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Abstract

The Susan Green collection consists of architectural drawings and photographs of designs Green created from 1976 to 2017, as well as architectural drawings Green kept for reference (1972-2013).

Extent

2.55 Cubic Feet 12 boxes: 11 Telescoping Boxes, 1 Flat Folder Box Analog drawings, CAD prints, diazotypes, photographs, prints, and scans.

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Biographical / Historical

(Ann) Susan Green was born in New Jersey on April 20, 1940, and raised in Long Island, NY. She spent the majority of her life living and working in New York state, and passed away on May 28, 2020, in her New York City apartment.

Green studied at the University of Michigan (1958), Barnard College (1959-), and the Yale School of Architecture (1964-1969), graduating with her B. Arch. in 1967, and her M. Arch. in 1969 [1].

Post-graduation, Green worked with and learned from her mentor Donald Cromley, who studied under Louis Kahn. Green and Cromley collaborated on Green's first project: her parents', Freeda and Bernard Green's, home, called 'La Costa' [2].

Green was described as having perfectionist tendencies in her work, a creative mind, a careful, serious, and dignified demeanor, and a compassionate soul. Her classmate described her in her obituary as having "a crisp sense of style, and an idiosyncratic personality which served her well in Architectural Studio courses."

Green ran her own practice in NYC for most of her career. She worked both for clients, as well as bought properties for design-build-bid projects. Green primarily designed residences in rural upstate New York that "combined a modern aesthetic with traditional vernacular farmhouse elements" [3], allowing her completed buildings to fit into their settings, and "project a visual calm."

Green was notably philanthropic in her lifetime, donating to various New York-based and architectural organizations. After her passing, the New York Community Trust established the Ann Susan Green Fund (2022) in her honor [4].

External sources:

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Scope and Content

The Susan Green collection consists of 25 projects: 14 of Green's own and collaborations, and 11 project drawings she collected and referred to. Document types include: analog drawings, CAD prints, diazotypes, photographs, prints, and scans. Most of the documents are construction documents for New York-based projects.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Project Records

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208153

Unit Date 1976-2017

Extent 444 Cubic Feet14 Projects

Green House, La Costa

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208154

Unit Date (Carlsbad, CA, 1976-1978)

oversize 1 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxScans of Analog Construction Documents, 26 Sheets.

Biographical / Historical

'La Costa' was Susan Green's first commissioned project, the home was that of her parents, Freeda and Bernard Green.

Bral Apartment

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208935

Unit Date (New York City, NY, 1979-1981)

oversize 2 (box)

Extent 0.11 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Telescoping BoxAnalog Design Development Drawings, small. 9 Sheets. Red Diazotype Drafts, 4 Sheets.

Eastern Newsstands at The Palace

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208936

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1980)

oversize 2 (box)

Extent 0.11 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Construction Documents, 15 Sheets

Eastern News at Trump Tower

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208937

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1982-1986)

oversize 3 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxAnalog Construction Documents, small and large, 24 Sheets.

3rd & 4th Floors, Renovation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208938

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1984-1999)

oversize 4 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxAnalog Construction Documents, 37 Sheets.

Putnam County Survey Documents

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/209026

Unit Date (Cold Spring/Nelsonville, Philipstown, NY, 1988-1997)

oversize 5 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxAnalog Construction Documents (Utility and Site), Printed Vellum Surveys, Photocopies, Regional Map (1982). 15 Sheets.

Schoolhouse Renovation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208939

Unit Date (Nelsonville, NY, 1990-1992)

oversize 6 (box)

Extent 0.11 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Telescoping BoxAnalog Construction Documents, 15 Sheets.

Jaycox Road House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208940

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 1996-1998)

oversize 6 (box)

box-folder 12

Extent 0.11 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Telescoping BoxAnalog Drafts and Drawings, 38 Sheets. Scans, 5 Sheets. Photographs, 1.

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Flat Folder BoxPhotographs, 8.

Scheiner House Addition

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208941

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 1998-1999)

oversize 7 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxAnalog Drafts and Drawings, 29 Sheets.

Fludzinski, House for Nina Collins & Mark

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208942

Unit Date (Garrison, NY, 1999-2000)

oversize 8 (box)

Extent 0.22 Cubic FeetTelescoping BoxAnalog Drawings and Drafts, 28 Sheets. Printed Scans, 4 Sheets.

Snake/Daffodil Hill House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208943

Unit Date (Garrison, NY, 2000-2001)

oversize 9 (box)

Extent 0.07 Cubic Feet1/3 Shared Telescoping BoxAnalog Drafts and Design Development Drawings, 28 Sheets

Highland Ridge Road House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208944

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 2004-2005)

oversize 9 (box)

Extent 0.07 Cubic Feet1/3 Shared Telescoping BoxAnalog Construction Documents, 7 sheets.

Douglas Lane House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208945

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 2017)

oversize 9 (box)

Extent 0.07 Cubic Feet1/3 Shared Telescoping BoxCAD Prints, 4 Sheets

Angel's Hill Rd House (unknown context)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/209025

box-folder 12

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/2 Shared Flat Folder Box45 Printed Photos. 3 Photographs (unknown relation to project). CAD Prints, 3 Sheets.

Reference, 1972-2013

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208155

Extent 444 Cubic Feet11 Projects

Scope and Contents

These projects were not necessarily works of Susan Green, but documents she referenced for her own works.

[Cromley], Martheleur Apartment

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208946

Unit Date (unknown location, 1972-1974)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Drafts, 3 Sheets

[Cromley], Dillenberg Loft

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208947

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1974-1975)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxRed Diazotype Drafts, 3 Sheets

[Cecil], Siwek, House for Mr. & Mrs. Manuel

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208948

Unit Date (Chilmark, MA, 1974-1975)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Drafts, 4 Sheets

[Cecil], Rapaport House

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208949

Unit Date (Rye, NY, 1975-1976)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxSmall Printed Scans (Low Quality), 34 Sheets

[Cecil], Demetriades, House for Mr. Chris, (Scarsdale, NY)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208950

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxFull and Partial Scans (Low Quality), 3 Sheets

[Cromley], Beauty Salon

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208951

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1979)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Draft, 1 Sheet

[Bolt], Ratoff/Tracy Residence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208952

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 1984)

oversize 10 (box)

Extent 0.03 Cubic Feet1/7 Shared Telescoping BoxPrinted Scans (Low Quality), 8 Sheets

[Nevins], Chiat Day Offices /Roof Terrace

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208953

Unit Date (unknown location, 1986)

oversize 11 (box)

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/4 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Drafts, 3 Sheets

[Trace], Pearlman Residence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208954

Unit Date (Putnam Valley, NY, 1997)

oversize 11 (box)

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/4 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Drafts, 15 Sheets

[Berg and Forster], Rems, Residence Alteration Specifications for Sarah Lutz & John Van

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208955

Unit Date (Manhattan, NY, 1997)

oversize 11 (box)

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/4 Shared Telescoping BoxDiazotype Drafts, 3 Sheets

[Mora], Mora Residence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/208956

Unit Date (Cold Spring, NY, 2013)

oversize 11 (box)

Extent 0.06 Cubic Feet1/4 Shared Telescoping BoxPrinted CAD Drawings, 11 Sheets