

# Guide to the George A. Dudley Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1861

**CREATOR:** Dudley, George A.

**TITLE:** George A. Dudley papers

**DATES:** Circa 1948-circa 2005

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 58.25 linear feet (46 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers are comprised of writings, drafts, research and topical files, notes, correspondence, clippings, articles, reports, proposals, and other documents relating to the career of architect and planner George A. Dudley, who oversaw the development and construction of many large-scale projects, such as campuses for the State University of New York and mass housing programs in Latin America, the Middle East, and India. The collection includes records produced and collected by Dudley when he worked both domestically and internationally as an architect, planner, administrator, and consultant, as well as materials relating to Dudley's book, *A Workshop for Peace: Designing the United Nations Headquarters* (1994), based on Dudley's experience in 1947 working on the U.N. Headquarters under architect Wallace K. Harrison.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Barbara C.M. Dudley and George B. Dudley 2005.

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The materials are open for research.

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### Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed. Materials are in the order that existed when the collection was acquired by Yale University Library, and descriptions are transcribed from original handwritten folder titles.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Austin Dudley, born in Pittsburgh on December 24, 1914, attended Yale University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1936, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Architecture in 1938, and Master of Fine Arts in Urban Planning in 1940. Early in his career as an architect, Dudley worked under Wallace K. Harrison on the planning and construction of the United Nations Headquarters in New York City – an experience he later recounted in his book *A Workshop for Peace: Designing the United Nations Headquarters* (1994). Other large-scale planning projects on which Dudley worked with Harrison are Rockefeller Center, Lincoln Center, and the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York.

Dudley continued to focus on complex building projects for institutional clients—both governmental and academic—throughout his long career, working both domestically and abroad. From 1948 to 1960, Dudley served as president of the International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC) Housing Corporation, which constructed thousands of units of government-financed, low-cost modular housing in Latin America, the Middle East, and India. In the early 1960s, Dudley headed the State University Construction Fund, New York, overseeing the financing, planning, and building of several SUNY campuses, including Stony Brook, New Paltz, and Buffalo. Dudley was founding dean, from 1965 to 1967, of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of California, Los Angeles, and he also served as dean of the School of Architecture at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In the late 1970s and 1980s, Dudley acted as a consultant on several planning and development projects in Asia, the Middle East, and the U.S.

Dudley died in Rensselaerville, New York, in February 2005.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The papers are comprised of writings, drafts, research and topical files, notes, correspondence, clippings, articles, reports, proposals, and other materials. Documents remain in their original folders and their arrangement has not been altered since the collection was acquired. Descriptions are transcribed from original handwritten folder titles, and materials relating to a specific project or topic may be housed in multiple, non-consecutive boxes and folders.

The papers extend over two accessions. The original accession consists largely of materials relating to Dudley's book, *A Workshop for Peace: Designing the United Nations Headquarters*, published in 1994. Accession 2006-M-026 comprises documents produced and collected over the course of Dudley's career as an architect, planner, administrator, and consultant working both domestically and internationally.

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## **Arrangement**

The papers are arranged by accession.

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b.1	Secretariat
b.1	General Assembly
b.1	Council chambers design; Conference building
b.1	Housing Authority building
b.1	Submission and publication of report
b.1	Report to Secretary-General
b.1	Part V. Headquarters Planning Office
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b.1	Part VI. Work of the Planning Office
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b. 5	Headquarters Advisory Committee and Planning Office
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b. 5	Dispersal of Design Board



