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Charles. Records of architectural restoration work

Finding Number:
705:1246, f705:1246,
s705:1246 and
r705:1246
BA14644

Private archives

Architectural plans and drawings relating to various jobs, correspondence, articles, papers and notes, photographs and curriculum vitae of F W B Charles, architect.

Date: [1953]-1998

Frederick William Bolton "Freddie" Charles (1912-2002) was an architect and nationally recognised expert on the conservation and repair of timber-framed buildings. Freddie studied at Liverpool School of Architecture from 1930-35. He worked variously for Walter Gropius and Maxwell Fry, Sir Frank Mears and taught at both the Edinburgh and Birmingham Schools of Architecture. He started in private practice in Edinburgh in 1948 and then in Bromsgrove in 1952. Freddie and his wife Mary set up in practice together in 1962 and were amongst the first to face the challenges associated with timber-frame conservation. They were involved with the restoration of many important timber-framed buildings during their career including over 250 buildings in Worcestershire, many of them of national importance. The practice also worked in a number of other counties including Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire (including Coventry) and Birmingham. Freddie died in 2002 and prior to his death the practice archive was deposited with the then Worcestershire Record Office and a number of other archive services geographically relevant to the locations where the practice had worked.

see also BA12857, 13218 and 14485

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F W B Charles, architect

Professional papers

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| Extent: 1
item | Curriculum vitae of F W B Charles, architect

Relates to his architectural work and writing and includes lists of buildings he worked on, awards given, publications and papers

<u>Typescript</u> | Finding Number:
705:1246
BA14644/1/1

Date: 1987 |
| Extent: 1
bundle | Correspondence between F W B Charles and Paul Stamper of The Society for Medieval Archaeology relating to the possible re-publication of monograph on Cruck Building

<u>Typescript</u> | Finding Number:
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BA14644/1/2

Date: 1998 |
| Extent: 1
bundle | Correspondence and other papers relating mainly to articles written for the Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings [ASCHB]

Includes:

ASCHB membership lists 1985 and 1989

Offprint from ASCHB Transactions volume 16 entitled 'Vernacular Colour' by F W B Charles

Copy of SPAB [Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings]'s reply to remarks made in the article 'The Timber-Frame Tradition and its Preservation' by F W B Charles 1978

Bibliography of articles and books on the Conservation of Historic Buildings compiled by the ASCHB Library Subcommittee 1972

<u>Typescript</u> | Finding Number:
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BA14644/1/3

Date: 1972-1992 |
| Extent: 1
bundle | Correspondence and other papers relating mainly to articles or reviews for the Architects' Journal

<u>Typescript</u> | Finding Number:
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Date: 1985-1990 |

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Extent: 1 file **File entitled 'writings of FWB Charles'**

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Includes:

Date: [1953]-1988

Photocopy of article entitled 'The Cruck-built Barn of Middle Littleton in Worcestershire, England' by Walter Horn, F W B Charles and Rainer Berger [published in Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians Vol. 25, No. 4 (Dec, 1966), pp. 221-239]

Avoncroft Museum of Buildings 'The Bromsgrove House History and Guide' FWB Charles 1967

The House originally stood in Worcester Street, Bromsgrove at the corner of Old Station Road. It was dismantled and reconstructed at Avoncroft. Guide also contains a loose drawing relating to crucks.

'Forestry and Home-grown Timber' Supplement to Timber Trades Journal 30 Oct 1971 which includes an article entitled 'Dendrochronology' by F W B Charles

Extract from Birmingham and Warwickshire Archaeology Society Transactions for 1978-1979 volume 89 being an article entitled 'Timber Framed Houses in Spon Street, Coventry' by F W B Charles FSA

Offprint from ASCHB Transactions vol 9 being an account of a talk given at the Annual General meeting of ASCHB entitled 'Contrasts in the Conservation of Timber Buildings' by F W B Charles

Offprints from ASCHB Transactions vol 10 entitled 'The Conservation of Timber Buildings: ICOMOS Wood Committee meetings in Japan, Norway and Bulgaria' by F W B Charles [1985] One copy annotated

Photocopy of offprint from ASCHB Transactions vol 13 entitled 'ICOMOS International Wood & Vernacular Committees in USSR 1988' by F W B Charles

Report on Symposium ICOMOS Wood Committee 1988 Petrozavodsk, Karelain ASSR, USSR 1988 [by F W B Charles]

Offprint from the Transactions of the Ancient Monuments Society vol 32 1988 containing an article

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entitled 'Zacs, Oxford: the Restoration of 26, 27 Cornmarket Street and 26 Ship Street' by F W B Charles

Also includes a photocopy of an article entitled 'Early Tudor Draughtsmen' by John Harvey [1953]

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bundle

Lectures and articles by F W B Charles

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Includes:

Annotated text of paper entitled 'Ancient Structures' given at British Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting 1966

Date: 1966-1992

Text and list of figures for paper entitled 'The Medieval Timber-frame Tradition' by F W B Charles given at the International Conference on Applications of Science to Medieval Archaeology at University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies [USA] 1967

Review by F W B Charles of 'The Barns of the Abbey of Beaulieu at its Granges of Great Coxwell & Beaulieu St Leonard' by Walter Horn and Ernest Born 1967

Walter W. Horn (1908-1995) was a medievalist scholar noted for his work on the timber vernacular architecture of the Middle Ages. Ernest Born (1898-1992) was an architect, designer and artist based in California.

