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Collection Overview

Repository Kellen Design Archives
Creator Olliver, Jeanette
Title Jeanette Olliver student work
Date [inclusive] 1941-1943
Extent 0.3 linear ft: 8 folders
Abstract The collection consists of Jeanette Olliver's student work in the form of lecture notes, detail sketches and course materials, representing her work in the Parsons Interior Architecture and Decoration Department in the early 1940s.

Preferred Citation note
Biographical note

Jeanette Olliver attended classes in the Interior Architecture and Decoration Department of Parsons School of Design (now, Parsons The New School for Design) between 1941 and 1943.

Scope and Contents of Collection

This collection consists of Jeanette Olliver's student work. Originally housed in a notebook, the materials span the years 1941 to 1943, and contain lecture notes, notes from field trips, and research. Lecture note topics include the interior decorating profession; architectural and interior decoration terminology and concerns; use of color, fabrics, and furniture; and the historical development of furniture styles. On her own or as a member of a class group, Olliver visited prominent museums, mansions, showrooms, and landmark buildings throughout New York City. Her notebook includes reports she made about architectural and furniture styles encountered, as well as the decorating principles they exemplify. The bulk of the collection consists of Olliver's student research material in the form of notes, clippings, and drawings. Of particular note are sketches and renderings by Olliver of architectural features, furniture details, window coverings, and doors.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

Will Edmiston in 2010; Initial processing completed by Anne Kumer in 2005.

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Conditions Governing Access note
Collection is open for research use. Please contact archivist@newschool.edu for appointment.

Use Restrictions
To publish images of material from this collection, permission must be obtained in writing from the New School Archives. Please contact: archivist@newschool.edu.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note
Donated by Mrs. Richard D. Anderson (Jeanette Olliver), 2002.

External Support
The processing of this collection was supported in part by a grant from the J. Paul Getty Trust.

Related Materials
Researchers may wish to consult the New School Archive’s additional holdings of student work from the Interior Design Department to gain perspective on interior design education in Parsons School of Design academic departments, programs and schools collection (pre-2009 accessions) (PC.02.01.01) and Parsons School of Design academic departments, programs and schools (PC.02.01.02).

Keywords for Searching Related Subjects

Corporate Name(s)
- Parsons School of Design. Interior Design Department.

Genre(s)
- Lecture notes.
- Notebooks.
- Student projects.
- Tracings (drawings).

Subject(s)
- Interior decoration -- Study and teaching -- New York (State) -- New York -- 20th century.

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