



# Guide to the Physical Planning Department Records, 1946-1976.

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Physical Planning Department Records, 1946-1976

**Creator:**

Duke University. Physical Planning Department

**Abstract:**

The Physical Planning Department was responsible for arranging the construction and renovation of buildings and spaces on the Duke University campus. The collection primarily contains contracts, insurance bonds, and some related correspondence between Duke officials and construction companies and architects who built or renovated campus buildings. One general file consists of status reports on multiple campus building projects in the 1970s, and an estimate and plans for a proposed East Campus Recreation Center written by James A. Ward, University Architect and Director of Physical Planning.

**Extent:**

2 Linear Feet

**Language:**

Materials are in English.

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The collection includes files on construction and renovation projects overseen by the Physical Planning Department. One general file contains a 1974 proposal

for an East Campus Center for Physical Education and Recreation, written by James A. Ward, University Architect and Director of Physical Planning; as well as three work status reports on multiple campus building projects in 1975-1976. Another file includes a list of completed contracts that were removed from the Physical Planning Department vault in 1974. The remaining files contain contracts, insurance bonds, and some related correspondence between Duke University and construction companies or architects who worked on building and renovation projects around campus. Projects included the installation of a pneumatic tube system in Duke University Medical Center's Clinical Research Building, and the "Phytotron," an experimental plant growth chamber near the Biology building.

## **Biographical/Historical**

The Physical Planning Department was responsible for arranging the construction and renovation of buildings, parking lots, and other spaces on the Duke University campus. In the 1960s and 1970s, it was headed by James A. Ward, Director of Physical Planning and University Architect, who was based in the Allen Building. The contracts in this collection bear the signatures of many Duke officials, including John M. Dozier, Business Manager; and G.C. Henricksen, Assistant Treasurer. Some of the contractors used by Duke include George W. Kane, William Muirhead, and Rea Construction Company.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

## Use Restrictions

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## Acquisition Information

The Physical Planning Department Records were received by the Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, as a transfer in 1974 and 1977.

## Processing Information

Processed by: University Archives Staff

Finding aid derived from MARC record, November 2014.

Re-processed by Erin Ryan. New finding aid created November 2016.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

[Building Reference Collection](#), Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

[News Service Subject Files \(Box 47 and 69\)](#), Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

[Operations and Maintenance Department Records](#), Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

[Horace Trumbauer Architectural Drawings](#), Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

[Facilities Management Department Records](#), Duke University Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University.

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- Duke University -- West Campus
- Duke University -- East Campus
- Duke University. Medical Center -- Buildings
- Duke University. Marine Laboratory

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