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Guide to the Donald M. Burmister Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Donald M. Burmister Papers
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1068
Date:	1927-1974.
Extent:	3 Cubic feet (14 boxes)
Creator:	Burmister, Donald, 1895- Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.
Language:	English

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.

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.

Arrangement

1 series. Arrangement: By project.

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:

- Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Division of [former name], NMAH, SI.