

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE, KANSAS

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM: Records

Building and Grounds Files, 1959-1985

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the files from the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum director's office relating to the planning, building and furnishing of the Presidential Library; the construction of an addition to the Presidential Museum; the construction of the Place of Meditation; the construction of the Visitor's Center; and the construction of the service building. Because the office of the Kansas State Archivist was also directly involved in the construction of some buildings on the campus state records were transferred to the Eisenhower Presidential Library director's office at various times and are included in this series. There are also files relating to landscaping, Eisenhower's boyhood home, and the erection of a statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The collection is arranged into nine subseries by campus location. Each subseries is arranged alphabetically by subject. Oversized materials withdrawn from folders have been relocated to flat file drawers or rolled onto tubes. Researchers should refer to the withdrawal sheets in each folder for information on the specific location of large materials removed from that file.

SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Subseries I: Campus-Wide Projects, 1963-1981

Box 1

This subseries contains documentation for projects that involved multiple buildings across the campus. Documents include correspondence with the City of Abilene, the Kansas State Highway Department. Information on electricity and lighting; energy conservation; fire, health and safety surveys; heating and air conditioning; installation of wheelchair lifts; transfer of property title; and site improvement projects.

Subseries II: Boyhood Home, 1966-1982

Box 1

This subseries contains correspondence, memoranda and reports relating to the history of Eisenhower's boyhood home, including background information, historic structure report, repairs and upkeep, decorating, and selection of wallpaper.

Subseries III: Eisenhower Statue, 1983-1985

Box 1

This subseries relates to the placement of a statue of General Dwight D. Eisenhower by Robert Dean on the grounds of the Eisenhower Library and Museum. The statue is a duplicate of the one created by Dean for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. There is correspondence regarding securing the statue for Abilene, as well as documentation of the inscriptions for the base, placement of the statue on the grounds, and the program for dedication of the statue in 1985.

Subseries IV: Grounds and Landscaping, 1961-1981

Boxes 2

This subseries includes correspondence, memoranda, contract specifications, artists' renderings and other documents relating to the grounds. Subjects include landscaping, lighting, sidewalks, signage, drives and a general overview of the center grounds. There is also a file on an archeological survey conducted on site in

Subseries V: Library Building, 1959-1981

Boxes 3-8

This subseries includes correspondence, memoranda, contract specifications, artists' renderings, technical drawings, and other documents relating to the construction and remodeling of the Library building. There are individual files for various aspects of the projects, but the researchers

should also consult the correspondence and memoranda files for additional relevant materials. For instance, there are folders regarding the selection of paint color and the installation of shelving, but also chronological correspondence on those topics.

Subseries VI: Museum Building, 1969-1980

Box 9

Documents in this subseries relate primarily to the expansion of the existing Museum building. Maintenance and upkeep records document roof leaks, lighting, restoration of the lobby murals and other similar projects. There are also files relating to the installation a fire protection system in the storage area. Documents include correspondence, memoranda, feasibility studies, architectural drawings, minutes of meetings, and other related material.

Subseries VII: Place of Meditation, 1964-1973

Box 9

This subseries consists of correspondence and memoranda regarding the construction, use, maintenance, and upkeep of the place of meditation. No construction contracts or architects drawings

Subseries VIII: Service Building, 1959-1980

Box 10

This subseries contains materials relating to the planning, construction, and maintenance of the service building. Documents in the subseries include for bid specifications, correspondence, memoranda, architectural drawings, and other related documents.

Subseries IX: Visitor's Center, 1969-1979

Box 10

This subseries relates to the planning, construction, and maintenance of the Visitor's Center and contains information on the demolition of the old Lincoln School building. The correspondence files also contain information about the mechanical building on the east side of the Museum that was constructed at the same time as the Visitor's Center. Documents in the subseries include for bid specifications, correspondence, memoranda, architectural drawings, meeting minutes, construction progress reports, and other related documents.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>
1	Subseries I: Campus-Wide Projects
	City of Abilene
	Correspondence and Memoranda
	Electricity and Electric Lighting
	Energy Conservation [includes installation of solar water heating]
	Gage-Babcock & Associates Accident, Fire, and Physical Protection Survey [1969]
	General Services Administration
	Heating and Air Conditioning
	Kansas State Highway Department
	Painting and Masonry Cleaning and Repair
	Plat Map of Dickinson County, Kansas
	Porch Wheelchair Lifts
	Safety and Health Survey
	Site Improvement Projects
	Transfer of Title to Land
	Subseries II: Boyhood Home
	Background Information
	Historic Structure Report
	Repairs and Upkeep
	Wallpaper and Decorating
	Subseries III: Eisenhower Statue
	Agreements, Contracts and Memorandum of Understanding (1)-(2)
	Correspondence and Memoranda Regarding Statue (1)-(2)

