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ELECTUS LITCHFIELD COLLECTION

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Electus D. Litchfield
1942-1950

THE LITCHFIELD COLLECTION

Electus Litchfield, F. A. I. A., has presented to the Avery Library three interesting and carefully selected collections of architectural drawings and photographs from his office. On retiring from practice, and before closing his office, he gave the Avery Librarian the privilege of going over the material and choosing what he felt would be most suitable.

Mr. Litchfield has been one of New York's outstanding architects for decades, practicing first in the partnership of Tracy, Swartwout and Litchfield, 1908-12, Electus D. Litchfield and Rogers (Pliny Rogers, 1882-1930), and individually from 1926 to the present time. The list of his distinguished works is a long one. It includes the U. S. Post Office and Court House, Denver, Colorado; the James J. Hill Reference Library and the Saint Paul Public Library, Saint Paul, Minnesota; No. 800 Park Avenue and many other apartment houses; many residences; and much interesting housing, among which is Yorkship Village, a large group, near Camden, New Jersey, built for ship workers during the first World War. Mr. Litchfield as consulting architect for the Albany Post Office and Federal Building had a chief part in its exterior design. In recent years he was one of the winners in the qualifying competition of the

New York City Housing Authority, and one of the architects of the Red Hook Development in Brooklyn.

The Litchfield collection, as a carefully selected body of work, has an importance out of all proportion to its size. It embraces the work of several of America's outstanding renderers - Otto Eggers, Louis C. Rosenberg, Schell Lewis, Floyd Yewell, Joshua Fish. Among the outstanding renderings are those of the Albany Court House, showing the various stages in the progress of this design, the color rendering by Otto Eggers of the Denver Post Office and his distinguished series of preliminary renderings of Yorkship Village. It includes, also, complete sets of working drawings and details of much important work - notably, the Saint Paul Library, No. 800 Park Avenue, and Yorkship Village.

Considered as a unit, this collection forms a notable addition to the Avery Library collection of architectural drawings, not only documenting the works of a noted designer, but also giving us the works by architectural delineators not heretofore represented. For American architecture from 1912 to 1940 it constitutes an important source of original material.

Mr. Litchfield's principal works are recorded either in the Avery collection or in the Litchfield Collection at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

THE COLLECTION

(First gift, 1942)
Box No. 1

Bigelow house - St. Paul, Minn. - 2 photographs

DR 373 National Security Company building - Perspective - Wolf pencil rendering by Floyd Yewell.

DR 373 First Baptist church, Plainfield, N.J. - Competition. Front elevation, pencil rendering by Charles Rosenberg.

DR 374 Trinity Lutheran church, 222 East 78th Street, N.Y. Front elevation, pencil rendering by J. J. Fish.

DR 372A school dormitory group. Elevation rendered in pencil by Schell Lewis.

A house at Kingsport, Tennessee.

DR 373 Perspective of front, pencil and chalk, by Lewis King.

DR 373 Perspective of rear " " " " " "

Albany post office. Gander, Gander and Gander, architects; Norman R. Sturgis associated; Electus D. Litchfield, consulting architect (designer)

DR 374 Photograph of model with alternates.

DR 374 Elevation study - pencil rendering by Joshua Fish.

DR 374 Two end elevations - Pencil studies by Joshua Fish.

DR 374 Final perspective - rendering by Joshua Fish.

DR 373 The Fletcher Savings and Trust Company. Front elevation - pencil with India ink wash.

DR 374 The James J. Hill Memorial in the Cascade Mountains.

DR 374 Elevation - pencil rendering.

DR 374 Plan - pencil and water color.

DR 371 New York City Housing Authority competition

DR 371 Unit plans

DR 371 Block plans

DR 371 Competition for the George Washington Memorial - two plans and a section.

DR 371 Plainfield City Hall. Competition drawings, 3 sheets.

