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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

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### Creator

Drumeller, William F., Jr., 1923-2006

### Extent

5.1 Cubic Feet 3 boxes; 7 oversize folders; 1 framed photograph

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

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## Source of Acquisition

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## Processing Information

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# Scope and Contents

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Series I: Documents includes materials from about 1972 to 1975, as well as some undated materials, likely from the same time period. This series contains paperwork relating to the development of the project: contracts, meeting notes, planning documents, materials from lawsuits, and Federal reference manuals. The first half of this series is arranged in chronological order. The second half, which includes the undated materials, is arranged by subject and folders are in alphabetical order by title.

Series II: Images contains photographs, negatives, and slides from construction, events held in the space, and a large framed photograph of a model. Although undated, they are most likely from the 1970s. This series is arranged by format and then by subject, if known.

Series III: Newspapers consists of whole papers and clippings from 1969-1977 that reference development, planning, construction, and the completed project. They come from a variety of newspapers. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series IV: Drawings, Plans, & Plats includes a range of architectural materials from 1972 to 1976. There are full and half-size drawings, architectural plans, and location plat maps. There are two full-size sets of prints, as well as a site plan and several specific sections/views. This series is arranged in chronological order.

# Related Archival Materials

- William F. Drumeller, Jr. Collection, Ms2013-007. Finding aid available online.
- VPI Poster created by Drumeller, 1942, Art-351. Record for item available online.

# Keywords

Architecture (discipline)

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Students and alumni

National Visitor Center

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## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series I: Documents**

**Unit Date** 1972-1975, n.d (likely 1970s)

#### **Dated materials**

**Unit Date** 1972

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Dated materials (2 folders)**

**Unit Date** 1973

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2-3 (folder)

#### **Dated materials (5 folders)**

**Unit Date** 1974

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4-8 (folder)

#### **Dated materials**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

#### **Contracts and Agreements (2 folders)**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 10-11 (folder)

#### **Department of the Interior**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

#### **Drumeller - Owner Representative**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

#### **Law Suits**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

#### **National Visitor Center Building Information**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**No Date, Misc.**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Notes and Memorabilia for the National Visitor Center**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Program Elements**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Proposal to Operate and Maintain a Parking Facility at the National Visitor Center**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Reference Manual - Calculating the Return on Proposed Projects, Equipment, or Plant Facilities**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Reference Manual - Landscaping for Gallery Place and Judiciary Square Stations**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Reference Manual - Regulation of Rates of Common Carriers**

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Series II: Images**

**Photographs**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**"National Visitor Center" (framed photograph of model)**

**artifact** 1 (item)

**Negatives - Christmas Party**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Negatives - Christmas Party & National Visitor Center Construction**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Negatives - National Visitor Center Construction**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (carton)

**Slides - National Visitor Center (2 boxes)**

**box 2**

**Container** 2a-b (box)

**Series III: Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1969-1977

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1969

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1970

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1973

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1974

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1975

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1976

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Newspapers**

**Unit Date** 1977

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Washington Star**

**Unit Date** 8 March 1975

**oversize** 1 (folder)

**Series IV: Drawings, Plans, & Plats**

**Unit Date** 1972-1976

**Washington Terminal Company Tracks and Facilities**

**Unit Date** 15 March 1966

**oversize** 2 (folder)

**Main Terminal Level**

**Unit Date** 1971

**oversize** 3 (folder)

**North-South Section thru Ramp 'E-E'**

**Unit Date** 1973

**oversize** 3 (folder)

**Site Plan**

**Unit Date** 1972

**oversize** 3 (folder)

**Half-size National Visitor Prints**

**Unit Date** 1973

**oversize** 4 (folder)

**Noraloco Corp. Proposals 1-3**

**Unit Date** 1974

**oversize** 5 (folder)

**Building Location Plat**

**Unit Date** 1974

**oversize** 5 (folder)

**East-West Section thru Ramp Looking North**

**Unit Date** 1975

**oversize** 6 (folder)

**Post Office Bridge**

**Unit Date** 1975

**oversize** 6 (folder)

**Main Parking Level**

**Unit Date** 1975

**oversize** 6 (folder)

**Ground Level**

**Unit Date** 1975

**oversize** 6 (folder)

**Full-size National Visitor Center Prints**

**Unit Date** 1976

**oversize** 7 (folder)

**Full-size National Visitor Center Prints, 1970s**

**box** 3