

Beryl Price, 1910-1978

A Finding Aid for
Architectural Drawings, 1932-1974 (bulk 1946-1974),
in
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings, ca. 1932-1974 (bulk 1946-1974).
- Coll. ID: 051.
- Origin: Beryl Price, 1910-1978, architect.
- Extent: Architectural drawings 428 sheets (408 originals, 20 prints).
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
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- Abstract: The collection comprises 427 architectural drawings documenting 17 projects, 1946-1974, by Beryl Price, architect. All projects represented in the collection are located in the Philadelphia region of Pennsylvania. The collection also includes one student drawing completed (ca. 1932) while Price was a student at the University of Pennsylvania. The collection does not include project files or photographic materials.
- 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:
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- 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-A21.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Beryl Price was born in Philadelphia on November 30, 1910, son of David and Fannie (Bearint) Price. He began his study of architecture at South Philadelphia High School for Boys and proceeded to professional architectural training at the University of Pennsylvania. After he received his B.Arch. in 1933, he worked for architects Simon & Simon (1928-1930) and Philip H. Johnson (1931-1933). In 1936 he was awarded a teaching certificate by the University of Pennsylvania's School of Education and the City of Philadelphia to teach vocational architecture in high school. In 1938, he opened his own architectural office.

During World War II, Price served on the War Production Board's Construction Division as a Senior Engineer, supervising and approving material requests. After the war, Price resumed his practice in Philadelphia, and later opened additional offices in Florida and New Jersey.

Scope and Content Note

The collection comprises 427 architectural drawings documenting 17 projects, 1946-1974, by Beryl Price, architect. All projects represented in the collection are located in Pennsylvania, most in the Philadelphia region. The collection also includes one student drawing completed (ca. 1932) while Price was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, during the tenure of Paul Philippe Cret as Professor of Design. The collection does not include project files or photographic materials.

Projects are arranged in alphabetical order using short project names devised by the Architectural Archives. A project for a personal client is named using the surname of the client, e.g., Pearl Residence.

A full index to projects represented in this collection is found in Appendix A.

Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Subject:

Price, Beryl, 1910-1978.

University of Pennsylvania. Dept. of Architecture--History--Sources.

Architects--Archives.

Architectural design--History--20th century--Sources.

Architectural drawing--United States.

Architecture, Modern--20th century--United States--Designs and plans.

Architectural design--Study and teaching--History--Sources.

Philadelphia (Pa.)--Buildings, structures, etc--History--Sources.

Philadelphia Region (Pa.)

Form/Genre:

Architectural drawings--American.

Photographs.

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: 428 architectural drawings.

Arrangement: In alphabetical order by project name with one student drawing included at the end of the list.

Call#	Descriptive Title
[051.1]	Champlost II, Champlost Housing Project; design, presentation, and construction drawings, 12/10/1963-5/15/1967 (46 originals, 2 prints-some mylars).
051.2]	Federation of Jewish Agencies office building; presentation, and construction drawings, 1/14/1974-6/4/1974 (20 originals, 6 prints – some mylars).
[051.2]	Harcum Junior College; design, presentation, and cartographic drawings, 11/16/1961 - 7/3/1968 (17 originals).
[0513]	International Airport Motel; design presentation, and construction drawings, 1/29/1962 - 2/12/1964 (41 originals).
[051.4]	Jewish Publication Society Alterations to 4 story building, design, presentation, and construction drawings, 10/12/1968-5/20/1968 (12 originals-some mylars).
[051.4]	Jewish Publication Society of America alterations to North 15 th Street Building; design, presentation and construction drawings, 1/23/1963-5/3/1963 (8 originals, 1 print)
[051.4]	Meadowlands Country Club; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 1/26/1954-9/8/1960 (29 originals).
[051.5]	Northeast Day Care Center; design, presentation, shop, and construction drawings, 5/25/1964-4/14/1965 (33 originals, 1 print-some mylars).
051.5]	Pearl Development Houses; design and construction drawings, 10/5/1953-5/24/1954 (6 originals).
[051.6]	Radnor Valley Country Club; design, construction, and cartographic drawings, 7/16/1967 - 7/1969 (32 originals, 1 print - some mylars).
[051.6]	Rebecca Gratz Club Garden Area, presentation drawing, 1/20/1963 (1 original).
[051.7]	Recreation Center; design; presentation, and cartographic drawings, 1/28/1961-12/29/1961 (14 originals).

- [051.7] Sutliff Residence; design, presentation, and construction drawings, 9/14/1965-1/28/1966 (14 originals-some mylars).
- [051.7] Torresdale Recreation Center; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 5/25/1963-7/22/1963 (6 originals).
- [051.8] Vector-United; design, and construction drawings, 10/15/1961-3/1/1967 (105 originals, 7 prints-some mylars).
- [051.9] Wolfe Kahn Medical Building; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 7/5/1966-8/8/1967 (15 originals, 2 prints – some mylars).
- [051.9] Yeadon Synagogue, design presentation and construction drawings, 4/1946-6/14/1949 (18 originals)
- [051.10] Student work from the University of Pennsylvania, ca. 1932 (1 original).

Appendix A

Project Index

Arrangement: In alphabetical order by client name.

Champlost II, Champlost Housing Project

Philadelphia Housing Authority

Nedro Ave. Between N. Twentieth St. and N. Opal St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1963-1967

note/s: Beryl Price architect; George W. Neff, associated architects; Paul H. Yeomans, engineer; Joseph M. Lambert, structural engineer; Edward A. Maurer, Landscape architect. State job number: PA-2-68

holdings:

[051.1] Champlost II, Champlost Housing Project; design, presentation, and construction drawings, 12/10/1963-5/15/1967 (46 originals, 2 prints-some mylars).

Federation of Jewish Agencies Office Building

Federation of Jewish Agencies

1509-11-13 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1974

note/s: Beryl Price architect; Edward A Moy, consulting electrical engineer; Paul Yeomans, engineer

holdings:

[051.2] Federation of Jewish Agencies office building; presentation, and construction drawings, 1/14/1974-6/4/1974 (20 originals, 6 prints – some mylars).

Harcum Junior College

Montgomery Ave, between Pennswood Road and Morris Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1961-1968

note/s: Beryl Price, architect. Project includes Science Building, Educational Complex, alterations to Colonial Inn, 636 Montgomery Avenue, alterations to existing dormitory buildings, new dormitory building (#3), guardhouse and play area

holdings:

[051.2] Harcum Junior College; design, presentation, and cartographic drawings, 11/16/1961-7/3/1968 (17 originals).

International Airport Motel

Philadelphia International Airport, between Airport Service road and Industrial Highway, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1962-1964

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; William Padlasky, engineer; Edward A. Moy, electrical engineer; Morton Herbert Lerner, engineer

holdings:

[051.3] International Airport Motel; design presentation, and construction drawings, 1/29/1962 - 2/1.2/1964 (41 originals).

Jewish Publication Society, alterations to 4 story building

Jewish Publication Society

1622 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1968

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; Paul Yeomans; engineer; Edward A. Moy, electrical engineer

holdings:

[051.4] Jewish Publication Society Alterations to 4 story building, design, presentation, and construction drawings, 10/12/1968-5/20/1968 (12 originals-some mylars).

Jewish Publication Society of America, alterations to North 15th Street building

Jewish Publication Society of America

222 North 15th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1963

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; Morton Herbert Lerner, engineer.

holdings:

[051.4] Jewish Publication Society of America alterations to north 15th street building; design, presentation and construction drawings, 1/23/1963-5/3/1963 (8 originals, 1 print)

Meadowlands Country Club

Boehms Road between Plymouth Road, Schoolhouse Lane (Lukens Road), Morris Road, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1954-1960

note/s: Beryl Price, architect. Includes Pro-shop, Clubhouse and Managers cottage

holdings:

[051.4] Meadowlands Country Club; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 1/26/1954-9/8/1960 (29 originals).

