



Grosse Pointe Historical Society

LAKE ST. CLAIR

Local History Brought to Life!

www.gphistorical.org

FREDERICK SCULLY REAL ESTATE COLLECTION

1774-1980 (esp. 1940s and 1950s)

Top of File Cabinets

½ Linear Foot

Acc No: MsF2003.01

The Frederick Scully Real Estate Collection was given to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society by Mrs. Frederick Scully in October 2002 and April 2003. Once arranged and a finding aid completed, the collection was opened for public use without restrictions in May 2003.

This collection contains materials which pertain to the development of Grosse Pointe area real estate by both Arthur Scully and his son, Frederick. Arthur J. Scully was born on April 6, 1884 in Dubois, Pennsylvania and died on April 26, 1968 in the Detroit area. He attended the University of Michigan for his undergraduate and graduate work after which he was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1909 and the New York Bar in 1911. From 1913 to 1917, he was a realtor in San Diego, California. He then returned to Detroit where he served as assistant general manager for the Houseman-Spitzley Co. for one year before opening his own real estate firm. He quickly became known for the successful development of properties on Detroit's East Side including the Nottingham Subdivision. He was married to Luella Granger; the couple had a son, Frederick, and a daughter, Patricia. A Catholic, Mr. Scully belonged to the Knights of Columbus.

Frederick (Fritz) G. Scully was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1904 and died July 6, 1989 in Grosse Pointe. He attended Cornell University and obtained a law degree from the Detroit College of Law. After graduation, he became a realtor in Grosse Pointe where he worked for his father's company, developing various subdivisions including Oxford Rd. In 1929, he married Elizabeth Martz; they had three children, Frederick G. Jr., Suzanne and Virginia. After taking over the business upon his father's retirement. Mr. Scully formed Scully-Hendrie Inc. in the 1970s, with his nephew, Michael Hendrie, a builder who had obtained a real estate license. In later years, Mr. Scully was a lay minister and usher at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Much of this collection, though from Scully & Hendrie Inc., was created when the office at 20169 Mack Ave was known as the Arthur J. Scully Co. It contains a variety of documents including correspondence, local government regulations, legal forms, statistics, property lists, promotional materials, data from other realtors, construction information, abstracts and a few photos. The following are larger items, such as plat books, blueprints, maps and certificates, which have been removed and stored in the Atlas bookcase or in File 33:

- Scrapbook:** Real Estate Scrapbook
- Certificates:** Certificate of Merit to Arthur Scully Licensed for 39 Consecutive Years
Certificate to Arthur Scully ... a Real Estate Broker for 25 Consecutive Years
- Plat Books:** Grosse Pointe Michigan Area Plat Book
Grosse Pointe Michigan Area Plat Book
Baist's Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Detroit & Suburbs Vol 1
- Maps:** Zoning Map - City of Grosse Pointe, Wayne County, Michigan
Amended Building Code Map
Grosse Pointe, City of
- (Maps)** Amended Building Code Map
Tax Assessment Maps -Five Grosse Pointes
Assessment Maps
Assessment Maps - Five Grosse Pointes
Plat for Fleetwood Subdivision #2, City of Harper Woods
Beacon Hill Subdivision of Part of P.C. 404, Village of Grosse Pointe Farms
Proposed Subdivision behind the Edsel Ford Estate, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
Colonial Farms Subdivisions, Village of Grosse Pointe Farms for Cox & Baker
Colonial Farms Subdivision #2, Village of Grosse Pointe Farms for Cox & Baker
City of Detroit Cartographic Survey-Central Business District
- Plans:** Plot Plan and Garage for 60 Oxford Rd
Dalby, Campbell & Hayes Co., Proposed Building for (Mutual Trust Life Insurance)
Scully Hendrie Inc Realtors - Additions & Alterations for 20169 Mack Ave
Office Plan for Max Henry
Office Plan for Building on West Street
Medical Office - Country Club & Mack Ave.
Plantation Restaurant Alterations for Arthur J. Scully
Plantation Restaurant - Alterations (#1299)

Individuals and Organizations That Are Of Interest:

Cox & Baker, Builders	Lothrop Pines Subdivision
Ford Freeway	Plantation Restaurant
Johnstone & Johnstone	Radnor Park Subdivision
Johnston Optical Co.	Reaume & Silloway.

Topics That Are Of Significance

Businesses-Grosse Pointe	Subdivisions-Grosse Pointe
Land Development-Grosse Pointe	Zoning Ordinances
Realtors-Grosse Pointe	

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- Series I:** General 1924-1980
Series II: Properties 1947-1980
Series III: Realtors/Developers 1774-1951
Series IV: Photographs 1930s-1950s?

CONTENTS

Series I:
General
1924-1980

This series has items that served as reference materials for realtors. In addition to various statistical lists of properties for sale, there are several printed zoning ordinance booklets from different Grosse Pointe communities. Of special interest are clippings showing the plan for the Ford Freeway.

1. Ford Freeway July 1957
2. Real Estate Data Sheets 1980
3. Statistics-Buildings & Land 1924-1949; 1963; 1978
4. Magazine of the Women's City Club 1930
5. Zoning Ordinances (G.P. Shores 1927; G.P. Farms 1948; G.P. Shores 1953; G.P. Park 1957)

Series II:
Properties
1947-1980

Containing the majority of the collection's material, this series suggests the handling of real estate by the Scullys. There are items relating to the activities of both father and son as well as documentation of several specific construction projects such as the building of the Johnston Optical Co. store and the remodeling of the Plantation Restaurant, both of which were on Mack Ave. near Scully-Hendrie Inc. Plans for these developments as well as maps of subdivisions mentioned may be found in File 33.

1. Arthur Scully - Miscellaneous 1947-1956
2. Arthur Scully's Grosse Pointe Hollywood Subd. #1 Abstract Rec. July 13, 1950
3. Frederick Scully - Miscellaneous 1958-1980
4. 20169 Mack Ave. (Johnston's Optical) 1957-1958
5. 20155 Mack Ave. (Plantation Restaurant) 1956-1958
6. 17000 E. Warren Ave. (Office) 1959

Series III
Realtors/Developers
1774-1951

This series concerns the activities of and dealings with other Grosse Pointe realtors and developers such as Johnstone & Johnstone. Of special interest is the Cox & Baker development of the area above Moross Rd. between Mack Ave. and Chalfonte Ave. as well as the Reaume & Silloway subdivision of Radnor Park. Blueprint plats of these may be found in File 33.

1. Cox & Baker 1949-1951
2. Johnstone & Johnstone (Whittier/Audubon) 1949
3. Reaume & Silloway (Radnor Park, Lothrop Pines Subs; Kerceval Ave.) 1937-1948
4. Reaume & Silloway Radnor Park Abstract 1774-1949

Series IV:
Photographs
1930s-1950s?

The small series has snapshots of various Scully projects including the Johnston Optical Co. building and the Plantation Restaurant. There are two 1947 images documenting an ordinance violation by an auto dealer at Nottingham and E. Jefferson. Of special interest are depictions of an Arthur J. Scully Real Estate Branch Office and Grand Circus Park before 1925.

1. Scully-related Buildings