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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami School of Architecture

Title: Robert Fitch Smith Papers

ID: ARC6400

Date: 1894-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: Folders

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Robert Fitch Smith was born in Fremont, Ohio, July 1, 1894. He attended Columbia University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, The University of Michigan, and the University of Miami, where he obtained his BA degree in 1931 and where he began his architectural practice shortly thereafter. He is credited with the design of civic and residential architecture, churches, schools, industrial and recreational projects. His civic engagement roster includes charter member of the Miami City Planning Board; Director of Coordinating & Planning Committee of Dade County; Chairman of Regional Planning Board of Dade County; Chair of the Miami Fine Arts Commission; Board member of the Inter-American Cultural Trade Center (Interama); member of the American Institute of Architects; member of the Beaux-Arts Institute of New York, He was the Vice-Chairman of the Urban Planning Committee of the America Institute of Architects for the Sourthern area, and a member of the Architectural League of New York. He died in Miami on June 16, 1964 at the age of 69.

Custodial history

The Robert Fitch Smith Collections were in the posession of his son, Donald Smtih of Coral Gables, Florida, who donated it to the School of Architecture.

Scope and content

Drawings, watercolors, sketchbooks, photographs, personal papers, scrapbooks

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Donald Smith, Son of Robert F. Smith

Arrangement

The Robert Fitch Smith papers are arranged in boxes, folders, and flat files. Content was kept in original folders whenever possible and named accordingly. Scrapbooks were kept intact as were the majority of Mr. Smith's sketchbooks. Some folder contents such as individual letters, photographs, and clippings have been housed in protective sheets.

Restrictions on access

Library Use Only

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:1444

Access points

- Architectural drawings (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Scrapbooks (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id355288	File - Personal Papers			1
id355289	File - R.F.S. Memorabilia 8			1 1
id355308	Item - Certified Copy of Birth Record			1 1
id355309	Item - Marriage Licence for Robert Fitch Smith and Miss Charlotte Elinor Olley	1917		1 1
id355310	Item - Enlistment Record for Robert F. Smith	May 25, 1918		1 1
id355311	Item - Honorable Discharge from the United States Army	December 11, 1918		1 1

id355312	Item - Teacher's Special Certificate form the State of Florida	October 7, 1920	1 1
id355313	Item - Teacher's Contract between Robert F. Smith and the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Dade, State of Florida	October 16, 1920	1 1
id355314	Item - Letter of thanks from the members of the Hi-Y Club of Miami High School to Robert Fitch Smith	May 25, 1923	1 1
id355315	Item - Letter from the Bruce Publishing Company acknowledging his submittal of paper about his course in Architectural Design	June 12, 1924	1 1
id355316	Item - Letter from Industrial Arts Magazine, The Bruce Publishing Company acknowledging the publication of his article in one of their issues.	June 23, 1924	1 1
id355317	Item - Letter from the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Dade requesting copies of his article on the work of his students at Miami High School.		1 1
id355318	Item - Transcript of Record from Columbia University	April 29, 1930	1 1
id355319	Item - Letter of Appointment to teach in the Industrial Art Department of Miami High School for 9 months	July 7, 1926	1 1
id355320	Item - Letter from The Industrial Arts Magazine, The Bruce Publishing Company in receipt of his article, "Architecture for High-School Students."	September 10, 1927	1 1
id355321	Item - Letter from The Industrial Arts Magazine, The Bruce Publishing Company acknowledging receipt of student drawings.	September 14, 1927	1 1
id355322	Item - Letter from the Director of Manual Arts at the Pasadena City Schools, Pasadena California regarding the article on Architecture for High School Students	January 9, 1928	1 1
id355323	Item - Letter of thanks from the parents of one of his students	May 9, 1928	1 1
id355324	Item - Teacher's Contract between Robert F. Smith and the Bord of Public Instruction, County of Dade, Miami, Florida	July 16, 1928	1 1
id355325	Item - Letter from the Registrar from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor School of Dentistry	January 22, 1929	1 1
id355326	Item - Letter of Reference from Principal W.R. Thomas of Miami High School to Dean Henry S. West, University of Miami on behalf of Robert F. Smith	April 24, 1930	1 1
id355327	Item - Official Transcripts from Carnegie Institute of Technology for one semester	April 29, 1930	1 1

