



Halsey & Cummings Records SCHS 569.00

Description: 3.5 linear ft. (208 sheets)

Biographical/Historical Note: The architectural firm of Halsey & Cummings was established in Charleston, S.C., in 1939 by Marion Benoit Halsey (1909-1955) and Cornelius Theodore Cummings (1913-1967). Earlier, Marion B. Halsey and C. T. Cummings had worked as draftsmen for architect Stephen Thomas (1892-1949). In 1957, C. T. Cummings merged his firm with the John McCrady Company to form Cummings & McCrady, Inc.

Scope and content: Collection consists of architectural drawings relating to the construction of or alterations to houses and buildings in Charleston, S.C., dating from 1936 to 1953. Most of the plans were drawn up by the firm of Halsey & Cummings, but there are also several plans created by architect Stephen Thomas, and one set of plans of a war housing project by chief architect Douglas Ellington. Included are plans for work on Porter Military Academy, Beth Israel Synagogue, and numerous residences in downtown Charleston.

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Search terms:

Cummings, Cornelius Theodore, 1913-1967.
Ellington, Douglas Dobell, 1886-1960.
Halsey, Marion Benoit, 1909-1955.
Thomas, Stephen, 1892-1949.
Beth Israel (Charleston, S.C.)
Porter Military Academy (Charleston, S.C.)
Architectural firms -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Architecture, Domestic -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Housing -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
World War, 1939-1945 -- War work -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Genre Plans (drawings)

Container listing:

Drawer 1 (C space)

- Folder 01: Miscellaneous plans, consisting of plans (1949) for alterations to a residence at 1 Tradd Street; and plans (1939) for additions and alterations to a residence at 0 Legare Street, by architect Stephen Thomas. Total of 4 sheets.
- Folder 02: Plans relating to King Street properties, including a plan (1945) for revisions to the main entrance at 69 King Street; plans (1950) for the remodeling of 2 King Street; and plans (1949) for alterations to the Walgren Building at the southeast corner of King and Wentworth streets. Total of 9 sheets.
- Folder 03: Miscellaneous plans, including plans (1946) for apartments at 20 South Battery; plans (1948) for a residence on Greenhill Street; and plans (1946) for the remodeling of a building at the rear of 18 Montague Street. Total of 11 sheets.
- Folder 04: Miscellaneous plans, including plans (1944-1945) for Peter Demos for work at 2 and 4 Broad Street; plans (1950) for a residence at lot 6 on Longitude Lane; and plans (1951) for alterations to a residence at 136 Broad Street. Total of 16 sheets.
- Folder 05: Miscellaneous plans, including plans (1946) for a residence for Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rivers on South Battery; plans (1940) for a house at 9 Franklin Street; and a blueprint plan (1948) showing a section through the east stands of the Johnson Hagood Memorial Stadium. Total of 12 sheets.
- Folder 06: Plans relating to Orange Street properties. These consist of plans (1940) for a two family residence at 4 Orange Street; and plans (1936) for a residence at 16 Orange Street by Stephen Thomas. Total of 7 sheets.
- Folder 07: Miscellaneous plans, including plans (1939) for an office and apartment at 103 Rutledge Avenue by architect Stephen Thomas; plan (n.d.) for alterations to 187 King Street by Stephen Thomas; and plans (1947) for additions to the Episcopal Home at the corner of Bee Street and Ashley Avenue. Total of 6 sheets.
- Folder 08: War housing project plans, 1943. Blueprint plans for a housing project (Ashley Homes?) located off the King Street Extension, by architect Douglas Ellington and associates Harold Tatum and C. T. Cummings. Total of 13 sheets.

Drawer 2 (C space)

- Folder 09: Plans relating to Gadsden Street properties. Includes plans (1941) for a two family residence at 20 Gadsden Street; plans (1940) for a two family residence at the northeast corner of Bennett and Gadsden streets; and plans (1940) for a residence at the southeast corner of Bennett and Gadsden streets. Total of 15 sheets.
- Folder 10: Plans for a residence at 36 Murray Boulevard, 1937, by Stephen Thomas. Total of 33 sheets.

- Folder 11: Plans relating to properties on Church Street. Includes plans (n.d.) for remodeling of a house in the rear of 132 Church Street; and plans (1951) for the remodeling of 72 Church Street. Total of 6 sheets.
- Folder 12: Site plans for Beth Israel Synagogue at 145 St. Philip Street, 1941-1946. Includes blueprint plat (1945) of lots at 145 and 147 St. Philip Street. Total of 30 sheets.
- Folder 13: Construction and remodeling plans for Porter Military Academy, 1949-1953, and undated. Includes plans for the remodeling of a dormitory building and classrooms, and plans for a barracks building. Total of 46 sheets.