Finding Aid for the Seymour Toll Papers

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[Summary Information: This section lists the creator of the materials in the archive, the size and extent of the collection (in boxes and linear feet), call numbers and storage locations, language (s) represented in the collection, and a brief description (abstract) of the collection contents.]

Author & Creator: Seymour Toll

Processing information: The materials in this collection were processed by (Drexel University Archival Intern), James Gross. The finding aid and box list were created by James Gross.

Extent: 6 linear feet (13 boxes)

Abstract: The records contained within the Seymour Toll Papers pertain to his publication of the book, “Zoned American.” These records include correspondences, events files, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, photographs, articles, and books on the subject of urban planning.

Call number: unavailable.

Language: The material is in English

[Access and Use: If there are any restrictions placed on an archival collection, those should be noted here. Other information in this section includes how the archives received the collection, and copyright and citation notes.]

Acquisition Information: Gift of Seymour Toll. These records were donated to the law library in 2008, deposited and donated by Seymour Toll. No future additions to the records are expected.

Access Restrictions: None. The collection may be viewed by appointment.

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Cite as: [item], folder, box, Seymour Toll Papers, Thomas Kline School of Law, Legal Research Center.
[Background Information: This section details the history or biographical information relating to the collection and how it was created.]

History: Biography Information on Seymour Toll. The publication “Zoned American” was published June 26, 1969 by Grossman Publishers, NY. This book was published with the support of a grant from the American Philosophical Society’s Johnson Fund (Toll, 1969, p ix). Credit is given by Toll to Professor Myres McDougal of Yale Law School, and Professor Christopher Tunnard of Yale University. These records were created during Seymour Toll’s research for this publication.

[Scope and Content and Arrangement: This section provides an overview of the types of materials in the collection and how they have been arranged. The different sections of the collection (series and subseries) organize collection content by type of material, format, topic, or some other filing system determined by the archival staff, and/or the original creator of the collection.]

Scope and Content: The records contained within the Seymour Toll collection include: research notes pertaining to Toll’s book “Urban Planning.” Supporting material includes: correspondences, photographs, as well as articles and books on the topic of Urban Planning. There are newspaper clippings regarding Urban Planning projects and noted authors, and photographs. There is an extensive bibliography pertaining to the subject of Urban Planning. The strength of the collection is found with the publications, photographs, and newspaper clippings which pertain to the subject of Urban Planning.

[Subject Terms: This section includes a list of terms, topics, etc. covered in the collection and usually linked to a library catalog to provide the researcher with materials in similar categories.]

Subjects:

- Skyscrapers --New York (State) --New York City.
- Office buildings--New York (State)--New York City.
- Zoning--United States
- Zoning law—United States

[Related Materials: This section of the finding aid points the researcher to other items in the archives (or elsewhere) that are closely related to the collection described in the finding aid. The items may be related by origin, subject matter, etc.]

Related Materials:

Researchers interested in this archive may also wish to consult the following resources:


http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/30475

http://tinyurl.com/zonedamerican
Furman Center for Research & Urban Policy, part of New York University, Wagner School of Public Service.
http://furmancenter.org/research/

Citizens Housing & Planning Council Archive
http://www.chpcny.org/archival-library/

Information and photos of the Woolworth Building (a subject in the Seymour Toll collection):
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/medny/buttowski/

Note: [By Archives Intern] The above webpage is not maintained and has several dead links.

Architecture bibliography:
http://www.tc.umn.edu/~mill4051/MyWebsite/bibliography.html

Other urban planning materials may be available from your local historical society holdings or State or City archives which compliment the materials in the Seymour Toll collection. See the archivist for further research assistance.

[Contents listing: Sometimes also called “container contents.” This is a box-by-box, folder-by-folder listing of the materials stored in the collection. The level of detail in this section may vary depending on collection scope and individual repository practices.]
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Zoned America materials (1853–1969)

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1  Illustrations. Captions, n.d.
2  Illustrations, figures 1-20.
3  Illustrations, figures 21-40.
4  Illustrations, figures 41-60.
5  Illustrations, figures 61-73.
6  a. cover letter from Toll dated 4/11/67; b. Photos, NYC buildings,
   13 (8 x 10) B & w images, 1876-1913.
   b. 1913 Broadway & John St; The Woolworth Building, AT&T Building in L foreground
   c. Bowling Green, circa 1896, image of Abraham de Peyster monument, erected by
      George Bissell in 1896, reverse side: photocopy image of statue in park.
   d. Jewish Market, circa 1900. Image is towards East Side.
   e. Image from NY Times March 5 1916, “Shall we save New York” and handwritten notes.
   f. South Street, NYC, 1901, image includes photos of ship Antilia, other ship with sails
      unknown, Photo credit: Munson Steamship Line, © Detroit Photographic Co,
   g. View of NYC from Brooklyn, circa 1876, showing the East River waterfront, Photo
      taken by J.H. Beals, reverse: photocopy of 1876 photo by J.H. Beals and 1876 photo by
      George Brainerd.
   h. Temporary Washington Memorial Arch, Lower end of Fifth Ave, 1889, Architect
      Stanford White.
   i. Diagram no. 17, page 74, Location of plants in women’s garment industry, Manhattan,
      1900 & 1912.
   j. South View from the Singer tower, 1908.
   k. Carolina Cotton Mill, aka “spinner at frame,” and “Girl in cotton mill”, 1908. Photo by
      Lewis Hine, image #2494, George Eastman House.
   L. Italian bread peddlers, Mulbury Street, no date.
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Zoned America materials (1853–1969)

m. 1889-1900, necktie workshop (sweatshop) in division street tenement, Photo by Jacob A Riss. Back of image: photocopy of 2 images, necktie workshop and rear tenement on Roosevelt Street, photo images by Jacob A Riis.

n. Waldorf Astoria Hotel, no date, photograph by Will Weissberg, 2 images.

