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Aymar Embury II was born in New York on May 15th, 1880. He graduated in 1900 from Princeton University with a degree in civil engineering and a year later received a master's degree. Mr. Embury taught architecture at Princeton while establishing himself professionally in New York. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Princeton Engineering Society, the New York Society of Architects and the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He belonged to several clubs including: the Players, Nassau, University of Washington, and the Maidstone of East Hampton LI. During World War I he was a captain with the 40th Engineers and later, he was a lieutenant colonel in the Reserve.

Embury is known as being the architect of many notable structures in New York City and throughout the country. He was the architect for much of Hofstra College (south campus) and of the East Hampton Free Library and Guild Hall. Additional buildings ranged from structures in the Central Park Zoo to the Triboro Bridge, a plan for an improved and expanded Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Lincoln Tunnel and the stadium on Randall's Island and the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

Mr. Embury designed the William Church Osborn Memorial Playground at 84th Street and helped with the planning of the new aquarium at Coney Island. He was a member of the architectural advisory committee to Robert Moses in designing the Coliseum at Columbus Circle, and in 1955, he was a co-designer of the Donnell branch of the New York Public Library. With his son Edward, Mr. Embury was architect for the Wollman Skating Rink in Central Park. In 1960, the two men drew plans for the Children's Zoo there as well. Additionally, Embury designed rural and urban houses, hotels, banks, clubs and theaters. He planned numerous buildings in Latin America, and was chief engineer for contractors in the North African Military Mission.

Aymar Embury died on November 14th, 1966 at 86 years old. He had been living in East Hampton, but was moved to a Southampton hospital after battling a long illness. Mr. Embury retired more than 10 years prior to his death, and had become a consultant to his firm, which was then headed by his son Edward, at 110 East 30th Street.

The collection includes writings by Embury in both scrapbook form and in article form with photocopied images about various architectural topics. Also includes an open letter written to then president of Hofstra, John Cranford Adams about Embury's plan for the campus.

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Embury was the architect for Hofstra's south campus.

Writings by and about Aymar Embury on a variety of subjects, most centered about the theme of architecture. This collection is made up entirely of photocopies brought together under particular headings.

Scrapbook, Compiled in the President's Office.

Box 1- Scrapbook
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| 1 | Includes a letter to President John Cranford Adams
From Aymar Embury II, University architect, in 1954
Explains the rationale behind the "Hofstra"
architecture. |
| 2 | Nineteen pages of photographs (20 views) of sketches
Embury made for potential buildings and of John C.
Adams office in Holland House. |

Box 1- Writings
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| 1 | Articles on Architecture and Engineering Design |
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- 2 Articles on Architecture and Engineering Design,
1924-25
- 3 Book Reviews
- 4 Articles on Architecture in Europe, Colonial
America, and Mexico, 1924-25, 1939
- 5 Short stories and Autobiographical and Biographical
Sketches, 1938-39
- 6 Military Articles, 1923, 1964
- 7 Architecture of the Old South, 1922, 1925, 1931