

Dissertations Subject Explorer

LANDSCAPE

Every day we inhabit built and natural environments. The landscape is all around us, all the time, shaping and informing our lives.

The University of Reading now holds the best collection of 20th century landscape archives and library material in the UK.

Our rich and varied landscape collections offer opportunities for students of landscape architecture, design and management; history; geography; architecture; environmental science and ecology.

Types of documents:

Our [Landscape Institute](#) collections hold everything from plans, drawings, slides, books, journals and pamphlets to the LI's institutional archive containing all of their corporate records, such as minutes and membership files.

Possible subject areas include:

- The history of the landscape
- Attitudes towards the rural and urban landscape
- Women in landscape architecture
- New towns and urban planning
- Landscape of industry and power
- Changes in the practice of landscape architecture and design
- The emergence and history of the Landscape Institute

- Landscape architects and their projects

Details of items held at the University of Reading:

Visit our [online catalogue](#) to search our collections. For a general overview of the collections visit our [Landscape Institute archive and library page](#).

- The library collection of the Landscape Institute has been integrated into the open access MERL and Special Collections library (held at [MERL](#)).
- [SR LI](#): **Corporate records of the Landscape Institute**
- [AR BRO](#): **Michael Brown Collection**
 - The collection contains drawings, slides and photographs.
- [AR COL](#): **Brenda Colvin Collection**
 - Includes personal papers, project files, correspondence, photographic images, drawings.
- [AR CRO](#): **Sylvia Crowe Collection**
 - The collection contains drawings by Sylvia Crowe and some of her staff, photographs and negatives, and correspondence.
- [AR JAK](#): **Preben Jakobsen Collection**
 - The collection contains drawings, project files, photographs and slides, office records and correspondence.
- [AR JEL](#): **Geoffrey Jellicoe Collection.**
 - Jellicoe wrote many books on aspects of landscape and gardens which can be found in the Landscape Institute library. The collection includes drawings, mostly from the period 1970-1995 and include some of his most important projects: Shute House and the Moody Gardens, Texas. Photographs of much of his work can be found in the Susan Jellicoe Photographic Collection.
- [PJEL](#): **Susan Jellicoe photographic Collection**
 - The collection contains photograph albums covering broad subjects such as people and places, commerce and industry, and private gardens, as well landscape and architecture projects by Geoffrey Jellicoe.
- [AR SHE](#): **Peter Shepherd Collection**
 - The collection contains drawings, photographs, project files, correspondence, personal papers and drawings of nudes and birds.

- [P.TAN](#): **Clifford Tandy photographic Collection**
 - Tandy bequeathed his slide collection to the Landscape Institute. The collection includes aerial views of the British landscape, estates and heritage sites.
- [AR.THO](#): **Marian Thompson Collection**
 - The collection includes drawings, assorted plant notes, course projects and notes for Thames Polytechnic, and job files, reports, surveys and notes.
- [AR.MW](#): **Milner White Collection**
 - Collections relating to the landscape gardening dynasty of Edward Milner (1819-1884), Henry Ernest Milner (1845-1906) and Frank Marshall.
- [AR.MPB](#): **Moore Piet +Brookes Collection.**
 - Reading Town Centre Masterplan and Pedestrianisation

Additional Information:

- Visit our [Landscape Institute archive and library page](#) for an introduction to the collections, handlists and updates.
- Search our integrated archive, library and object catalogue [here](#). You could search for a particular book, place name, or landscape architect for example.
- Subscribe to our [blog](#) for further updates in the [Discovering the Landscape](#) series and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).
- Lots of our other collections also support landscape studies, such as the [CPRE](#) (SR CPRE), [The Land Settlement Association](#) (CR LSA) and the [Open Spaces Society](#) (SR OSS).