

Mildred F. Schmertz

A Finding Aid for  
Photographs of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh,  
Louis I. Kahn, architect, 1986  
in  
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Photographs of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh, Louis I. Kahn, architect, 1986.
- Coll. ID: 211
- Origin: Mildred Schmertz, photographer.
- Extent: 18 slides.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania  
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- Abstract: The collection comprises 18 color slides of the National Assembly Complex at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh, by Louis I. Kahn, architect. The slides were taken by Mildred F. Schmertz in December 1985.
- Indexes: This collection is included in the Philadelphia Architects and Buildings Project, a searchable database of architectural research materials related to architects and architecture in Philadelphia and surrounding regions:  
<http://www.philadelphiabuildings.org>
- Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in WorldCat, an international union catalogue of library and archival holdings. The record number for this collection is 232609109.

**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

Mildred Floyd Schmertz was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She earned the B.Arch. at Carnegie Institute of Technology (1947) and M.F.A. at Yale (1957). She worked for the firm of John Schurko 1947-1955. Schmertz was a writer and editor for *Architectural Record* for 33 years, serving as editor-in-chief from 1985 to 1990. She is the editor of several books and author of many articles.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection comprises 18 color slides of the National Assembly Complex at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka, Bangladesh, by Louis I. Kahn, architect. The slides were taken by Mildred F. Schmertz in December 1985 and developed in January 1986 (the date printed on the slides).

**Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)**

Sher-e-Bangala Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh  
Kahn, Louis I.  
Schmertz, Mildred F.

**Administrative Information**

Restrictions on access: This collection is available for research by appointment only.

Preferred collection citation: Collection 221, The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania.

Acquisition: Gift of Mildred Schmertz, 2001. Copyright of these images was included in the gift.

Processing: The collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by William Whitaker and Nancy Thorne.

## Container list

### Series I. Photographs.

Extent: 1 folder (18 color slides).

Arrangement: This series consists of color slides, taken in December 1985, which are arranged in numeric order with unnumbered slides following. Slide number 211.1.17 is a duplicate of 211.1.16.

Call#	Descriptive Title
211.1	Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Capital of Bangladesh, dated January 1986 (18 slides).