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b. 6	Ted [Gachot]	
b. 6	Notes and drafts	
b. 6	Yale Press	
b. 6	Architectural History Foundation	
b. 6	National Endowment for the Arts	
b. 6	Site search	
b. 6	New Yorker profile of Corbusier	
b. 6	Publication prospectus	
b. 6	Notes on Glenn E. Bennett diary	
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b. 6	Cohen, Stephen	
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b. 9	Johnson, Philip	
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b. 9	Loose papers	
b. 9	Phipps, chapter 3	
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b. 9	Loose papers and publications, many personal	
b. 9	Abu Nuwaz Development Project, proposal	1981 April
b. 9	Saudi Arabia National Center for Science and Technology, proposal	1981 October 15
b. 9	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Environmental Planning System, environmental base document	1978 February
b. 9	University of Hong Kong, Department of Architecture	
b. 9	Tsuen Wan New Town Development Office, topographical maps	1976
b. 9	Efectos de la instalacion de una industria siderurgica en la ciudad de maracaibo	1977
b. 9	Urbis Planning Design Group	
b. 9	State Mosque competition, Baghdad	1983
b. 9	Loose articles	
b. 9	CNN	
b. 9	Loose correspondence and papers	
b. 9	Clippings and notes re Rockefeller Center	
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b. 10	Original notes and drawings taken by Dudley at Board of Design meetings	
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b. 14	Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Environmental Planning System	
b. 14	Lloyd Site Master Development Plan	1975
b. 14	IBEC housing, El Salvador	1952
b. 14	University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Master plan	1979
b. 14	270 Park Avenue	
b. 15	Drafts and documents	

b. 16	Drafts and copies of documents	
b. 16	Snapshots from Board of Design	
b. 16	Proposal to facilitate the expansion of the headquarters of the United Nations	1968
b. 17	Drafts and copies of documents	
b. 17	Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations by the Secretary-General on the Permanent Headquarters of the United Nations (copies in multiple languages)	1947
b. 17	Report of the Headquarters Commission to the second Part of the First Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations	1946
b. 17	Engineering and Technical Studies of the Headquarters Planning Office	1947
b. 18	Photocopies and photocopies from various repositories	
b. 19	Saudi Arabia National Center for Science and Technology, Science Hall Design Report	
b. 19	State Mosque, Baghdad	
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b.7	Rockefeller, David
b.7	Rockefeller, Nelson
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b. 30	United Nations Habitat	
b. 30	Society for College and University Planning	
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b. 30	Ditchley Foundation	
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b. 30	National Policy Task Force; National growth policy planning	
b. 30	Rockefeller, Nelson: Domestic Council	
b. 30	Agency for International Development	
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b. 30	Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies	
b. 30	Progressive Architecture awards; IBEC housing; New York State symposium, Sterling Forest	1961
b. 30	South Mall, Albany, New York	
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b. 40	Report 1.3	1982 July 31
b. 40	Report 2	1982 January 13
b. 40	Report 3	1982 June 15
b. 40	Report 4	1982 April 15
b. 40	Report 5, management recommendations, two copies, one annotated rough draft	undated
b. 40	Report 6.1, conceptual basis	undated
b. 40	Urban design summary, two copies	1982
Saudi Arabia		
b. 41	Al Batin Military City master plan, site development plans	1975 April 30
b. 41	King Khalid Military City master plan, site development plans	1976 June
b. 42	King Abdulaziz University campus project, appendix design report draft and sketches	1987 May

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b. 42	Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology, residential facilities and schools design report	undated
b. 42	Islamic University of Madinah, master plan report	undated
b. 43	King Abdulaziz University, three volumes of master plans and concept designs	undated
b. 44	Proposal for New Town in Florida	undated
b. 44	Paolo Soleri	1969
b. 45	New York City Planning Commission, plans for New York City, each of the five boroughs	1969
Folio		
b. 46	"In a Sketchbook World, ADP 812, 1986-1987," Michael [Mytoller] English	[1986-1987]
b. 46	College at Fredonia, block study model II, I. M. Pei and Associates, Architects and Planners	undated
b. 46	3 Renderings of NY State Program re: Development of Air-rights over Piers, E. River Drive, etc., Schwartz	undated
b. 46	Unidentified sketch, [Facoby]	[1964]

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Building -- Planning  
City planning  
Housing

### **Names**

Dudley, George A.

### **Corporate Bodies**

International Basic Economy Corporation  
Ma'had al-Kuwayt lil-Abḥāth al-'Ilmīyah  
State University of New York  
United Nations (Headquarters)