

# Guide to the John W. Cook Interviews with Architects

MS 1873



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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1873

**CREATOR:** Cook, John Wesley, 1933-

**TITLE:** John W. Cook interviews with architects

**DATES:** 1969-1970

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 10.25 linear feet (41 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The interviews are in English.

**SUMMARY:** The John W. Cook Interviews with Architects consist of recorded interviews conducted with American architects prominent in the mid-to-late 20th century. These interviews were recorded by Cook and Heinrich Klotz in 1969-1970 and largely transcribed in their 1973 book *Conversations with Architects*, published by Praeger Publishers, New York. The full interview with Louis Kahn was transcribed more recently in *Louis I. Kahn in Conversation*, edited by Jules David Prown and Karen E. Denavit and published by Yale University Press in 2015.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John Wesley Cook, 2003; gift of Karen Denavit and Jules David Prown, 2015.

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John W. Cook Interviews with Architects (MS 1873). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

John W. Cook is Professor Emeritus of Religion and the Arts at Yale University.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by architect's last name.

## Collection Contents

Original material  
40 Audiotape Reels

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Goldberg, Bertrand		
b. 2, 1	1969 November 4 2 Audiotape Reels	1969 November 4
b. 4, 3	Undated 2 Audiotape Reels	
Kahn, Louis I.		
b. 5-6	Tape 1 and Tape 2 2 Audiotape Reels 0:34:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b005-b006</a>	1969 July 15
b. 5Ua-5Ub, 6U	Use copies 3 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 7	Tape 3 1 Audiotape Reel 0:56:30 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b007</a>	1969 November 6
b. 7U	Use copy 1 Audio Disc (CD)	
b. 8-9	Tape 4 and Tape 5 2 Audiotape Reels 2:50:53 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b008-b009</a>	1969 December 7
b. 8Ua-8Ub	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 9Ub-9Ua	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)  Two use copies of Tape 5, Side B are available. Copy 1 matches the master file, which misses thirteen seconds of dialogue at the end of the recording. Copy 2 includes the thirteen seconds of dialogue missing from the master file, but this dialogue is largely inaudible.	
b. 11, 10	Center for British Art Building at Yale 2 Audiotape Reels 1:05:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b010-b011</a>	1969 December 15
b. 11Ua, 10U, 11Ub	Use copies 3 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 12	Tape 6 1 Audiotape Reel 2:08:28 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b012</a>	1970 April 4

Kahn, Louis I. > Tape 6 (continued)

b. 12Ub-12Ua	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 13-15	Tapes 7-9 3 Audiotape Reels 4:37:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b013-b015</a>	1970 April 5
b. 13Ua-13Ub	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 14Ua-14Ub	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 15U	Use copy 1 Audio Disc (CD)	
Lapidus, Morris		
b. 22	1969 April 18 1 Audiotape Reel	1969 April 18
b. 24, 23	1970 April 22 2 Audiotape Reels	1970 April 22
Johnson, Philip		
b. 16	1969 July 26 1 Audiotape Reel	1969 July 26
b. 17	1969 July 29 1 Audiotape Reel	1969 July 29
b. 19, 18	1969 August 2 Audiotape Reels	1969 August
b. 21, 20	1969 August 14 2 Audiotape Reels	1969 August 14
Moore, Charles		
b. 25	1970 February 25 1 Audiotape Reel	1970 February 25
b. 27, 26	1970 March 4 2 Audiotape Reels	1970 March 4
b. 28	1970 April 7 1 Audiotape Reel	1970 April 7
Roche, Kevin		
b. 29	1969 August 18 1 Audiotape Reel 2:08:46 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b029</a>	1969 August 18
b. 29Ua-29Ub	Use copies 2 Audio Discs (CD)	

## Roche, Kevin (continued)

b. 30	1969 August 18 1 Audiotape Reel 0:33:48 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b030</a>	1969 August 18
b. 30Ua-30Ub	Use copy 2 Audio Discs (CD)	
b. 32-34, 31	1969 October 13-17 4 Audiotape Reels 5:52:39 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b031-b034</a>	1969 October 13-17
b. 32Ua, 31Ub, 33Ua, 32Ub, 34Ua, 33Ub, 31Ua, 34Ub	Use copies 8 Audio Discs (CD)	
Rudolph, Paul		
b. 36, 35	1969 November 19 2 Audiotape Reels 1:13:40 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b035-b036</a>	1969 November 19
b. 36U, 35U	Use copies 2 CD-Rs	
b. 38, 37	1969 December 14 2 Audiotape Reels 2:07:25 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b037-b038</a>	1969 December 14
b. 38U, 37U	Use copies 2 CD-Rs	
b. 39	1970 April 22 1 Audiotape Reel 2:03:17 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) <a href="#">[Aviary] ms 1873 b039</a>	1970 April 22
b. 39Ub-39Ua	Use copies 2 CD-Rs	

## Venturi, Robert and Denise Scott Brown

b. 40	1970 May 16 1 Audiotape Reel	1970 May 16
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**Accession 2015-M-059: Additional material, 2009-2015**

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

This accession comprises the recorded Louis I. Kahn interviews with John W. Cook and Heinrich Klotz after the original reel-to-reel audio tape was transferred to compact disc and transcribed in full, as well as indexed.

b. 1	Kahn, Louis I., verbatim interview transcripts and indexes
	Computer files

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Architects -- United States  
Architecture

### **Names**

Goldberg, Bertrand, 1913-1997  
Johnson, Philip, 1906-2005  
Kahn, Louis I., 1901-1974  
Lapidus, Morris  
Moore, Charles Willard, 1925-1993  
Roche, Kevin, 1922-2019  
Rudolph, Paul, 1918-1997  
Scott Brown, Denise, 1931-  
Venturi, Robert, 1925-