DR 374 Study for a bank on Main Ave + 69th St

DR 374 RESIDENCE 1929 Pencil rendering by Schell Lewis

DR 373 Oyster Bay memorial to Theodore Roosevelt
Perspective of main building. Pencil rendering by Otto Eggers.

Yorkship village

DR 371 Perspective down a street.

DR 372 Perspective of a curving street.

DR 371 Cross avenue and two churches.

DR 372 Street intersection.

DR 372 Town square.

DR 372 General plan. Rendering in ink, pencil, and Chinese white.

DR 373 Riverside Hospital, tuberculosis pavilion - Electus D. Litchfield,
architect; Charles Crane, consultant. Preliminary studies of
first and second story plans, 2 drawings, mounted.

BOX No. 2

DR 372 Albany Post Office. Three elevation studies - Rendered in
pencil by Joshua Fish.

Oyster Bay memorial to Theodore Roosevelt.

DR 373 General plan - Rendered by Pliny Rogers.

DR 373 Preliminary plan - pencil and water color.

Yorkship village (Pencil and colored crayon renderings)

DR 371 Baptist church. Perspective.

DR 371 Lutheran church. Perspective.

DR 373 The Square. Pencil and Chinese white. Rendered by Otto Eggers.

DR 373 22 PHOTOGRAPHS YORKSHIP VILLAGE

ADDITIONS TO THE LITCHFIELD COLLECTION

(1947)

West rollers

A collection of photographs of buildings from the office
of Electus D. Litchfield and Litchfield and Rogers.
114 plates.

DR 372 Public library, Saint Paul, Minnesota. 2 ink and wash drawings
for a ceiling, by Frank Fairbanks.

DR 372 Pencil drawing by Schell Lewis for an unidentified building, 1926.

PA 372 George Washington memorial hall. Pen and wash drawing.

ADDITIONS TO THE LITCHFIELD COLLECTION

(1950)

~~West roller cabinet~~

1. Yorkship village. Working drawings and details.
 - 1) House locations.
 - 2) Stores and apartments on Collings Road.
 - 3) Miscellaneous details - garage and gymnasium.
 - 4) Community house.
 - 5) Details - Baptist church.
 - 6) Bridge details.
 - 7) Camden housing - details.
 - 8) Miscellaneous details.
 - 9) Unit plans. Housing development and village extension.
 - 10) Housing development - plans.
 - 11) Lutheran church.
 - 12) Housing development.

2. Apartment houses.
 - 800 Park Avenue. 3 pkgs. of drawings. - Dr 128
 - 381 Park Avenue. 1 pkg. of drawings. ?
 - 930 Fifth Avenue. 1 pkg. of drawings. DR 190

3. Domestic architecture.
 - Lockwood Barr, Pelham Manor, N.Y. 5 photos, 2 plans, legend.
 - Stettinius, Locust Valley, L.I. 6 photos.
 - Mann, Scarsdale, N.Y. 5 photos.
 - House on Pelham Parkway for the Five Borough Realty Co.
 - 2 pkgs.
 - Spaidal. 3 photos, 1 plan.
 - Trowbridge, Noroton, Connecticut. 1 pkg. of drawings.
 - Houses for Everett Realty and Construction Co., Jamaica, L.I.
 - 1 pkg.

4. Monuments for the Great Northern Railway.
 - Lincoln memorial, Newark, New Jersey.
 - Lewis and Clark
 - Bonnars ferry (Plans and details)
 - Astoria column (Details)
 - Wishram (Plans and details)

(Five packages of drawings in all)

5. Saint Paul Public Library
Working drawings
Exterior and interior details
Photographs
6. Roosevelt memorials, Oyster Bay, L.I.
1 package of drawings.
7. Miscellaneous
Andrews mission for girls
DR372 Albany Post Office RENDERING OF A CEILING
Churches for the Baptist Home Mission Society
(Three packages of drawings in all)
8. Goucher college competition. Library elevations and plans. - in
photo studio