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Meyerhof, George Geoffrey

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Meyerhof, George Geoffrey
Reference code:	MS-2-752
Date:	1930-2003 (date of creation)
Language:	Multiple Languages
Physical description:	19 m of textual records and graphic material
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

George Geoffrey Meyerhof was a distinguished geotechnical engineer, best known for his work on the bearing capacity of foundations. He is the author of over 200 papers, a book on structural and soil mechanics, and a booklet called "Memories of a Civil Engineer in World War II."

Born in Kiel, Germany in 1916, Meyerhof was the son of the late Nobel Laureate in Physiology, Otto Meyerhof. After graduating in 1938 with a B.Sc. from London University, he worked with consulting structural engineers in England for several years. In 1946 he joined the British government's Building Research Station near London, where he carried out extensive research on soil mechanics and foundation problems. In 1950 he obtained his Ph.D in engineering from London University, which later awarded him a D.Sc.

Meyerhof emigrated to Canada in 1953 and was appointed Supervising Engineer in the Foundation of Canada Engineering Corporation in Montreal. In 1955 he joined the Nova Scotia Technical College (later TUNS) and served as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering between 1964-1970.

Meyerhof was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Engineering, and many other scientific and engineering societies in Canada and abroad. In 1999 Meyerhof received the Order of Canada for distinguished service in geotechnical engineering. He was also awarded the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia's prestigious F.H. Sexton Award and the year 2000 Honorary Fellowship of the Institution of Civil Engineers (United Kingdom). He was awarded the Centennial Medal of Canada, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for outstanding service to Canada. Other honours include the Duggan Medal and the Julian C. Smith Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada, the R.F. Legget Award of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, the Engineering Award of the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia, and the Karl Terzaghi Award of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Meyerhof was the first President of the Canadian

Geotechnical Society, a Council Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada, a Council Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Great Britain, a Terzaghi Lecturer of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a Buchanan Lecturer of Texas A&M University, and a Hardy Lecturer of the Canadian Geotechnical Society. His honorary degrees include Doctor of Engineering degrees from the Technical University of Aachen, Germany and the Technical University of Nova Scotia; Doctor of Science degrees from the University of Ghent (Belgium), McMaster University (Hamilton) and Queen's University (Kingston); and the Doctor of Laws degree from Concordia University (Ottawa). He was a founding member of the Halifax Grammar School, and a supporter of music and theatre in Halifax.

Custodial history

Fonds was donated to the University archives by Tom Meyerhoff.

Scope and content

This fonds contains Scrapbooks, Manuscripts, Personal Papers, notebooks, off-prints and photographs related to his life and his career as a geotechnical engineer.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Dalhousie University. Faculty of Engineering.
- Royal Society of Canada.
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Authors, Canadian--20th century (subject)
- Engineering (subject)
- Faculty papers (subject)
- Manuscripts (subject)
- Music & art (subject)
- Notebooks (subject)
- Offprints (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Photographs (subject)
- Scrapbooks (subject)
- New Germany (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: Scrapbooks of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Title: Scrapbooks of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Date: 1930-2000 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 2 - Witziges und Wertvolles aus der Zeitung (Fun and valuable from the Newspaper)

Title: Witziges und Wertvolles aus der Zeitung (Fun and valuable from the Newspaper)

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: ca. 1930s (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings concerning various aspects of engineering and tickets.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 3 - Articles and Clippings about George G. Meyerhof

Title: Articles and Clippings about George G. Meyerhof

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: 1937-2000 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Series: Manuscripts of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Title: Manuscripts of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Date: 1948 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 5 - "Fundamentals of Soil Mechanics" by D. W. Taylor - Suggested revisions

Title: "Fundamentals of Soil Mechanics" by D. W. Taylor - Suggested revisions

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1948 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records

Series: Personal Papers of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Title: Personal Papers of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Date: 1930-2003 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 6 - Testimonial banquet for G.G. Meyerhof, Feb. 27, 1982

Title: Testimonial banquet for G.G. Meyerhof, Feb. 27, 1982

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1982 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 12 - Invitation to Parting Lunch

Title: Invitation to Parting Lunch

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 12

Date: 1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 13 - Peter & Mary Anne Meyerhof's Wedding

Title: Peter & Mary Anne Meyerhof's Wedding

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 13

Date: 1992 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 13 - Otto Meyerhof

Title: Otto Meyerhof

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 13

Date: 1950-1952 (date of creation)

Physical description: 34 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 5 - Biographical Information for G.G. Meyerhof

Title: Biographical Information for G.G. Meyerhof

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1946-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 14 - G. G. Meyerhof receiving the Karl Terzaghi Award, 1991

Title: G. G. Meyerhof receiving the Karl Terzaghi Award, 1991

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 14

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Physical description: 10 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 6 - G.G. Meyerhof receiving the R.L. Legget Award

Title: G.G. Meyerhof receiving the R.L. Legget Award

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 16 - G.G. Meyerhof Flyers

Title: G.G. Meyerhof Flyers

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 16

Date: 1937-1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 15 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 2 - Visit to Ghangsha, China

Title: Visit to Ghangsha, China

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1986 (date of creation)

Physical description: 11 pages

Item: MS-2-752, 12-3-2 - Visit to Ghangsha, China

Title: Visit to Ghangsha, China

Reference code: MS-2-752, 12-3-2

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 7 - Visit to Israel

Title: Visit to Israel

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 4 - Travel itinerary for 1970-71

Title: Travel itinerary for 1970-71

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1970-1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 11 - Seminars in Germany