	of attendance in July 1923 in the Department of Architecture.		
id355328	Item - Letter from the Registrar, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.	May 12, 1930	1 1
id355329	Item - Letter from I.T. Pearson, Superintendent of Teachers, The Board of Public Instruction for the County of Dade requesting an interview for reassignment of his original position at Miami High School.	May 27, 1930	1 1
id355330	Item - Report Cards from University of Miami	1929-1930	1 1
id355331	Item - Award letter from Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. of Pittsburgh for a bathroom design	December 17, 1930	1 1
id355332	Item - Letter of thanks from Virginia Gannon, on behalf of Civics class at Robert E. Lee High School	1938	1 1
id355333	Item - Letter from William Henry Watters, M.D.F.A.C.P. to Sun Life Insurance Co. diagnosing RFS's duodenal ulcer.	1939	1 1
id355334	Item - Letter from John B. Gallagher Company, Inc.	October 15, 1941	1 1
id355335	Item - Letter of recommendation from Frank Stearns, Executive Secretary of the City Planning Board of City of Miami, Florida to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation recommending Robert F. Smith for government projects.	April 30, 1942	1 1
id355336	Item - Letter of recommendation from N.P. Lowrey, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Dade County, Florida to Chief of Bureau of Navigation.	May 1, 1942	1 1
id355337	Item - Letter of reference from E.D. Smith, Plant Engineer, National Cash Register Company	October 17, 1941	1 1
id355338	Item - Application and Personal History Statement, War Department	May 25, 1942	1 1
id355339	Item - Letter from Spessard L. Holland, Governor, State of Florida accepting RFS' resignation from the Technical and Professional Advisory Committee of the State Defense Council.	June 25, 1942	1 1
id355340	Item - Letter from Leland B. Featherstone, Judge Civil Court of Records to Ben Schneider, Real Estate Editor of the Miami News commenting on article that mentioned Robert Fitch Smith, Coconut Grove Architect.	January 28, 1964	1 1
id355346	Item - Letter from Mrs. George B. Smith		1 1
id355348	Item - Letter from R.F.S. to his family while attending Western State Normal School in Kalamzoo, Michigan.	November 29, 1916	1 1

id355349	Item - Teacher's Elementary School Certificate, Board of School Examiners of the City of Fremont, Ohio.	September 1917	1 1
id355350	Item - Certificate of High School Record, High School of Fremont, Ohio	June 6, 1913	1 1
id355290	File - Biography of Mr. Smith 1960		1 2
id355341	Item - Resume: Robert Fitch Smith, Architect, F.A.I.A.	c 1958	1 2
id355342	Item - Letter to George S. Koyl, Editor, American Architect's Directory	August 15, 1961	1 2
id355343	Item - Commercial Buildings Designed by Robert Fitch Smith A.I.A.		1 2
id355344	Item - Newsletter of Coral Harbour Club, New Providence Island, Nassau, Bahamas		1 2
id355345	Item - Miscellaneous letters		1 2
id355291	File - 3201 Kirk Street 3		1 3
id355292	File - R.F.S. 2	c 1958	1 4
id355293	File - R.F.S. 1	1930s-1964	1 5
id355294	File - "R.F.S.," Arch. Scholarship Programs	1977	1 6
id355295	File - R.F.S. photos + First OfficeR.F.S. photos 4		1 7
id355296	File - RFS The "ISIS" Limes from Key Largo 6		1 8
id355297	File - Christmas Scrapbook		1 9
id355298	File - Miscellaneous family photographs		1 10
id355347	File - Miscellaneous newspaper clippings	1917-1969	1 11
id355299	File - Residential Projects		2
id355300	File - Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Baker residence, Coral Gables, FL		2 1
id355301	File - Mr. & Mrs. George La Flesh residence, Miami, FL	1941	2 2
id355302	File - Mr. & Mrs. Sam Blank residence, Miami Shores, FL		2 3
id355303	File - Col. & Mrs. Robert H. Montgomery residence	c 1931	2 4
id355304	File - E.F. Raynor residence, Hardee Road, Coral Gables, FL		2 5
id355305	File - Mrs. Aston Lowe residence	1938	2 6
id355306	File - Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Rippa residence, Pinetree Drive, Miami Beach, FL	c 1930s	2 7
id355307	File - Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Smith Residence, Coconut Grove, FL	1938	2 8
id373978	File - Hayes Thomas Residence, Sunset Rd., South Miami, Florida.	1936	2 9
id373979	File - J.F. Bauder residence, 1695 Tigertail Ave, Coconut Grove, FL		2 10