



Guide to

MS 001

The University of Texas at  
El Paso Bhutanese Style  
Architecture Collection

1910s – 2015 Span Dates,  
1967 – 2000s Bulk Dates,

4 feet, 6 inches (linear)

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## **Biography or Historical Sketch**

Created by Senate Bill 183, the State School of Mines and Metallurgy was founded in 1913 due to El Pasoans' requests for a school to train mining engineers and metallurgists to help support the local mining and smelting industries. In 1914 the State School of Mines opened on land and buildings east of Ft. Bliss that were formerly occupied by the El Paso Military Institute. University of Texas Regents named Stephen Worrell as the first dean. On its official opening day, September 23, 1914, twenty-seven male students enrolled in the School. Later that year a fire destroyed the School's main building and the campus relocated to land donated by El Pasoans in the Sunset Heights area. After viewing British explorer's Jean Claude White's photographs of the Kingdom of Bhutan in the April 1914 issue of *National Geographic*, Kathleen Worrell, wife of the dean, recommended that the new campus adopt Bhutanese-style architecture because of the similarities between Bhutan's and El Paso's landscapes.

## **Series Description or Arrangement**

This series of the UTEP collection is organized alphabetically by topic or material and then chronologically.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The UTEP Bhutanese Style Architecture Collection dates 1910s – 2015, bulk 1967 – 2000s. Types of records include photographs, publications, correspondence, drawings of UTEP buildings, and other printed material.

## **Provenance Statement**

Materials collected by the UTEP Library. Some materials transferred from the Office of the President.

## **Restrictions**

None.

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

Please see The University of Texas at El Paso photographs series, MS001 for more historic photographs of the UTEP campus. Materials in the Bhutanese Style Architecture series were originally housed in box 33.

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Bhutan and UTEP publications, 1 of 3	about 1970s – 2000s
1	2	Bhutan and UTEP publications, 2 of 3	about 1970s – 2000s
1	3	Bhutan and UTEP publications, 3 of 3	about 1970s – 2000s
1	4	Bhutan book installation CD	October 31, 2004
1	5	Bhutan Days	April 2005
1	6	Bhutan exhibit book list	about 2000s
1	7	Bhutanese newspaper and a book [no book in folder, gift of Martha Patillo]	about 1988
1	8	Bhutanese stamps and currency [donated by Dale L. Walker]	about 1976
1	9	Correspondence	1967 – 1971, 1989
1	10	Dale L. Walker, manuscript about UTEP ' <i>Lamaseries on the Hill</i> '	about 1971
1	11	Description of UTEP Bhutanese architecture and dealings with architects	about 1930s
1	12	Drawings and sketches of buildings [copies]	about 1960s
1	13	El Paso's Forgotten Past, Historic Preservation [2 copies]	November 1977
1	14	Letters from Queen Ashi Kesang Wangchuk of Bhutan to Dale L. Walker	1967 – 1973
1	15	"Journeys in Bhutan", by John Claude White, <i>The Geographic Journal</i> [copy]	January 1910
2	1	<i>National Geographic</i> , Vol. 25 [bound]	January – June 1914
2	2	<i>National Geographic</i>	October 1974, May 1991
2	3	<i>National Geographic</i>	March 2008
2	4	News articles on Bhutan and its government	2003 – 2006
2	5	Partial list of architectural work done by Percy McGhee	about 1970s
2	6	Photograph, Texas College of Mines	after 1919
2	7	Photographs, UTEP campus	about 1933 – 1934
2	8	Photographs, NOVA and Dale L.	1967, about 1960s

		Walker article	– 1970s
2	9	Photographs and postcards of Bhutan	about 1960s
2	10	Photographs, Bhutan, 1 of 3	about 1910s, 1960s – 1970s
2	11	Photographs, Bhutan, 2 of 3	about 1910s, 1960s – 1970s
2	12	Photographs, Bhutan, 3 of 3	about 1910s, 1960s – 1970s
2	13	Photographs, Xeroxed photographs of Bhutan	about 1970s
2	14	Photographs, sketch of new library and photograph	about 1984
2	15	Photographs of UTEP campus	about 1990s
2	16	Photographs, UTEP Bhutanese style buildings	about 2000s
2	17	<i>Smithsonian</i> magazine [article on Bhutan at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival]	March 2008
2	18	<i>Texas Times</i> article by Dale L. Walker	about 1977
2	19	Thomas, (Eugene M.), School of Mines Collection	1967
2	20	Texas Western College brochure	about 1952 – 1953
2	21	UTEP campus folder	about 1990s
3	1	Bhutan calendars	1989, 1990
3	2	Building sketches, President Barry	1931
3	3	Clippings	1960 – 1990
3	4	Exhibit labels and library resources	about 2000s
3	5	<i>National Geographic</i> [2 copies]	April 1914
3	6	Newspaper articles	1987, 2003
3	7	Scissors	not dated
3	8	“ <i>The Search for John Claude White, CIE,</i> ” by Yvonne Greear, <i>NOVA</i> magazine	March 1972
3	9	UTEP building scenes	about 2000s
3	10	Various articles	about 1910s – 1970s
3	11	<i>Views of the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy</i> [2 copies]	1918
3	12	Wrapping material from packages from Queen Ashi Kesang of Bhutan	about 1967 – 1972
3	13	Smithsonian.com article about Lhakhang	April 24, 2015
4	o/s	Article on Bhutanese temple at the Smithsonian; Bhutan Days 2008	about 1960s – 2010

		invitation and program/mask; various publications and brochures; photographs of John Claude White and Bhutan; photographs of new Bhutanese tapestry	
O/S		Chronological chart of buildings done by Willie Quinn	2005
5	o/s	Bhutanese coronation materials [publications, prints of photographs, and the <i>Bhutan Observer</i> ]; posters from Opera Bhutan, Lecture; Acis and Galatea program (Opera Bhutan) and two Opera Bhutan masks	December 2008; August 30, 2014
5	o/s	Building and elevation plans for the Lhakhang at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival	2008
5	o/s	Lhakhang grand opening – flyer and event floorplan	April 2015