Title: Seminars in Germany

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 11

Date: 1971-1976 (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 3 - Personal Fun Awards

Title: Personal Fun Awards

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1972-1986 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 17 - Lessons Learned by a Geotechnical Engineer by Dr. George Geoffrey Meyerhof published in the "Canadian Geotechnical News"

Title: Lessons Learned by a Geotechnical Engineer by Dr. George Geoffrey Meyerhof published in the "Canadian Geotechnical News"

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 17

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 18 - Degrees awarded to G. G. Meyerhof

Title: Degrees awarded to G. G. Meyerhof

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 18

Date: 1951, 1982 (date of creation)

Physical description: 12 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 1 - Rijksuniversiteit-Gent - Honorary Degree

Title: Rijksuniversiteit-Gent - Honorary Degree

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1974-1975 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages includes 2 b&w slides

File: MS-2-752, 12-3-1 - Rijksuniversiteit-Gent - Lectures

Title: Rijksuniversiteit-Gent - Lectures

Reference code: MS-2-752, 12-3-1

Date: 1974-1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6 posters

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 8 - The Engineering Institute of Canada

Title: The Engineering Institute of Canada

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: 1954-1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 14 - 32nd Annual Meeting - Canadian Institute of Steel Construction

Title: 32nd Annual Meeting - Canadian Institute of Steel Construction

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 14

Date: 1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 9 - British Geotechnical Society

Title: British Geotechnical Society

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 9

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 10 - Montreal Soil Mechanics Group

Title: Montreal Soil Mechanics Group

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 2, Folder 10

Date: 1953-1954 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 15 - Addresses by George Geoffrey

Title: Addresses by George Geoffrey

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 15

Date: 2000 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages

Item: MS-2-752, 1-15-1 - Introduction of Dr. Ralph B. Peck at a Lecture for the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Title: Introduction of Dr. Ralph B. Peck at a Lecture for the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Reference code: MS-2-752, 1-15-1

Date: 2000 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages

Item: MS-2-752, 1-15-2 - Address to Graduating Class of Civil Engineering, DalTech, at Banquet on 25 March, 2000

Title: Address to Graduating Class of Civil Engineering, DalTech, at Banquet on 25 March, 2000

Reference code: MS-2-752, 1-15-2

Date: 2000 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages

Series: Notebooks of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Title: Notebooks of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Date: 1930-1999 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 1 - Lectures by P.L. Capper, Univeristy College, London England

Title: Lectures by P.L. Capper, Univeristy College, London England

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1938-1939 (date of creation)

Physical description: 30 pages

Series: Off-Prints of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Title: Off-Prints of George Geoffrey Meyerhof

Date: 1930-2000 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 4 - Off prints of papers published between 1938-1951

Title: Off prints of papers published between 1938-1951

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1938-1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 24 pages

Series: George Geoffrey Meyerhof's photographs

Title: George Geoffrey Meyerhof's photographs

Date: 1951 - 1999 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 7 - Rimouski Flow Slide

Title: Rimouski Flow Slide

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 photographs

File: Structures Lab, Nova Scotia Technical College

Title: Structures Lab, Nova Scotia Technical College

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 9 pages

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 1 - Structures Lab - Testing Plywood Construction

Title: Structures Lab - Testing Plywood Construction

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 1

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page : 3.25" x 4.5"

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 2 - Structures Lab - Equipment

Title: Structures Lab - Equipment

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 2

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages : 3.25" x 4.5"

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 3 - Nova Scotia Technical College Survey Camp at Crystal Cliffs

Title: Nova Scotia Technical College Survey Camp at Crystal Cliffs

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 8, Item 3

Date: 1957 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page

File: Civil Engineering Lab

Title: Civil Engineering Lab

Date: 1956-1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 9 pages

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 1 - Civil Engineering - 2nd Class

Title: Civil Engineering - 2nd Class

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 1

Date: 1962 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page : 3.25" x 4"

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 2 - Civil Engineering Lab - Equipment

Title: Civil Engineering Lab - Equipment

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 2

Date: 1956-1960 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages : 2 - 3.5" X 5" 2 - 3.25" X 4.5" 1 - 4" X 5" 1 - 3" X 5" 1 - 3.75" X 3.75"

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 3 - G. G. Meyerhof in the Civil Engineering Lab

Title: G. G. Meyerhof in the Civil Engineering Lab

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 9, Item 3

Date: 1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page : 4" x 5"

File: Geotechnical Engineering Lab

Title: Geotechnical Engineering Lab

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 1 - G.G. Meyerhof in the New Geotechnical Lab (Soil Testing Lab)

Title: G.G. Meyerhof in the New Geotechnical Lab (Soil Testing Lab)

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 1

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages : 2 - 4" x 5"

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 2 - Geotechnical Engineering Lab - Equipment

Title: Geotechnical Engineering Lab - Equipment

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 2

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages : 4 - 4" x 5"

Item: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 3 - G.G. Meyerhof with Client in Soil Testing Lab

Title: G.G. Meyerhof with Client in Soil Testing Lab

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 10, Item 3

Date: 1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page : 3" X 3.5"

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 11 - A. L. Macdonald (D) Building

Title: A. L. Macdonald (D) Building

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1955-1960 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 photographs

File: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 12 - G. Geoffrey Meyerhof receiving his APENS F.H. Sexton Award from Lt. Gov. James Kinley; June 10, 1999

Title: G. Geoffrey Meyerhof receiving his APENS F.H. Sexton Award from Lt. Gov. James Kinley; June 10, 1999

Reference code: MS-2-752, Box 1, Folder 12

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page
