

**HUTCHISON, A. W. (Albert Williams), Jr.  
(1909-1986)  
Papers  
1709-1986  
(THS Collection)**

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## INTRODUCTION

The A. W. (Albert Williams) Hutchison, Jr. Papers are centered around research done on Bryant Fleming (1877-1946), architect of Cheekwood Mansion, as well as other research conducted by Mr. Hutchison.

The collection is located at THS II-E-5. The span dates for the collection range from 1709-1986, although most of the materials are dated circa late 1970s through the 1980s.

The collection comprises .84 cubic feet of material; approximately 377 items. There are no restrictions on the materials and single copies of unpublished writings in the A. W. Hutchison, Jr. Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Williams Hutchison, Jr., a Nashville native, was born in 1909, the son of Albert W. and Wilhelmine Blackman Stonestreet Hutchison. He was a graduate of Duncan Preparatory School, Vanderbilt University and the YMCA Law School. He pursued graduate studies at Vanderbilt, Peabody College, and American University in Washington, D. C. For several years he was a member of the faculty of the Vanderbilt School of Engineering.

In 1942 Hutchison entered the United States Naval Reserve and served in the Bureau of Aeronautics and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations for Air until being discharged with the rank of commander in 1946.

Following several years of experience in construction, general contracting and consulting engineering, in January of 1950 Hutchison became associated with the architectural-engineering firm of Brush, Hutchison & Gwinn which later became known as Hutchison & Associates.

Hutchison was associated with the Rotary International, the Nashville Rotary Club, the Engineering Association of Nashville, the Cumberland Museum, the Nashville Symphony Association, the Old Oak Club, the Round Table, the Coffee House Club, the Tennessee Historical Society, and the Society of Amateur Chefs. He was also a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church and served as chairman of the church's Oak Hill Day School.

Hutchison died in his home on December 16, 1986, at 77 years of age. He donated his body to the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

\* Biographical sketch based on materials published in the *Tennessean*, December 17, 1986, Section B, page 8, and December 18, 1986, Section F, page 5.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The A. W. (Albert Williams) Hutchison, Jr. Papers, containing approximately 377 items, is centered around research done by Hutchison on Bryant Fleming, 1877-1946 (See Chronological Biographical Sketch in Appendix A, page 6). Fleming was the architect who designed Cheekwood Mansion and a number of other houses in Tennessee. Most of the research pertains to the building of the Cheekwood Mansion and was compiled for Cheekwood's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1979. The collection, consisting of two 5" archives boxes, is arranged alphabetically by media/format, such as, "Applications," "Clippings," etc.

Included in the collection is research related to a historical-architectural survey of various buildings and related events in Tennessee. Also included are a collection of photographic negatives that show maps of Nashville in the 1890s.

The remainder of the collection consists of items representative of the varied interests of Mr. Hutchison, including items about the Civil War, notes on *The Tennessee Craftsman* and the Masonic Handbook, and items related to the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The value of this collection lies in the materials which document Bryant Fleming, his activities, and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

1. Applications-- Application for registration to Practice as a Professional Architect or engineer, Bryant Fleming 1929
2. Clippings-- Civil War 1961
3. Clippings-- Bryant Fleming 1929-1982
4. Clippings-- American Society of Landscape Architects 1979,1983
5. Clippings-- New York Estates on Historic Register 1979
6. Correspondence-- Subject: Bryant Fleming 1928-1981
7. Notebook-- *The Tennessee Craftsman*, Masonic Handbook 1919
8. Notes-- Bryant Fleming 1877-1984

### BOX 2

1. Notes-- Historical Survey 1709-1979
2. Printed Materials-- Burlington 1783-1958
3. Printed Materials-- Cheekwood Trees at Christmas 1966
4. Printed Materials-- Civil War 1851-1864
5. Printed Materials-- Bryant Fleming 1877-1977
6. Printed Materials-- Historical Survey 1732-1947
7. Printed Materials-- Landscape Architecture 1716-1981
8. Printed Materials-- *Peabody Reflector* 1968
9. Printed materials-- Riverwood 1798-1966

### BOX 5

- Photographic negatives--Nashville maps 1890s

**BRYANT FLEMING**  
**Biographical Sketch**

- 1877 Born at Buffalo, New York, son of Emmet and Mary Harris Fleming.
- 1896 Graduated from Buffalo High School.
- 1901 Graduated from Cornell University with a B. S. Degree in agriculture. Immediately began working with Warren H. Manning.
- 1904 Established firm of Townsend and Fleming.
- 1905 Became member of American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).
- 1911 Elected to Fellowship in ASLA.
- 1915 Townsend and Fleming dissolved. Established own independent practice in Wyoming, New York.
- 1924 Moved office to Ithaca, New York.
- 1938 Retired.
- 1946 September 19, died at Warsaw, New York.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

American Institute of Architects  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
New York Architectural League  
University Planning Board, Cornell University