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a - c. Photos, NYC buildings

a. 518 Broadway Street, first telephone exchange in NYC, no date,”HM-2520” on front, AT&T photo service

b. Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Co., address: 16,18 &10 Courtland Street, NYC, no date.

c. Photocopy of Brooklyn Bridge, original engraved from a watercolor by F. Hopkinson Smith in 1881.

d. notes;

e - k 7 (8x10) B & W images:

e. 1967 image of ceiling sculpture, Woolworth building

f. 1967 image of ceiling sculpture, George Will, Woolworth building

g. 1967 image of ceiling sculpture, Thomas Johnson, Draftsman, Woolworth building

h - j. 1967 image of ceiling sculpture, name unknown, Woolworth building

k. 1967 3x5 image, Louis Horowitz,

l. brochure “the story of the Woolworth Building”, n.d.

m. Woolworth Building, no date.

n. Lithograph copy, image dated 1938, Fifth Avenue near Presbyterian Church, taken by Hitchcock;

a - j. Photos, NYC buildings, 10 (8 x 10) B&W images, 1881-1959.
BOX 3 (Cont.)

Zoned America materials (1853–1969)

9  NYC buildings, 24 (3x5) B & W images, negatives, circa 1967.

#OA. Aus Gurnwald, engineer. #1A. George Wells


12 images of Woolworth Building, 1967:

four images of interior lobby, 7 images of exterior of building, 1 image of bridge.

3 cardboard envelopes, film negatives.

10  8 (3x5) B&W Photos NYC buildings, circa 1967; 19 slides, note by Toll.

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Zoned America materials (1853–1969)

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1  14 Photocopies (a - r): a. John Marin, Broadway, St Paul’s Church, 1912;

b. the steerage by Alfred Steiglitz, 1907;

2  Index to Legal Periodicals, 1949-1952: City Planning, Housing, Zoning; 1952-1955 City
Planning, Housing, Zoning.

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Zoned America materials (1914–1968)

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1  Development and Present Status of City Planning in New York City, “Being the report of the committee on the City plan, December 31, 1914, together with papers presented at a meeting of the Advisory Commission on City plan, December 17, 1914"

City of NY, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Committee on the City Plan, 1914.


g. Partners in Progress, title page: National Association of Building owners and managers

Books:


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A  Box list (orange folder)

1  Zoned American, Xerox papers, dated May 20, 1969.


Box 7

Zoned America materials (1950–1969)

A  Box List

1.  7 (5 x 7, b & w) images.

2  newspaper clipping

3  letter from James Ward to Albert Toll, March 6, 1956.


5  Zoned American by Seymour Toll (loose pages)

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## Zoning planning, miscellaneous publications, (circa 1947-1966)

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5. e. Houses for family living, [title page] by Frederick Gutheim, illustrated by Dong Kingman, © 1948 by The Woman’s Foundation inc, NYC.
6. f. Partnership for renewal, a working program, [title page]: “A summary of the accomplishments of Philadelphia’s experiment…,” A demonstration project by the office of development coordinator, City of Philadelphia, in cooperation with the housing and home finance agency. 1960
7. g. Town and Country planning, Aug-Sept 1967, Vol. 25, No.8, Covent Garden, UK.
Box 8 (cont.)

Zoning planning, miscellaneous zoning publications, (circa 1947-1966)

m. Significant developments in the law during the war years," [title page] (1) Municipal land policy and control by Myres S. McDougal; (2) Real Property: Post Depression and Future by Homer F. Carey; [TP verso] edited by Dean F.D.G. Ribble, Dept. of Law, University of Virginia; Published for the Association of American Law Schools by Practicing Law Institute, NY., copyright 1946.


b. “Where is Ridgefield heading”? Published by Ridgefield league of women voters, edited by Aminta Casseres, June 1950.


e. Vermont Scenery Preservation, February 1966, Central Planning Office, Montpelier, VT.

BOX 9

Zoning planning, photocopied book extracts (circa 1916-1941)

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3 Commission on Building Districts and Restrictions, Final report, June 2, 1916. Published by City of New York, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Committee on the City Planning, 1916. Photocopy.
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**Zoning planning, photocopied book extracts (circa 1922-1929)**

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3. Report of the Heights of Buildings Commission..., City of New York, December 23, 1913. Photocopied materials: Ch. 1-3, Appendix 1-9, diagram 4-11,


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**Zoning planning, photocopied book extracts (circa 1922-1929)**

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Miscellaneous materials, Reston, VA. and Boston, MA. (circa 1964-1967)

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1. Professor Anthony Garvan, course syllabus, University of Pennsylvania, 1965.

2. Professor Tunnard, course syllabus, Yale University, 1965.

3. Dr. Peter Ottenberg, letter and lecture notes, 1965


    c. image of Reston, VA, The Evening Star, dated April 7, 1967, Section C.


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