Collection Guide: S. R. Crown Hall

Overview

S. R. Crown Hall (built 1950 – 1956) was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886 – 1969) and serves as the architecture building on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago). The building was dedicated April 30, 1956. It was designated a Chicago Landmark on October 1, 1997 and received National Historic Landmark status on August 7, 2001. Crown Hall was depicted on a U. S. postage stamp in 1982.

Materials in UASC

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1998.183  S. R. Crown Hall Collection
Publications and miscellaneous materials related to S. R. Crown Hall including.

1999.024  Crown Hall Feasibility Study
S. R. Crown Hall Renovation Feasibility Study prepared by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; dated February 1974. Photocopied pages including text, drawings, technical charts, specifications, etc.

2000.024  Landscape drawings: Crown Hall field; State St. & 33rd St.
50 sheets (mostly oversize and mostly on vellum) of landscape designs representing all stages from freehand concepts to AutoCAD construction drawings for Crown Hall Field, streetscaping along State St., 31st, and 33rd Streets, all on Illinois Institute of Technology’s campus.

2001.042  Crown Hall National Historic Landmark Nomination
Copy of the final National Historic Landmark nomination form accepted for S. R. Crown Hall with accompanying letter from the National Historic Landmarks Survey. The narrative cites Crown Hall as “an icon of ‘Miesian’ architecture and the International Style” (p. 17) for which it was granted Landmark status. The nomination includes extensive verbal description of the building and includes technical specifications, drawings (floor plans) and photographs.

2002.14  Mies van der Rohe/Crown Hall First Day of Issue Stamp
Three cancelled stamp covers commemorating First Day of Issue stamps in a series on architecture. Image on stamp on these covers is of S. R. Crown Hall in recognition of the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed campus of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Historic structure report completed by McClier corporation at the request of IIT for S. R. Crown Hall designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.
2005.37  Video tape: WTTW’s Crown Hall Reconstruction

2005.40  Crown Hall Press Packet
Media packet of promotional materials released to media at the beginning of the 2005 exterior restoration (and subsequent interior renovation) of S. R. Crown Hall on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology.

2006.01  Crown Hall Presentation Book
Handmade book about S. R. Crown Hall (1 of three copies) produced as a stewardship gift by the IIT Office of Institutional Advancement for the Crown family. The book contains images (both historic and recent) of the building, events related to it, and people associated with it. Short captions accompany the images.


2007.43  Mies van der Rohe/Crown Hall First Day of Issue Stamp

2008.01  Mies van der Rohe LP album, slides of Crown Hall


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