Finding Aid

John W. McNair (1906-1991) Collection

Descriptive Summary

Extent
Number of containers: 1
Linear feet: .25 linear ft.

Repository
Peabody Archives
Johns Hopkins University

Location
Archives stacks, second floor of the Friedheim Music Library

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Administrative Information

Accession Number
1985.1

Provenance
Unknown

Access
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Biography

John Wilson McNair (1906-1991) was born in California, but spent much of his childhood in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Virginia around 1925, pursuing a degree in Engineering. In 1939 he moved to Catonsville, MD, with his wife, Mary Elizabeth McNair.
In the early 1980s, McNair ran a construction company in Baltimore, Maryland. He processed the Edmund G. Lind architectural drawings and helped to organize Peabody’s collection of 20th-century drawings.

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains writings by McNair, mostly about Edmund G. Lind’s architectural drawings of Peabody, as well as his research and notes on the structural integrity of the Peabody Library. Also included is some correspondence to and from McNair, and preservation copies of Peabody-related documents.

**Series Description**

Series I: Writings

Series II: Research and Personal Items

Series III: Preservation Copies

**Container List**

Box 1

Series I: Writings

1. “A Study of Peabody Drawings” (manuscript)
2. Commentary on Edmund G. Lind drawings
3. Captions for Edmund G. Lind drawings
4. Commentary on building

Series II: Research and Personal Items

5. John Wrenshall Report: Repairing East Hall; first electricity through Maryland Electric Co., February 1894
6. Correspondence to and from McNair
7. Notes
8. Other items

Series III: Preservation Copies

9. Copies of Institute records regarding buildings
10. Copies of proposals to architects for plans, 1857
11. Copies of officers’ and trustees’ notes
12. Copies of trustees’ meeting minutes, 1857-1871

**Related Materials**

Search the [Peabody Publications online](#) for materials related to John McNair.

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