestry House at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sandy Bottom, MD.
- 47 Lantern slide of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.
- 48 Lantern slide of Clocker's Fancy in St. Mary's County, MD.
- 49 Lantern slide of Cross Manor in St. Mary's County, MD.
- 50 Lantern slide of the inside of St. Andrews Church in St. Mary's County, MD.
- 51 Lantern slide of a sketch of a "New York Parlor in the 1870s."
- 52 Lantern slide of a house near Unadilla, New York.
- 53 Lantern slide of the Belair Mansion in Bowie, MD.
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- 55 Lantern slide of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton, North Carolina.
- 56 Lantern slide of a house in Hertford, North Carolina.
- 57 Lantern slide of the home of David Rittenhouse in Philadelphia, PA.
- 58 Lantern slide of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.
- 59 Lantern slide of the blueprints for the Pilrig House in Midlothian, Scotland.
- 60 Lantern slide of St. Stephens in Berkeley County, South Carolina.
- 61 Lantern slide of the governor's house in Olympia, Washington, erected about 1843. Photo by T. E. Merritt.
- 62 Lantern slide of the Mason House on Roosevelt Island in Virginia (at the time called Analostian Island).
- 63 Lantern slide of St. James in Herring Creek, VA.
- 64 Lantern slide of Hope Park in Fairfax County, VA.

- 65 Lantern slide of Christ Church in Lancaster County, VA.
- 66 Lantern slide of the Riversdale House in Riverdale, MD.
- 67 Lantern slide of an illustration of the restored Francis Scott Key house.
- 68 Lantern slide of a house in Colchester, VA.
- 69 Lantern slide of Bacon's Castle in Surry County, VA.
- 70 Lantern slide of blueprints of Bacon's Castle in Surry County, VA.
- 71 Lantern slide of the Thoroughgood House in Princess Ann, VA.
- 72 Lantern slide of Yeocomico Church in Westmoreland County, VA.
- 73 Lantern slide of Toddsbury in Gloucester County, VA.
- 74 Lantern slide of St. Luke's in the Isle of Wight, VA.
- 75 Lantern slide of Poplar Hill in Smithville, VA.

List of Photographs:

- 81 Photograph of the Dranesville Tavern at 11919 Leesburg Pike, Herndon, Virginia.
- 82 Photograph of the William Baker Stone House on 106 Loudoun Street SW in Leesburg, Virginia.
- 83 Photograph of a large old building, possibly in Leesburg, Virginia.
- 84 Closeup photograph of a doorway.
- 85 Closeup of a window of the Noland Ferry House on Big Spring Road in Waterford, Loudoun County, Virginia.
- 86 Photograph of the Hope Park Mansion in what is now Fairfax, Virginia. The home belonged to Dr. David Stuart, a friend of George Washington.
- 87 Photograph of the side of the Hope Park Mansion in what is now Fairfax, Virginia. The home belonged to Dr. David Stuart, a friend of George Washington.

Glass Plate Negatives

Graphic Materials 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

This box contains approximately 80 glass plate negatives with a few positive slides. Most are photos of unknown men and women posing for portraits. It's believed that these likely belonged to Delos H. Smith, though they do not represent the collection. All photographs seem to have come from the same studio.