

AMON CARTER MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART ARCHIVES COLLECTION GUIDE

Collection Summary

- Title:** American Forts Research Collection
- Date:** 16th–19th Centuries, bulk 1770–1860
- Creator(s):** Robinson, Willard Bethurem (1935–1991)
- Extent:** 7 linear feet
- Code:** AFC
- Repository:** Amon Carter Museum of American Art Archives
- Abstract:** The American Forts Research Collection contains the extensive research files accumulated by Willard B. Robinson in preparation for his book *American Forts: Architectural Form and Function* published by the University of Illinois Press in association with the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in 1977. The files include copies of early American manuscripts, cartography, and published materials that document the location and design of military fortifications in the United States and portions of Canada.

Information for Researchers

Access Restrictions

The collection is open to qualified researchers.

Use Restrictions

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Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Willard Bethurem Robinson (1935–1991) was a practicing architect and professor of architecture and museum science at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, at the time of this book's creation. He, further, served as curator of historic architecture at the Museum of Texas Tech University. This was the second book he wrote for the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, having previously written *Texas Public Buildings of the 19th Century*, the companion volume to *Texas Homes of the 19th Century*. Both Texas Architectural Survey volumes, and their associated research materials were transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, Alexander Architectural Archive of the Architecture and Planning Library in 2002–2003.

Scope and Content Note

The American Forts Research Collection is organized into three series corresponding to the accumulation and development of the associated publication. The first series contains short format note cards that provide brief details regarding each military installation. The second series contains longer format information accumulated about specific installations and includes images of the fort where available. The third series contains material used in development of the published manuscript, either as figures and illustrations in the text or source material quoted.

A more detailed series description may be found at the start of each series in this finding aid.

Inventory

Series I. Card Files

Scope and Content Note: This series contains 3x5 index cards, organized alphabetically by state or province then alphabetically by fort name, citing brief synopses of each fort and source information. Canadian material follows U. S. material.

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Box 2: Forts, Florida–Massachusetts

Box 3: Forts, Michigan–New Mexico

Box 4: Forts, New York–South Carolina

Box 5: Forts, South Dakota–Wyoming; British Columbia–Quebec

Series II. Research Files

Scope and Content Note: This series contains the bulk of the substantial research copies that Robinson accumulated in preparation for his book. The first portion consists of print out copies of *Records of the United States Army Commands*, record group 98, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D. C., and, *Historical Information relating to Military Posts and Other Installations, 1700–1900*, microfilm 661, National Archives Microfilm Publications, Washington, D. C. The later portion are files, organized alphabetically by state or province then alphabetically by fort name, containing notes and copy print photographs of the installation. Canadian material follows U. S. material.

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Series III. Book Files

Scope and Content Note: This series contains assorted research material segregated for inclusion in the Robinson manuscript. The folders are organized numerically by chapter illustration note, with the last folders containing materials obtained from source institutions.

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