

# **Nathaniel Alexander Owings Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Nathaniel Alexander Owings Papers

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**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1960-1980)

**ID No.:** MSS75863

**Creator:** Owings, Nathaniel Alexander, 1903-

**Extent:** 28,300 items ; 64 containers plus 12 oversize ; 29.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Architect and engineer. Correspondence, journals, memoranda, minutes and reports, drafts of speeches and writings, legal and financial papers, subject file, biographical material, poetry, notes, appointment calendars, charts, graphs, diagrams, clippings, printed matter, photographs, scrapbooks, and other material chiefly dating from 1960 to 1980, documenting Owings's career as a founding partner of the architectural firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, as chairman of public commissions responsible for the redesign of Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., as a member of various commissions relating to conservation, preservation, and redevelopment in California, and as an author of works on architecture and city planning.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Adams, Ansel, 1902-1984--Correspondence.  
Bechtel, Stephen Davison, 1925- --Correspondence.  
Brown, Jerry, 1938- --Correspondence.  
Eckardt, Wolf von, 1918- --Correspondence.  
Goldberg, Arthur J.--Correspondence.  
Johnson, Lady Bird, 1912-2007--Correspondence.  
Moses, Robert, 1888-1981--Correspondence.  
Moynihan, Daniel P. (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003--Correspondence.  
Owings, Nathaniel Alexander, 1903-  
Owings, Nathaniel Alexander, 1903- American aesthetic.  
Owings, Nathaniel Alexander, 1903- Spaces in between.  
Quesada, Elwood R. (Elwood Richard), 1904- --Correspondence.  
Rockefeller, David, 1915- --Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Nicholas, 1893-1982--Correspondence.  
Stegner, Wallace, 1909-1993--Correspondence.  
Udall, Stewart L.--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Institute of Architects.  
California. Advisory Committee on a Master Plan for Scenic Highways.  
Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation.  
President's Council on Pennsylvania Avenue (U.S.)  
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

### Subjects

Architectural firms.  
Architecture--Awards--United States.  
Architecture--United States.  
City planning--California.  
City planning--United States.  
City planning--Washington (D.C.)

Conservation of natural resources--California.  
Historic preservation--California.  
Hopi Indians.  
Kachina dolls.  
Monterey Peninsula (Calif.)  
Roadside improvement--California.  
Urban beautification--United States.

#### **Places**

Pennsylvania Avenue (Washington, D.C.)

#### **Occupations**

Architects.  
Engineers.

## **Administrative Information**

#### **Provenance**

The papers of Nathaniel Alexander Owings, architect and engineer, were given to the Library of Congress by Owings in 1977. Additions were given in 1980, 1983, and 1984.

#### **Processing History**

The Owings Papers were processed in 1994. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

#### **Transfers**

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Recorded tapes have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Photographic material has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Nathaniel Alexander Owings Papers.

#### **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Nathaniel A. Owings is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

#### **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Nathaniel Alexander Owings are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

#### **Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Nathaniel Alexander Owings Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Biographical Note**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1903, Feb. 5	Born, Indianapolis, Ind.
1921-1922	Student, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
1927	B.S., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

