

# Hyman Myers renovation project files (Frank Furness Building)

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository</b>	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Hyman Myers
<b>Title</b>	Hyman Myers renovation project files (Frank Furness Building)
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	1974-1977
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1973-1978
<b>Extent</b>	2 record cartons
<b>Location note</b>	The Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Collection primarily consists of correspondence between Hyman Myers, project architect for PAFA's Historic Landmark Building renovation project in the 1970s.

### **Preferred Citation note**

[identification of item], Title of Collection, Collection ID#, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Archives, Philadelphia, PA.

## **Historical note**

“Hyman Myers, FAIA was the recipient of the Preservation Alliance’s 2009 James Biddle Award, given for lifetime achievement in historic preservation. Hyman has made exceptional contributions to the field of historic preservation, both as an architect and through service on the boards and committees of many nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Over the course of his four decade career, Hyman has directed preservation work on over 200 projects, including many of Philadelphia’s National Historic Landmarks. Among his early projects in Philadelphia were the 1976 restoration of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, followed in 1980 by the restoration and conversion of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel to a mixed-use facility. Subsequently, Hyman directed preservation work on such notable sites as Independence Hall, the Academy of Music, Girard College, the Reading Terminal Train Shed, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and City Hall.

Hyman’s work has not been confined to Philadelphia. As director of preservation services for VITETTA, he has led restoration projects for the Pennsylvania Capitol Building in Harrisburg, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the National Gallery of Art in Washington. Hyman has also lent his considerable knowledge of architectural history to the service of many nonprofit and public organizations, including serving as chair of the board of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation. His most notable public service was his 27–year membership on the Designation Committee of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, where he helped to strengthen numerous nominations of historic buildings and districts through his scholarly knowledge of architectural history. Hyman’s work has been recognized with many honors, including awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In 1992, Hyman received the F. Otto Haas Award, Pennsylvania’s highest recognition for contributions by an individual in the field of historic preservation.”

References: Preservation Matters, Spring 2009

<http://www.preservationalliance.com/files/news/PresMattersSpr09.pdf>

## **Scope and Contents note**

Collection primarily consists of correspondence between Hyman Myers, project architect for PAFA’s Historic Landmark Building renovation project in the 1970s.

## **Arrangement note**

Collection arranged in two series:

1. Correspondence
2. Projects

## **Administrative Information**

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Collection is open for research.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

#### **Provenance note**

#### **Processing Information note**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

**Person(s)**

**Corporate Name(s)**

**Genre(s)**

**Geographic Name(s)**

**Subject(s)**

## **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

## **Collection Inventory**

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Correspondence	January - May 1974	Clients	1	2
Correspondence	January - June 1974	Clients	1	3
Correspondence	July - December 1974	Clients	1	4
Correspondence	January - June 1975	Clients	1	5

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Correspondence	July - December 1974	Clients	1	7
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Correspondence	1976	Clients	1	10
Correspondence	1977	Clients	1	11
Correspondence	January - June 1977	Clients	1	12
Correspondence	July - December 1977	Clients	1	13
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Correspondence	1974	Williard Inc.	1	15
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