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## Guide to the Donald M. Burmister Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Donald M. Burmister Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1068
<b>Date:</b>	1927-1974.
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Cubic feet (14 boxes)
<b>Creator:</b>	Burmister, Donald, 1895- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Ownership and Custodial History

Donated to the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History) by Donald Burmister.

### Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from Division of Work and Industry, 2007.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Burmister, engineer and university professor, taught civil engineering at Columbia University from 1928-1963, specializing in soil mechanics and foundation engineering. He also worked as a consulting engineer beginning in 1936.

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## Scope and Contents

Reports, studies, diagrams, and articles relating to consulting projects undertaken by Burmister concerning beach erosion, building and bridge foundations, airports, highways, docks, piers, bulkheads, and land development.

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## Arrangement

1 series. Arrangement: By project.

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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:

- Airports
- Beach erosion
- Civil engineering
- Civil engineers
- Docks
- Engineering
- Foundations
- Piers
- Roads
- Roads -- Design and construction
- Soil mechanics

Types of Materials:

- Articles
- Diagrams
- Reports

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering