

Ford Foundation records, Administration, Building Services, Ford Foundation Headquarters, New Building Planning and Construction Files

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Summary Information

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Foundation Headquarters, New Building Planning and Construction

Files

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Description note: oversize boxes.)

Language of the

Material:

English

Abstract: The New Building Planning and Construction Files span from 1951

to 1998, with the bulk of the files documenting the construction and initial occupation of the building (1964-1969). The files originate from the Foundation's Administrative Division and touch upon all aspects of the design and construction process. The earliest documents in the collection concern the acquisition of the property at 320 E. 43rd Street, site demolition, and the architectural design. The files document all aspects of the construction of the building, as well as building operations. Other files hold publicity about the new headquarters. The collection also contains photographs and slides of the site demolition and construction, the garden and offices in the completed building, and several individuals including architect Kevin Roche, who achieved

recognition for his creative work with glass.

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Foundation Headquarters History

Before 1953 the Ford Foundation occupied executive offices in Pasadena, California and general offices at various locations throughout New York City. In the autumn of 1952, Treasurer Oliver May signed a lease for space in 477 Madison Avenue to unite the Foundation's New York operations within a single building and, early in the following year, a decision was made to relocate the executive offices to New York City. The combined Pasadena and New York staff consolidated into one office at 477 Madison Avenue in June 1954.

The Foundation continued to expand and, between 1958 and 1961, the Board of Trustees considered the possibility of moving to a larger building or transferring some of its staff to a separate building. In early 1963, the Board decided to construct a new building for the entire Foundation and engaged a realtor to locate the site. The site chosen was that of the former Grand Central Hospital at 321 East 42nd Street, originally built in 1912 for the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled (now the Hospital for Special Surgery). The Foundation appointed a Trustees' Building Committee on March 28-29, 1963, purchased the hospital grounds on April 1st, and took possession of the property on June 13th. A planning committee of six, responsible for the preparation of construction requirements and the selection of an architect, was formed shortly thereafter. The Ford Foundation selected the architectural firm Eero Saarinen and Associates (later known as Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates) to design the building. In July 1963, the Foundation purchased additional property to enable the lot to encompass a full rectangle. Turner Construction Company became the general contractor on July 30, 1963 and the Foundation signed a demolition contract with the Lipsett Division of Luria Brothers on August 6. The Luria Brothers completed the demolition of the hospital and a three-story apartment building in the northeast corner of the property in February 1964.

Preliminary site excavation began on May 1, 1964. In the same month, the Trustees' Building Committee approved the initial design for a 246,000 square foot building, exclusive of garden and terraces, with executive offices on the 11th floor and restaurant facilities on the 12th floor. In December, the Committee authorized the use of Cor-Ten weathering steel in lieu of reinforced concrete. The neighboring Hermitage apartment building threatened the Foundation with a lawsuit in November 1964 over the loss of access to light and air that would result from the new construction. The litigious parties settled out of court several months later.

Construction began in March 1965 with an initial budget of \$22 million, and was completed less than two years later, but somewhat over budget. By June 1967 the estimated costs had risen to \$25.5 million. The building was dedicated on December 8, 1967, although some floors had been occupied since September. In 1995, the American Institute of Architects and the American Architectural Foundation presented the Ford Foundation Headquarters Building with a Twenty Five Year Award given to buildings and structures that have "stood the test of time for 25 to 35 years" and that "[exemplify] design of enduring significance." Two years later, on October 21, 1997, the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission awarded the building Landmark status.

Kevin Roche, the primary architect of the building, was recruited in 1950 by Eero Saarinen and Associates. By 1954, he had become the Principal Design Associate to Mr. Saarinen and assisted him on all projects until Mr. Saarinen's death in September 1961. In 1963 the Ford Foundation hired Eero

Saarinen and Associates to design the new headquarters building at 320 E. 43nd Street. In 1966 Roche and his colleague, John Dinkeloo, changed the name of Eero Saarinen and Associates to Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates.

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Organizational History

The Division of Administration oversaw the construction of the headquarters building and was tasked with building maintenance after construction. The Foundation formally established a Division of Administration in 1964 with responsibilities that grew to encompass the offices of the Vice President, Comptroller, and Personnel (added in 1966), Building Services (1967), Logistical Services (1968), and Program Related Investments (1969). In 1980, the Division of Organization and Management replaced the Division of Administration.

The Building Services Department was responsible for supervising the work of the contractors who provided food, operated and maintained the building; purchased, stored and distributed office supplies and equipment; printed and photocopied staff documents; purchased furniture and furnishings for the building; provided reception, telephone, and conference services; and ensured the building met fire, safety, and sanitation standards. Building services also maintained many of the construction records.

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Biographical History

On December 10, 1964, **Dr. Verne S. Atwater** was asked by Ford Foundation President Henry T. Heald to assume overall responsibility for the planning and construction of the new building.

He earned a B.A. in 1942 from Heidelberg College, an MBA from Harvard Business School, and a PhD from New York University's School of Business in 1961, which he completed while attending classes at night. Following his graduation, Dr. Atwater served for two years as the Ford Foundation's first Representative in Latin America before being promoted to administrative Vice President and Director of the Latin America Program. By January 1965 he had reassigned his Latin American responsibilities to others in order to focus on administration. He resigned from the Foundation in May 1968 to become Chairman and CEO of the Central Savings Bank in New York. He later joined the faculty of Pace University, where he taught finance from 1982 to his retirement in 2002.

Rollin H. "R.H." McCarthy was the Director of Building Planning and Construction. He also worked with members of both the Foundation's management and the Trustees' Building Committee. He served as

Director and ex officio on the Trustees' Building Committee from 1963 until he resigned in February 1, 1966 for health reasons.

Ralph G. Schwarz was the Director of Administrative Services. He replaced Mr. McCarthy as Director of Building Planning and Construction on February 1, 1966 and became an ex officio member of the Trustees' Building Committee.

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Scope and Content Note

The New Building Planning and Construction Files span from 1951 to 2011. The bulk of the files, dating from 1964 to 1969, document the construction and initial occupation of the building. The collection originates from the Foundation's Administrative Division and describes all aspects of the design and construction process. The earliest documents in the collection, 1963-1964, pertain to the acquisition of the property at 320 E. 43rd Street, the site demolition, and the design process. The majority of the files relates to physical construction, while others describe building operations or contain publicity for the new headquarters. The collection also contains photographs and slides of the demolition of the hospital, the construction, the completed 12-story atrium, lush garden and offices, and the architect, Kevin Roche.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Appendix A: Reports – Unpublished reports written by Ford Foundation staff and consultants were removed from their original folders, scanned and transferred to the Archives' collection of staff and consultant reports. See Appendix A for a list of these reports and their specific assigned number. The reports are listed in alphabetical order by author. The assigned number may be used to access reports in the online catalog.

Sixty-five photographs are listed on the inventory as separated and framed for display. Of these, 30 have been visually recorded, wrapped and prepared for offsite storage.

Related Collections

FA622 Ford Foundation records, Office files of Henry T. Heald, 1951, 1956-1966, 1956-1966 (bulk). Mr. Heald's Trustee Building Committee files contain information about the construction of the Foundation's Headquarters on East 43rd Street, New York City.

The "as built" plans are maintained and held on-site by the Facilities Management Department. The plans are divided by area: structural, electrical, plumbing, et cetera.

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Publicity and Awards, Bulk, 1962-1997 1962-2011 (bulk 1962-1997) (1962-1997)

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Series I. Publicity and Awards, 1962-2011

This series comprises articles, magazines, press releases, and other documentation about the architecture and construction of the Ford Foundation's Headquarters Building. The files are arranged chronologically and include fact sheets created about the building, the dedication brochure (1967), pamphlets produced by the Foundation about the building and the garden (1971) and correspondence between members of the Building Planning Committee concerning public relations planning (1963-1964) and the media response (1966-1968). The series also includes files for the Twenty Five Year Award received from the American Institute of Architects and the American Architectural Foundation in 1995 and the granting of Landmark status in 1997. Included in the files of "media response" is a 1968 issue of *Architectural Record* that recognized the building as 'a new kind of urban space' and the March 29, 1968 issue of *Life* magazine with a feature article on the new building.

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Ford Foundation Building Facts Photographs (separated) Fact Sheets and News Articles, 1962-1967	box 1	folder 1
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Ford Foundation Building Facts and Press Clippings Fact Sheets, Press Releases, Miscellaneous News Clippings, 1963-1982	box 1	folder 3
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Newspaper Excerpts Clippings Re: Ford Foundation, Contractors, Architectural Styles, 1963-1965	box 1	folder 5
"New York Headquarters Enclosing A Garden," <i>Architectural Record</i> , November 1964, Nov 1964	box 1	folder 6
Magnum Photographs New Building Film Memoranda, Invoice and Contract Re: 16mm Film of Building, Jun 21, 1966- Oct 10, 1968	box 1	folder 7
Office of the Secretary Building the Ford Foundation Building Committee Dr. Stratton's File, 1966-1968	box 1	folder 8
Public Relations Memoranda and Proposal Re: New Building Public Relations, Mar-Aug 1967	box 1	folder 9
"Ford Flies High," <i>New York Times</i> , Nov 26, 1967 (reprint), Nov 26, 1967	box 1	folder 10
Press Coverage News Clippings File, Nov-Dec 1967	box 1	folder 11
Ford Foundation Building Dedication Ceremonies Brochure, Dec 8, 1967	box 2	folder 1

Office of the Secretary Building the Ford Foundation Dedication of Building Invitation, Pamphlets, Brochures, Dec 8, 1967	box 2	folder 2
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Office of the Secretary Building the Ford Foundation Art Purchases/Selections, 1967-1969	box 2	folder 5
"Charity Begins At Home," <i>Progressive Architecture</i> , February 1968, Feb 1968	box 2	folder 6
"The Ford Foundation Building," <i>Architectural Record</i> , Feb 1968, Feb 1968	box 2	folder 7
"New York's Indoor Forest," <i>American Forests</i> , March 1968, Mar 1968	box 2	folder 8
"A Grant to Beauty," <i>Life</i> , 3/29/1968 (full issue), Mar 39, 1968	box 63	folder 1
"Donacion Al Arte," <i>Life en Espanol</i> , 4/22/1968 (full issue), Apr 22, 1968	box 63	folder 2
"The Granite, Glass and Garden Community," <i>Fortune</i> , Apr 1968 (full issue), Apr 1968	box 63	folder 3
"Verwaltungsgebaude der Ford Foundation," <i>Moebel Interior Design</i> , May 1968 (full issue), May 1968	box 62	folder 1
"A House of New York League Values," <i>Architectural Design</i> , July 1968 (full issue), Jul 1968	box 62	folder 2
"The Ford Foundation Building," <i>Audience</i> , Spring 1968 (full issue), Spring 1968	box 62	folder 3
Office of the Secretary Building the Ford Foundation Articles from <i>Architectural Record</i> , Kevin Roche Statement, Other Clippings, 1968	box 2	folder 9
"Ford Building Still Drawing Visitors," <i>New York Times</i> , August 30, 1970, Aug 30, 1970	box 2	folder 10
"Ford and La Raza," Ramparts, September 1970, Sep 1970	box 2	folder 11
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"Henry Ford II," <i>New York Times Magazine</i> , 3/5/1978 (full issue), Mar 5, 1978	box 63	folder 4

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Series II. Design and Planning, 1951-1970 (bulk 1963-1967)

This series, arranged alphabetically by subject, details the process of designing and planning the Ford Foundation's new headquarters building. The files include drawings, specifications, and proposals for structural components. They also document site acquisition, demolition of the existing hospital structure, and relations with the Tudor City Community. One document of note is a letter dated August 25, 1966 and signed by architect Kevin Roche and his partner John Dinkeloo, announcing the change in the architectural design firm's name from Eero Saarinen and Associates to Kevin Roche, John Dinkeloo and Associates. The letter is located in the "Architects-Kevin Roche, John Dinkeloo & Associates (1965-1966)" file.

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Scope and Contents

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This series holds files pertaining to the physical construction and assembly of the new headquarters building. Arranged in alphabetical order, the files contain meeting minutes and reports to the Trustees' Building Committee (1963-1970). Schedules, contracts, and building design meeting minutes regarding specific aspects of construction document the Turner Construction Company's operations as management contractor. Files about the design, installation and troubleshooting of the HVAC system are particularly extensive, as are reports created during the construction process. These include daily construction reports, as well as excavation reports, vibration studies, and structural steel analyses.

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