Inscriptions [includes report “Origins of the Insignia of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces Europe (SHAPE)”]

Plans for Statue and Base (1)-(2) [including background on statues for other Presidents]

2 **Subseries IV: Grounds and Landscaping**

Artist Renderings

Blue Prints – Landscaping, Construction of Walks and Drives

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Contracts and Change Orders

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1961

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1962 (1)-(2)

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1963

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1964-1967

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1968

Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping: Correspondence, 1969-1981

Eisenhower Archeological Project

Extension of Street Lighting on Fourth Street

Property Abstracts

Specifications for Construction of Drives, Parking, Sidewalks and Landscaping

3 **Subseries V: Library Building**

Specifications for Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, with Addenda, 4 November 1959, by John E. Brink, Kansas State Architect

4 Book Stacks

Building Maintenance and Protection, 1962-1967

Building Organization for Self Protection: A GSA Handbook

Building Statistics

Color Schedule for Library Building [includes service building information]

Conference Room and Auditorium

Contracts and Vouchers, 1959

Contracts and Vouchers, 1960 (1)-(2)

Contracts and Vouchers, 1961

Contracts and Vouchers, 1962-1963

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1959 (1)-(2)

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1960 (1)-(5)

5 Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1961 (1)-(2)

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1962 (1)-(2)

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1963

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1964-1968

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1969-1970

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1971-1972

Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1973-1981

Courtyard and Courtyard Dome Construction

Custom Lighting Fixtures

Display Cases

Drawings [external views and floor plans, see also Box 7]

Eisenhower Library Electrical

Entrance Doors and Replacement Stairway

Furnishing and Decorating (1)-(2)

Furniture and Equipment (1)-(2) [see also Box 7]

Installation of Equipment

6 Library Shelving (1)-(2)

Library Shelving – Catwalk Installation

Library Signs

Railings and Ornamental Grillwork [see also tube listed after Box 10]

Remodeling, Rooms 112 and 208 (1)-(2)

Sewer Main Relocation

Snow Melting and Entrance Repairs

Speaker's Platform

7 Exterior Architectural Drawings

Interior Architectural Drawings

Architectural Drawings Mounted on Board

8 Furnishings

Interior Railings

Library Shelving

Preservation Room

9 **Subseries VI: Museum Building**

Correspondence and Memoranda: Museum, 1969-1970

Correspondence and Memoranda: Museum, 1971

Correspondence and Memoranda: Museum, 1972-1980

Installation of Sprinkler System (1)-(2)

Museum Expansion

Museum Maintenance and Upkeep

Subseries VII: Place of Meditation

Correspondence and Memoranda: Chapel

10 **Subseries VIII: Service Building**

Bid Specifications for Service Building (1)-(2)

Correspondence and Memoranda: Service Building, 1959

Correspondence and Memoranda: Service Building, 1960 (1)-(3)

Correspondence and Memoranda: Service Building, 1961-1980

Service Building, Electrical

Service Building, Plumbing and Heating

Subseries IX: Visitor's Center

Lincoln School Demolition Plans

Visitor's Center Construction Progress Reports

Visitor's Center Correspondence and Memoranda, 1969-1972

Visitor's Center Correspondence and Memoranda, 1973 (1)-(2)

Visitor's Center Correspondence and Memoranda, 1974

Visitor's Center Correspondence and Memoranda, 1975

Visitor's Center Correspondence and Memoranda, 1976-1979

Tube 1 Large drawings removed from Railings and Ornamental Grillwork, Box 6

Tube 2 Large drawings removed from Correspondence and Memoranda: Library, 1959 (1), Box 4