Northeast Day Care Center

Strahle Street at Herrocks Street., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1964-1965

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; Edward A. Moy, consulting electrical engineer, Herman G. Metzger Jr., consulting engineer.

holdings:

[051.5] Northeast Day Care Center; design, presentation, shop, and construction drawings, 5/25/1964-4/14/1965 (33 originals, 1 print-some mylars).

Pearl Development Houses

Pearl, Edward

Remington Road at Tomkenn Road, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1953-54

note/s: Beryl Price, architect. Two houses.

holdings:

[051.5] Pearl Development Houses; design and construction drawings, 10/5/1953-5/24/1954 (6 originals).

Radnor Valley Country Club

Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1967-1969

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; William Padlasky, engineer; Edward A. Moy, consulting electrical engineer. Includes pro-shop, tennis courts, parking lots, alterations to existing clubhouse

holdings:

[051.6] Radnor Valley Country Club; design, construction, and cartographic drawings, 7/16/1967-7/1969 (32 originals, 1 print - some mylars).

Rebecca Gratz Club, Garden

500 block of Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

holdings dates: 1963

note/s: Beryl Price, architect (not extant - 8/3/2001).

holdings:

[051.6] Rebecca Gratz Club, Garden Area, presentation drawing, 1/20/1963 (1 original).

Recreation Center

Deerpath Lane and Chalfont Drive, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1961

note/s: Beryl Price architect. Includes control building, combined school and recreation area

holdings:

[051.7] Recreation Center; design; presentation, and cartographic drawings, 1/28/1961-12/29/1961 (14 originals).

Sutliff Residence

Client name not given

Fairview Road, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1965-1966

note/s: Beryl Price architect; Joseph M. Lambert, engineer; Paul H. Yeomans engineer; Edward A. Moy, electrical engineer

holdings:

[051.7] Sutliff Residence; design, presentation, and construction drawings, 9/14/1965-1/28/1966 (14 originals-some mylars).

Torresdale Recreation Center

Department of Recreation City of Philadelphia

Bordered by: Outlook Avenue, Fidler Street, Fordham Road, Grant Avenue, Eden Street, Frankford Avenue, Aubrey Avenue, Crispin Street, Academy Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1963

note/s: Beryl Price architect; Edward A. Maurer, landscape architect. Project included Control Maintenance Building, Service Building

holdings:

[051.7] Torresdale recreation Center; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 5/25/1963-7/22/1963 (6 originals).

Vector - United

United Aircraft Corporation

Randall Estate, PA Turnpike, Trevoise Road and Street Road, Trevoise, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1961-1967

note/s: Beryl Price architect; Pickering, Corts and Summerson Inc., consulting engineers and surveyors; Edward A. Moy P.E., consulting electrical engineer

holdings:

[051.8] Vector-United; design, and construction drawings, 10/15/1961-3/1/1967 (105 originals, 7 prints-some mylars).

Wolfe Kahn Medical Building

Dr. Hyman R. Kahn, Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe

Mountain Avenue at Cheltenham, Cheltenham Township, Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1966-1967

note/s: Beryl Price, architect; Edward A. Moy, consulting electrical engineer

holdings:

[051.9] Wolfe Kahn Medical Building; design, presentation, construction, and cartographic drawings, 7/5/1966-8/8/1967 (15 originals, 2 prints – some mylars).

Yeadon Synagogue

Whitby Avenue and Cobbs Creek Parkway, Yeadon (Lansdowne), Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1946-1949

note/s: Beryl Price, architect.

holdings:

[051.9] Yeadon Synagogue, design presentation and construction drawings, 4/1946-6/14/1949 (18 originals).