

R. Brognard Okie, 1875-1945

A Finding Aid for
Architectural Drawings for the Betsy Ross House, 1936-1937
in
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings for the Betsy Ross House, 1936-1937.
- Coll. ID: 108
- Origin: R. Brognard Okie, 1875-1945, architect.
- Extent: Architectural drawings, 72 sheets.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
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- Abstract: The collection consists of 72 architectural drawings documenting R. Brogonard Okie's designs for the renovation of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial, 1936-1937.
- 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://PhiladelphiaBuildings.org>
- Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in RLIN Eureka, the union catalogue of members of the Research Libraries Group. The record number for this collection is PAUP01-A7.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

R. Brognard Okie (1875-1945) was born in Camden, New Jersey and received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1897. In addition to his designs for new buildings, Okie is particularly known for his restoration and reconstruction of Pennsylvania's colonial and vernacular structures, and his rehabilitation of existing buildings to colonial style.

Scope and Content Note

The collection comprises 72 original architectural drawings documenting R. Brognard Okie's designs for the renovation of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial, 1936-1937. The house, originally built about 1740, is located at 239 Arch Street in Philadelphia.

Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Okie, R. Brognard (Richardson Brognard), 1875-1945.
Architects--Archives.
Architectural design--History--20th century--Sources.
Architectural drawing--United States.
Architecture, Modern--20th century--United States--Designs and plans.
American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial (Philadelphia, PA).
Betsy Ross House (Philadelphia, PA).
Historic buildings--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--Conservation and restoration.
Historic buildings--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia--Repair and reconstruction.
Philadelphia (Pa.)-- Buildings, structures, etc-- History-- Sources.
Architectural drawings--American.

Administrative Information

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

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Container list**Series I. Architectural Drawings.**

Extent: 72 architectural drawings.

Call #	Descriptive Title
108.1	American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial, 72 architectural drawings 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1936-1937.