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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | National Anthropological Archives |
| Title: | Marian Wenzel papers concerning Nubian architecture |
| Date: | 1964 |
| Identifier: | NAA.1965.0406 |
| Creator: | Wenzel, Marian |
| Extent: | 1 Linear foot |
| Language: | Collection is in English and Arabic. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Marian Wenzel in 1964. Original materials were returned to Wenzel to be deposited at the University of Khartoum in 1965.

Related Materials

The Pitt Rivers Museum holds Wenzel's original notebooks in the Papers of Marian Barbara Wenzel.

Processing Information

Collection title changed from "Marian W. Cavendish papers."

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

The Marian Wenzel papers concerning Nubian architecture are open for research.

Access to the Marian Wenzel papers concerning Nubian architecture requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Marian Barbara Wenzel was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1932. She earned a BA in Philosophy from Columbia University in 1957 and a PhD from the Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London, in 1966. Wenzel is best known for her work studying the art and architecture of medieval Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the early 1960s, she was commissioned by the University of Khartoum to conduct a salvage archeological study of doorways and other decorative elements of Nubian houses in the Wadi Halfa District of the Sudan. In 1972, she published *House Decoration in Nubia* based on this research. Wenzel died in 2002.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of photocopies of Wenzel's notes on Sudanese architecture and 35mm slides. The material was produced on a salvage archeological study of doorways and other decorative elements of Nubian houses in the Wadi Halfa District of the Sudan that was scheduled to be flooded by the Aswan High Dam. The work was carried out on expeditions sponsored by the Sudan Unit, University of Khartoum.

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Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Archaeology
- Architecture

Places:

- Nubia
- Sudan

Container Listing

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| Box 1, Folder 1-3 | Book 1: East Bank, Houses 1-177, 1964 |
| Box 1, Folder 4-5 | Book 2: Houses, 178-369, 1964 |
| Box 1, Folder 6-8 | Book 3: Houses, 1-152, 1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 1-3 | Book 4: Houses, 152-293, 1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 4-6 | Book 5: Houses, 294-450, 1964 |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Slides Notes: Contains 72 copy color 35mm slides of houses and architectural details and 31 color 35mm slides of images from the notebooks. |