1931	Married Emily Otis (divorced 1953)
1936-1984	Founding partner, Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill
1948-1951	Chairman, Chicago Planning Commission, Chicago, Ill.
1954	Married Margaret Wentworth
1962-1964	Chairman, President's Advisory Council on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.
1964-1973	Chairman, President's Temporary Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.
1967-1970	Chairman, Control Urban Design Concept Team for Interstate Highway System, Baltimore, Md.
1969	Published <i>The American Aesthetic</i> (New York: Harper & Row. 198 pp.)
1970-1972	Chairman, Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments
1973	Published <i>The Spaces in Between: An Architect's Journey</i> (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 303 pp.)
1983	Awarded the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal
1984, June 13	Died, Santa Fe, N.Mex.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nathaniel Alexander Owings (1903-1984) span the years 1911 to 1983, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1960-1980. The papers pertain to Owings's business, public, and personal affairs, documenting his career as a founding partner of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (1936-1983); as chairman of several public commissions responsible for the redesign of Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.; as a member of various commissions relating to conservation, preservation, and redevelopment in California; and as an author whose articles and books reflect his concern with both the aesthetic and practical applications of architecture in contemporary life. The collection includes correspondence, memoranda, journals, drafts of speeches and writings, notes, charts, graphs, diagrams, drawings, poetry, clippings, photographs, printed matter, and other material. The collection is organized in seven series: [Correspondence](#), [Office File](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Miscellany](#), [Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Correspondence](#) series, 1939-1977, contains Owings's incoming and outgoing correspondence and appended material reflecting his interests as architect, businessman, conservationist, and civic-minded citizen. Although the series contains business papers pertaining to his role as a partner in the firm of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, the major portion consists of personal correspondence relating to his many other activities and interests. Correspondents include Ansel Adams, Stephen Davison Bechtel, Jerry Brown, Wolf von Eckardt, Arthur J. Goldberg, Lady Bird Johnson, Robert Moses, Daniel P. Moynihan, Elwood R. Quesada, David Rockefeller, Nicholas Roosevelt, Wallace Stegner, and Stewart L. Udall.

The [Office File](#), 1954-1969, consists mostly of correspondence and memoranda relating to business concerns in the offices of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill. The reading file consists of copies of Owings's outgoing letters and memoranda arranged chronologically. Records included in the corporate memoranda and general office files provide detailed documentation of the firm's internal operations. The former includes memoranda exchanged between secretaries and executives at the San Francisco home office with their counterparts in field offices, as well as memoranda circulated within the San Francisco office.

The [Subject File](#), 1934-1977, documents many facets of Owings's business and personal life. The file contains information relating to his work on various committees and commissions including the California Advisory Committee on a Master Plan for State Scenic Highways, the Monterey Coast Master Plan, and various organizations relating to the redevelopment

of Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. Owings was appointed chairman of the President's Advisory Council on Pennsylvania Avenue by John F. Kennedy and later occupied the same position of its successor organization, the President's Temporary Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue. These organizations were charged, through remodeling and development, to redefine the area of Pennsylvania Avenue that connects the White House with the Capitol and, by so doing, bring it more in accord with the design of the original city plan by Pierre Charles L'Enfant.

The [Speeches and Writings File](#), 1944-1977, reflects Owings's interest in numerous architectural and urban planning topics. The series contains early speeches and writings relating to specific architectural problems, later works concerning broader topics such as urban planning and architectural theory, and drafts, production materials, and correspondence relating to his two books *The American Aesthetic* (1969) and *The Spaces in Between: An Architect's Journey* (1973).

The [Miscellany](#), 1911-1976, series contains a wide variety of material, such as appointment calendars, bills and receipts, postcards, and scrapbooks. Scrapbooks contain correspondence, clippings, and photographs.

The [Addition](#) consists of correspondence received and sent, biographical material, speeches and writings, legal and financial papers, minutes and reports, photographs, printed matter, and other material. Correspondence in the Addition is chiefly personal and contains a large segment relating to Owings's winning the American Institute of Architects' Gold Medal in 1983. Other topics of interest include the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, including Owings's letter of resignation to President Ronald Reagan, and his extensive collection of kachina dolls made by Hopi Indians. A miscellany file contains a copy of Owings's speech at the American Institute of Architects Gold Medal dinner in 1983. Also of interest are writings and other material relating to the Hopi Indians and a draft of an article, "Back to Earth," by Daniel P. Moynihan.

## Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

- [Correspondence, 1939-1977](#)
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- [Addition, 1929-1983](#)
- [Oversize, 1936-1975](#)

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-6	<p><b><u>Correspondence, 1939-1977</u></b></p> <p>Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, telegrams, and miscellaneous items. The original reverse chronological filing order has been maintained.</p>
BOX 6-10	<p><b><u>Office File, 1954-1969</u></b></p> <p>Letters received, copies of letters sent, memoranda, telephone messages, telegrams, and miscellaneous items.</p> <p>Arranged in reverse chronological order.</p>
BOX 11-44	<p><b><u>Subject File, 1934-1977</u></b></p> <p>Letters received, copies of letters sent, printed matter, memoranda, financial and legal papers, telegrams, reports, architectural diagrams, and miscellaneous items.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>
BOX 44-56	<p><b><u>Speeches and Writings File, 1944-1977</u></b></p> <p>Drafts of speeches and writings, correspondence, printed copies, galley proofs, production material, research material, notes, and miscellaneous items relating to Owings's articles, books, lectures, and speeches.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material and chronologically thereunder.</p>
BOX 56-59	<p><b><u>Miscellany, 1911-1976</u></b></p> <p>Postcards, printed matter, awards and certificates, bills and receipts, cards and invitations, speeches and writings by authors other than Owings, appointment calendars, and architectural drawings and diagrams.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX 60-64	<p><b><u>Addition, 1929-1983</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence received and sent and miscellany including biographical material, speeches and writings, legal and financial papers, minutes and reports, photographs, printed matter, and clippings.</p> <p>Organized alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 12	<p><b><u>Oversize, 1936-1975</u></b></p> <p>Oversize material consisting of scrapbooks, awards and certificates, architectural charts and diagrams, photographic proof sheets and layouts for Owings's book <i>The American Aesthetic</i>, and a copy of a publication sponsored by the President's Temporary Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue, entitled <i>The Washington Mall Master Plan</i>.</p> <p>Organized and described according to the series, folders, and boxes from which the items were removed.</p>

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	American Institute of Architects
	California Council
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BOX 18	(1 folder) Redwoods Scenic highway corridors Senate bill no. 1467 Senate Fact Finding Committee Big Sur National Park proposal California Roadside Council, 1963-1970
BOX 19	California Tomorrow Articles of incorporation and bylaws Correspondence, 1962-1971 <i>Cry California</i> Miscellany Governor's Conference on Natural Beauty, 1966 Molera property National Redwood Park Urban development policy
BOX 20	Casanova, Aldo Celotex Corp. Century Association, New York, N.Y. Chicago Exposition, Chicago, Ill., 1933 Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill. Committee for a More Beautiful Capital Committee for Economic Development (2 folders) Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Currier, Stephen R. De Young exhibit, San Francisco, Calif. Farr, Fred S.
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BOX 31	Nepal New-York Historical Society, New York, N.Y. Open Space Advisory Committee General file Land program Opposition Operation Breakthrough, Indianapolis, Ind. Owings, Nathaniel Otis Correspondence, 1956-1968 (2 folders) Miscellany Partnership Meetings Committee Special, Luxor, Egypt, Jan. 1967
BOX 32	Miscellany Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corp. Appointment, 1973 <i>See Oversize</i> Correspondence, 1974-1977 Final Environmental Impact Statement (2 vols.) Miscellany
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BOX 39	Scrapbook <i>See Oversize</i> Smithsonian Institution sculpture garden Testimony before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee <i>The Washington Mall Master Plan</i> <i>See Oversize</i> Wolman building Perry, Charles Phelps, Lyon Planning and Conservation League Prestressed Concrete Institute convention, San Francisco, Calif., 6-11 Oct. 1963 Property Carmel Highlands, Calif. Leaning Wall ranch, N.Mex. Correspondence, 1961-1972 Foundation transfer
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## Speeches and Writings File, 1944-1977

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1944, 10 Dec., "Comments on Lighting Layout and Design," *Illuminating Engineering*

1945, May, "How Little Traverse Hospital Met Unique Expansion Problems," *Hospital Management*

1948

Jan., "A Radically New Conception of Tomorrow's Office Building," *National Real Estate and Building*

Journal

Mar., "Basic Considerations in Hospital Design," *Modern Hospital*

1962, Feb., "Two Looks at Preservation," *AIA Journal*

1966

May, "Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill: An Architectural Community," *Engineering News-Record*

Nov., *Sports Illustrated* article

1967

Apr., "Urban Transportation Planning Concepts," *Traffic Quarterly*

Fall, "Core Cities: Their Future," *Per/Se*

1969, Dec.

