

Margery Phillips papers, 1939-1966

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Phillips, Margery, 1916-2014
Title	Margery Phillips papers
Dates	1939-1966 (inclusive) 1939 1966
Quantity	1.15 cubic feet (3 boxes)
Collection Number	6149 (Accession No. 6149-001)
Summary	Writings, correspondence, drawings, photographs, and other professional files of architecture and interior design journalist Margery Phillips of Seattle, Washington
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	No restrictions on access.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Margery Phillips was a prominent writer and editor of interior design, architecture, and fashion columns in the *Seattle Times*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, and several national and regional magazines throughout the 1960s. Phillips was born on July 31, 1916 in Seattle and, in early childhood, survived a near-fatal case of typhoid fever. She attended the University of Washington and was active in the Alpha Phi sorority, later being dubbed the "Mother of Alpha Phi Expansion." In 1938, Phillips married her architect husband, John Otis Phillips. During World War II, she drove a Motor Corps transporting blood to hospitals.

During her 35 year career she was Home Fashion Editor for the *Seattle Times* and Northwest Editor for many national magazines. Writing several weekly articles, she was highly influential in popularizing quality Pacific Northwest residential design. During her 25 year career with the *Seattle Times*, she was consistently recognized as the most popular feature writer among women readers.

In addition to her journalistic achievements, Phillips was involved in many local organizations. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, she was Director and Organizer of The Fashion Group, Seattle Chapter. She served as Press Associate for the American Institute of Interior Designers and for the National Society of Interior Designers from 1956 to 1976. She also served on many Boards including the Children's Orthopedic Junior Board, the University of Washington Alumnae Board, and the Northwest Ornamental Horticultural Board. She served as Chair of the Special Events Committee of the

Washington Athletic Club Advisory Board and was elected as its Chairman in 1971. She achieved all this and more as a mother to three children.

Margery Phillips died on May 4, 2014.

Content Description

Professional files of Margery Elise Robinson Phillips including correspondence, writings, biographical features, drawings, photographs, ephemera, and subject files on professional organizations, architects, and architecture and design. The collection also includes records relating to Phillips's involvement with The Fashion Group.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Creator's copyrights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Sarah Phillips and Larry Phillips, 2016-07-18

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Subject Series - Architect/Designer (Home)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Gene Zema (William Holm Residence)	1959
1/2	A.O Bumgardner (Bruce Burton Residence)	1959-1960
1/3	Bystrom and Greco (Robert Zech Residence)	1959-1962
1/4	Bystrom and Greco (Frank Verginia Residence)	undated
1/5	Robert McCallie (Bob Johnston Residence)	1960

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6	Robert George Reichert (Mario Torre Residence)	1961
1/7	Glen Brewer (Robert R. Blancher Residence)	1962
1/8	Ibsen Nelsen and Russell Sabin (John K. Albright Residence)	1962
1/9	Pagerson (Oseran Residence)	1962
1/10	Jane Hastings (Jane Hastings Residence)	1963
1/11	Herbert Haguewood (Herbert Haguewood Residence)	1963
1/12	Barden Erickson (Wilbur Lowes Residence)	1963
1/13	Anton Mueller (Russell Ross Residence)	1963
1/14	Anton Mueller (Anton Mueller Residence)	1963
1/15	Hawley Dudley (Newton Paul Moats Residence)	1964
1/16	Armored Kamins (Laverne Fortin Residence)	1966
1/17	Roger Richert (Robert Richert Residence)	undated
1/18	Marshall Perrow (Lorne McKendry Residence)	undated
1/19	James Halverson (Will Chausse Residence)	undated
1/20	Ralph Anderson (Frank Granat Residence)	undated
1/21	Charles Schiff (Anna Berg Residence)	undated
1/22	Bob Ross And Harry Nordquist (Clyde MacDonald Residence)	undated
1/23	John Bryant (Ed Watson Residence)	undated
1/24	Lawrence and Hagen (Hugh Doney Residence)	undated
1/25	John Ridley (Fred Stockfleth Residence)	undated
1/26	John Ridley (Howard Kroehl Residence)	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/27	Blaine McCool (Robert Blancher Residence)	undated
1/28	Kenneth Keeler (Robert B. Hildebrand Residence)	undated
1/29	David Cahill (Frederick H. Maguire Residence)	undated
1/30	Ridenour and Cochran (Floyd Olson Residence)	undated
1/31	John Morse and Associates (W. W. Sutherland Residence)	undated
1/32	Ed Cushman (Bergman Residence)	undated
1/33	Milton Stricker (A.H. Phillips Residence)	undated
1/34	Kinsey Vacation Home	undated
1/35	Robert Hugh Ross (General Architectural Work)	1959
1/36	Paul Siegel (General Architectural Work)	undated

Series 2: Subject Series

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/1	American Institute of Architects, Inc. (AIA)	1953-1963
2/2	American Institute of Interior Designers (AID)	1963
2/3	American Institute of Interior Designers (AID)	1963
2/4	Decoration Design Show	1963
2/5	Home of the Month	1960-1964
2/6	European and Far East Tours	1963
2/7	John Clements Press Releases	1940
2/8	Real Estate	undated

Series 3: Writings

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/9	Drafts	1963
2/10	Art Museum Speech	undated

Series 4: Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/11	Larry Anderson	1962-1963
2/12	Katarina Backgren (Svensk-Form Design Centre)	1963
2/13	Leed Carmean	undated
2/14	<i>Ladies Home Journal</i>	1962-1963
2/15	Magna Design Inc.	1968
2/16	Harry Martin (New Homes Guide)	1962-1963
2/17	Yoshiko Mishima (The Japan Architect)	1961
2/18	<i>Seattle Times</i>	1960-1962
2/19	John Lewis Stage (Holiday)	1963
2/20	R.W. Young	1941-1948
2/21	Miscellaneous	1942-1963

Series 5: Biographical Features

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/1	Biographic Features	2014, undated
3/2	<i>Publicizing Modern Homes</i> by David A. Rash	undated
3/3	Drawings and designs by Margery Phillips	1939

Series 6: The Fashion Group

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
3/4	By-Laws	1959
3/5	Manual	undated
3/6	Membership Roster	1960-1962
3/7	Correspondence	1959-1962
3/8	Meeting Minutes	1959-1961
3/9	"Fashions in Silk" (Japanese Show)	1959
3/10	"Fashions Britannica" (British Show)	1960
3/11	"Career Course"	1960
3/12	"Fashions in Design" (Annual Show)	1959-1960
3/13	Newsletters and bulletins	1960-1962
3/14	Ephemera	1960-1961
3/15	Photographs and images	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Margery Phillips papers, 1939-1966
<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv95919>

Architects--Washington (State)--Seattle
Architecture--Washington (State)--Seattle
Dwellings--Washington (State)--Seattle
Fashion--Washington (State)--Seattle

Personal Names :

Phillips, Margery, 1916-2014--Archives

Corporate Names :

Fashion Group (Seattle, Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Ephemera

Personal correspondence

Photographs

Records (Documents)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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