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Finding Aid

➤ **Riggs and Sherman Consulting Engineers Collection, 1910s-1920s** ◀

MSS-151

**Size:** 1 linear foot

**Provenance:** Received on 2/11/2000 as a transfer from the College of Law Library through Bruce Kennedy.

**Access:** Open

**Collection Summary:** Sewage treatment consulting company  
This collection contains company records, including correspondence and photographs; publications on sewage treatments in Europe, Canada, and the United States; subject files related to sewage disposal; and septic tanks

**Subjects:** [Business and Commerce](#)

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**Scope and Content Note**

The Riggs and Sherman Consulting Engineers Collection is collected in three boxes and divided into four primary series: Riggs and Sherman Company Files, Publications, Reports, and Subject Files.

The first series contains such materials as correspondence and photographs pertaining to the activity of Riggs and Sherman Consulting Engineers.

The second series is arranged alphabetically and contains published materials, such as bibliographies and journals concerning different aspects of sewage treatment. The highlights of this series are two extensive bibliographies on activated sludge process of sewage treatment. The series features the issues of *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies*, *The Cornell Civil Engineer*, and single issues of public health journals. An interesting publication included in this series is *Progress in Sewage Treatment* published by Merritt & Company.

The third series includes various reports on sewage disposal arranged alphabetically. The most extensive materials concern the sewage treatment in different cities and states within the United States of America, yet there are also reports on sewage disposal in Europe and Canada. Other documents in this series feature the different methods of sewage treatment, sewage disposal for private houses, and small sewage disposal plants.

Series four features miscellaneous subject files compiled in alphabetical order. The materials include different aspects of sewage disposal plants such as economics, costs, standard specifications, operation, maintenance, and stream pollution. The series also includes illustrated bulletins, catalogues, pamphlets as well as technical drawing of the sewage systems. One of the most interesting materials is the collection of documents concerning septic tanks, which played a major role in development of sewage disposal methods.

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<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>
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