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Collection Summary

Title: Abel Wolman Papers

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Creator: Wolman, Abel, 1892-1989

Extent: 25,000 items ; 84 containers ; 33.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Engineer and educator. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, studies, clippings, maps, charts, blueprints, and other papers relating to Wolman's career as an engineer and educator in the field of sanitary engineering. Documents his work with public and private planning projects at the city, county, state, and national level, and public works in the United States and abroad.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Wolman, Abel, 1892-1989.

Organizations

Association of American Railroads.

Bethlehem Steel Company.

United States. Agency for International Development.

World Health Organization.

Subjects

Natural resources--Asia.

Natural resources--Brazil.

Natural resources--Israel.

Natural resources--United States.

Natural resources.

Public works--Asia.

Public works--Brazil.

Public works--Israel.

Public works--United States.

Public works.

Sanitary engineering--Asia.

Sanitary engineering--Brazil--São Paulo.

Sanitary engineering--Brazil.

Sanitary engineering--Israel.

Sanitary engineering--Maryland--Baltimore.

Sanitary engineering--Michigan--Detroit.

Sanitary engineering--New York (State)--New York.

Sanitary engineering--United States.

Sanitary engineering--Washington (D.C.)

Sanitary engineering.

Water-supply--Asia.

Water-supply--Brazil--São Paulo.

Water-supply--Brazil.

Water-supply--Israel.

Water-supply--Maryland--Baltimore.

Water-supply--Michigan--Detroit.
Water-supply--New York (State)--New York.
Water-supply--United States.
Water-supply--Washington (D.C.)
Water-supply.

Occupations

Educators.
Engineers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Abel Wolman, engineer and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Wolman between 1965 and 1975.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1971 and expanded in 1984. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1892, June 10	Born, Baltimore, Md.
1913	A.B., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
1913-1914	Assistant engineer, United States Public Health Service
1915	B.S., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
1919	Married Anne Gordon
1921-1937	Editor-in-chief, <i>Journal of the American Water Works Association</i>
1922-1939	Chief engineer, Maryland Department of Health
1923-1927	Associate editor, American Journal of Public Health

1928-1933	Vice chairman, Water Pollution Control Federation
1929-1935	Editor-in-chief, <i>Municipal Sanitation</i>
1937-1962	Lecturer and professor of sanitary engineering, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
1939	President, American, Public Health Association
1950-1956	Chairman, advisory council for planning Israel's National Water Carrier project
1970-1983	President, Pan-American Health and Education Foundation
1989, Feb. 22	Died, Baltimore, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Abel Wolman (1892-1989) span the years 1904-1975, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1930-1962. The collection consists of correspondence, maps, charts, blueprints, clippings, reports, studies, memoranda, and other professional papers relating to sanitary engineering and the management of water resources and the environment. The papers document his role in the development of public and private planning projects at the city, county, state, and national level and through public works in the United States and abroad. It includes material pertaining to Wolman's role as consultant and advisor to government agencies and public concerns in Baltimore, Md.; Detroit, Mich.; New York, N.Y.; São Paulo, Brazil; Washington, D.C.; and other cities as well as with private interests such as the Association of American Railroads and Bethlehem Steel Company. The collection also documents his work on water development in Israel, on behalf of the World Health Organization in Asia, and with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Brazil.

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