Text of paper entitled 'Ancient Timber Structures' originally read at British Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting 1966, revised and illustrated in 1967 for inclusion in the Journal of the Society of Foresters of Great Britain

Paper entitled 'The Repair and Restoration of Old Timber-Framed Buildings' read at Conference of Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors 1970

Text of lecture to Archaeologists at Cirencester 1972 relating to timber buildings

Texts of lectures for an archaeological course at Attingham 1965-66 relating to timber framed buildings

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Notes for lecture to the Camden Society 1976 relating to tythe barns

Text of paper given on 'Survey and Restoration Technique for Timber-framed Buildings' at Historic Towns & Cities Conference at York 1968

Text of lecture entitled 'The Timber Frame Tradition and its Preservation' given to Bristol Society of Architects 1979

Notes on the History of Sarehole Mill by F W B Charles 1961

Report on A Medieval Timber-framed Building in High Street, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire by F W B Charles 1971

Text of article for Forestry entitled 'Dendrochronology' by F W B Charles

Text of paper entitled 'The Structural Restoration and Re-erection of Ancient Timber-framed Buildings in Coventry' prepared by F W B Charles for a public meeting in Coventry to discuss the Spon Street Townscape Scheme 1972

Notes on The Bromsgrove House [mid 20th cent]

Notes on the Bear Steps [Shrewsbury] 1970

Article entitled 'The Repair and Restoration of Old Timber-framed Buildings' by F W B Charles

Text of a paper/article entitled 'An Original Sixteenth Century Drawing of a Timber-framed Town House' for F W B Charles 1971 . With copy of a drawing of timber-framed town house bound into the beginning of the register of Jerome de Ghinucci Bishop of Worcester ref b716.093 BA2648/9(i)

Text of a paper/article entitled 'A Catalogue of Cruck Buildings' by F W B Charles. With annotations 1981

Article entitled 'Ancient Timber Structures' by F W B Charles. Revised from a paper read at the Annual Meeting of the British Association at Nottingham 1966

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Review by F W B Charles of 'Traditional Domestic Architecture in the Banbury Region' by Raymond B Wood-Jones

Text of talk to ASCHB AGM entitled 'Contrasts in Conservation of Timber Buildings' 1984

Summary of final lecture of course at Whitsun Conference at Avoncroft Museum of Buildings 1968

List of definitions from 'Craftsmen for Conservation' by Bernard M Feilden 1976

Article by F W B Charles entitled 'Leigh Court Barn and Others' 1987

Text and illustrations for article/paper by F W B Charles entitled 'Traditional Methods in Timber-frame Construction'

Paper by F W B Charles entitled 'Dismantling, Repairing and Rebuilding as a means of Conservation' for ICOMOS Timber Engineering Conference at Surrey University 1992

Also includes a programme and negatives of black and white photographs mainly of timber frames for an international updating course on structure, deterioration and conservation of timber in historic buildings at the University of Leuven, Belgium 1988.

Freddie Charles was presenting at the course.

Extent: 1
bundle

University of York Maintenance of Historic Buildings Courses

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Correspondence, course preparation notes and programme relating to short courses on the maintenance of historic buildings offered by the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York

Date: 1985-1986

Freddie Charles was covering timber structures - diagnosis of faults and their repair.

Extent: 1
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University of York Timber Conservation Seminars

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Programmes and correspondence for Timber Conservation Seminars held at the Institute of

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Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York

Date: 1988-1991

With notes and bibliography for sessions on Conservation of Timber-framed structures and Timber-framed Structures Overseas both by F W B Charles

Extent: 1 bundle

British Council Seminar on Conservation of Historic Buildings

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Correspondence and copy of paper given by F W B Charles at a seminar held at Hulme Hall, Manchester on timber-framed buildings and their conservation

Date: 1994

Extent: 1 bundle

Notes relating to conservation of timber buildings, Gropius, Morris and ISOKON

Finding Number:
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Includes:

Date: [late 20th cent]

Principles of conservation of timber buildings by FC [Freddie Charles] /SNS [unknown] 1987

Notes on the differences between [Walter] Gropius and [William] Morris by FWB Charles 1979

ISOKON article by Alastair Grieve [late 20th cent]

Notes relating to Gropius and Morris [late 20th cent]

Photocopy of William Morris manifesto 1877 [late 20th cent]

Photocopy of article on William Morris by Ian Todd 1971

Isokon was founded in 1929 to design and construct modernist houses and flats and the furniture and fittings for them. Walter Gropius (1883-1969) founder of the Bauhaus School was controller of design for the Isokon furniture company 1934-37.