*AIA Journal* article

*Christian Science Monitor* article

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July/Aug., "Las Trampas: A Past Resurrected," *New Mexico*

#### BOX 45

Aug., "Mass Transit and the Cities," *Current History*

1971, "Man and His Environment," *Outlook*

1972, Spring, "The City: Go Slow, Go Slow ...," *Cry California*

1973, 1 Apr., "The Despair of Nat Owings," *California Living Magazine*

1974, 11 Mar., "Construction Management," *Daily Pacific Builder*

1977, "Emphasis," *Sunstone Review*

##### Books

*The American Aesthetic* (1969)

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	1959
	27 May, San Francisco Museum of Art, San Francisco, Calif.
	12 June, Chadwick School
	1960, 20 Oct., University Associates, Kansas City, Mo.
	1961, 14 Oct., National Trust for Historic Preservation, New York, N.Y.
	1962
	4 June, Jefferson City, Mo.
	13 June, National Association of Building Owners and Managers, San Francisco, Calif.
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	1 May, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, Concord, Calif.
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- 7 Apr., Senate Advisory Committee on a Master Plan for Scenic Highways, Washington, D.C.
- 25 Apr., California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, Calif.
- 24 July, Assembly Committee on Natural Resources Impact of Highways and Freeways on Park Values, Arcata, Calif.
- 1 Oct., Monterey Savings and Loan Association, Monterey, Calif.
- BOX 54** 13 Nov., Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y.
- 8 Dec., Governor's Conference on Good Design, Sacramento, Calif.
- 1965
- 12 Jan., San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association annual planning conference, San Francisco, Calif.
- 21 Jan., "Pennsylvania Avenue and the Future of the American City"
- 16 Feb., Wayfarers Club, Chicago, Ill.
- 8-10 Dec., Action Council for Better Cities, Washington, D.C.
- 21 Dec., Commercial Club, Chicago, Ill.
- 1966
- 21 Mar., Rock, Sand, and Gravel Producers Association, San Francisco, Calif.
- 30 Mar., Mayor's Conference on Urban Design, Kansas City, Mo.
- 25 Apr., Religious Architecture Conference, San Francisco, Calif.
- 21 Sept., Scenic Highway dedication at Bixby Bridge, Big Sur, Calif.
- 7 Oct., Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 14 Nov., 62nd National Audubon Convention, Sacramento, Calif.
- 1967
- 6 Feb., Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
- 1 Apr., Architects and Engineers Forum, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 15 Apr., Washington Gallery of Modern Art, Washington, D.C.
- 19 Apr., Committee for Downtown, Baltimore, Md.
- BOX 55** 1968, 24 Sept., Citizens Planning and Housing Association, Baltimore, Md.
- 1969
- 22 Jan., Junior League of Palo Alto, Calif.
- 25 Feb., AIA of New York, Museum of Modern Art, New York, N.Y.
- 10 Mar., Washington Building Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 20 Mar., St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.
- 27 Mar., Rice University, Houston, Tex.
- 10 Apr., Ford Foundation, Santa Barbara, Calif.
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- 17 Apr., American Society of Civil Engineers convention, Louisville, Ky.
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- 28 Apr., Contemporary Club, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 7-8 May, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.
- BOX 56** 23-25 Nov., United States National Commission for UNESCO, San Francisco, Calif.
- 5 Dec., AIA of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1972
- 7-9 Feb., White House Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 3-5 Apr., Walter Prescott Webb International Symposium, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.
- Oct., "Alice in Wonderland," Des Moines, Iowa

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15 Nov., "Through the Looking Glass," University of California, Berkeley, Calif.  
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1973, 25 July, CBS Morning News interview  
1974, 25 Feb.-2 Mar., AIA annual meeting, San Francisco, Calif.  
1976  
3 May, AIA College of Fellows, Philadelphia, Pa.  
12 Oct., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
Undated, "Humanizing Private Development"  
Miscellaneous writings, 1975, undated

#### BOX 56-59

#### Miscellany, 1911-1976

Postcards, printed matter, awards and certificates, bills and receipts, cards and invitations, speeches and writings by authors other than Owings, appointment calendars, and architectural drawings and diagrams.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

#### BOX 56

Appointment calendars  
Architectural drawing and diagrams *See also Oversize*  
Awards and certificates *See also Oversize*

Bills and receipts  
Cards and invitations

#### BOX 57

Metropolitan Club  
Military and international driving permits  
Newspaper clippings  
Notes and other items  
Poems  
Postcards

Printed matter  
Articles  
Books and booklets  
(1 folder)

#### BOX 58

(1 folder)  
Pamphlets and brochures  
(2 folders)  
Periodicals and other items

#### BOX 59

Scrapbooks, 1936-1970 *See Oversize*  
(2 vols.)  
Speeches and writings by others  
Wayfarers' Club, Chicago, Ill.

#### BOX 60-64

#### Addition, 1929-1983

Correspondence received and sent and miscellany including biographical material, speeches and writings, legal and financial papers, minutes and reports, photographs, printed matter, and clippings.  
Organized alphabetically by type of material.

#### BOX 60

Correspondence

## Addition, 1929-1983

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	1945, 1963-1978 (9 folders)
	1979 Jan.-Mar. Apr.-Dec. (3 folders)
BOX 61	1980-1983 (8 folders)
	Undated
BOX 62	Miscellany Biographical file, 1962-1978, undated Contribution lists, 1968-1977 Financial papers, 1975-1979, undated General, 1972-1983, undated Grant applications, 1979-1980 Hopi Indian exhibit, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Ill., 1980-1981 Kachina dolls, 1973-1978 Legal papers, 1971-1979, undated Memberships, 1968-1979, undated Passport, 1973-1978
BOX 63	Photographs, 1929-1930, 1979, undated (2 folders) Printed matter, 1958-1983, undated (3 folders)
BOX 64	(2 folders) Reports Big Sur Coast Development, Feb. 1980 Cornell University Summer Field School, Rome, Italy, 1979 Schedules, 1978-1979 Speeches, 1983 Writings Owings, Nathaniel Alexander 1972, "A Song of Action" Undated, "The Hopi Way" Others, 1971-1983, undated
BOX OV 1-OV 12	<b>Oversize, 1936-1975</b> Oversize material consisting of scrapbooks, awards and certificates, architectural charts and diagrams, photographic proof sheets and layouts for Owings's book <i>The American Aesthetic</i> , and a copy of a publication sponsored by the President's Temporary Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue, entitled <i>The Washington Mall Master Plan</i> . Organized and described according to the series, folders, and boxes from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Subject File Monterey coast master plan Scrapbooks 1959-1960 (Container 27)

## Oversize, 1936-1975

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BOX OV 2	1961-1965 (Container 27)
BOX OV 3	Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corp. Appointment, 1973 (Container 32)
BOX OV 4	President's Temporary Commission on Pennsylvania Avenue Scrapbook, 1964-1969 (Container 39)
BOX OV 5	<i>The Washington Mall Master Plan</i> (Container 39)
BOX OV 6	Speeches and Writings File <i>The American Aesthetic</i> Layout (Container 47)
BOX OV 7	Photographic proofs (Container 47)
BOX OV 8	Scrapbook, 1969-1970 (Container 49)
BOX OV 9	Miscellany Architectural drawing and diagrams (Container 56)
BOX OV 10	Awards and certificates (Container 56)
BOX OV 11	Scrapbooks 1936-1969 (Container 59)
BOX OV 12	1969-1970 (Container 59)