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Correspondence, articles and notes relating mainly to the use of oak and elm and structural timber repairs

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Date: 1973-1990

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Extent: 1 file **ICOMOS Wood Committee correspondence, agendas, copy minutes and other papers** **Finding Number:**
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Date: 1989-1994

Extent: 1 file **Report of ICOMOS Wood committee meetings – Japan, Norway, Bulgaria** **Finding Number:**
705:1246
BA14644/2/4

Contains pack of black and white photographs of Ise Jingu Shrine, Kiyomizu-Dera Buddhist Temple overlooking Kyoto, Katsura Imperial detached Palace near Kyoto, Hall of Hongan-Ji Temple in Kyoto [all in Japan]; Bergen Wharf, Urnes Church, medieval church at Vos and industrial building at Roros [all in Norway]; and Triavna church, Brachlian house, jetty bracket and dragon-post supporting deep jetty, Koprivchtitza and house at Nessebur [all in Bulgaria]

Date: 1986

Also contains photocopies of drawings and photographs of Church of the Transfiguration and Church of the Intercession both in Kizhi and of Cathedral of Intercession at Vytegra [both in Russia]; peasant houses and chapel of St Peter and St Paul both at Vasilevo [in Bulgaria]; old schooner moored off village of Podyelniki, Church of the Assumption at Kondopoga and Chapel of the Three Prelates at Kavgora, Kizhi [all in Russia]

Office papers

Extent: 1 bundle **Master template for specification of works to be done and material to be used under supervision of F W B Charles** **Finding Number:**
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Covers preliminaries, conditions and scope of contract and specifications for particular processes such as stripping, demolishing and dismantling buildings, specifications for granite setts, timber, concrete works, brickwork and blockwork, roofing, carpentry, excavation and earthworks, rainwater installation, plaster, glazing, painting and decorating, drainage, provisional sums and contingencies.

Date: [late 20th cent]

Some pages have annotations.

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Extent: 1 file	Interim certificate and direction forms produced by RIBA Includes list of buildings worked on, their owner and amount certified 1965-92	Finding Number: 705:1246 BA14644/2/6 Date: [late 20th cent]
Extent: 1 bundle	File relating to Dowles Manor, Bewdley Includes copies of preliminary report, witness statement, copies of reports, enforcement notice and newspaper cuttings, correspondence and notes relating in particular to a fire at the house and a later court case Also includes paperwork relating to Riverview Cottage, Darbys Green [?in Doddenham] 1987 and High Trees farmhouse [?in Shatterford, Bewdley 1993 <u>see also</u> b705:1246 BA12857/3/9; r705:1246 BA12857/17; 705:1246 BA12857/64/4; and 705:1246 BA12857/65/2 (negatives)	Finding Number: 705:1246 BA14644/2/7 Date: 1982-1994
Extent: 3 items	Display photographs to illustrate completed projects Black and white photographs of various buildings [possibly used as a part of a display to illustrate restoration work] as follows: 1 Interior and exterior views of 20 Mealcheapen Street, Worcester [c1978] 2 Interior and exterior views of Eastington Hall stables [Longdon Heath near Upton upon Severn c1978] 3 Exterior of Middle Littleton tithe barn [c1978]	Finding Number: f705:1246 BA14644/4 Date: [1978]
Extent: 2 items	Display photographs to illustrate completed projects Framed black and white photographs interior of 1 High Street, Bromsgrove [possibly used to illustrate restoration work] as follows: Interior view before reconstruction Interior view after reconstruction	Finding Number: f705:1246 BA14644/5-6 Date: [1960s]

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Project papers

Extent: 45
items

Sun loggia at Manor Cottage, Abbotsmorton

Plans, sections, elevations and drawings, several annotated with notes and revisions for Mr C E T Cridland.

Includes details of drainage, door and window frames, rotunda and electrical installations. Also includes details of a fire resistant rolling door shutter and a kitchen extension at the property.

Various scales including 1 and 1/2" reps 1'0"; 1/4" : 1'0"; 1"=1'0"; 1/4 fs; 1/8"; 1'0"; 1/2500; 1/500; and 3/8"to 1'

see also 705:1246 BA12857/64/1

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/7

Date: 1962-1965

Extent: 12
items

Mount Pleasant Cottages, Wapping Lane, Beoley

Specification, plans and elevations in respect of proposed alterations and extensions for Mrs J L Rowbottom

Scale 8" to one foot, 1:2500 and 1:500

see also 705:1246 BA14485/6/1

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/8

Date: 1964

Extent: 49
items

3 bedroom house at no 7 Dale Hill, Blackwell [in Bromsgrove]

Specification, proposal sketches, notes of requirements, site plan, location plan, floor plans, elevations and cross sections for D M Rogers

Various scales including 1/16"=1'0"; 1"=1'0"; 1/4 FS

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/9

Date: 1962-1963

Extent: 4
items

20 Station Road, Blackwell

Plans, survey drawing, section and elevation relating to work for Wightham.

Various scales including 1/2" equals 1'0" and 1/2" and 1/4 full size.

Also includes a plan relating to a new study and garage 1988.

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Date: 1968-1969 and
1988

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All the plans are wrapped in a Birmingham University staff housing ground floor plan of E type 1965.

Extent: 15 items

Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove

Sketches of town and country buildings, estate plan, site and layout plans, tree planting scheme, location plan and drawings of museum entrance and noticeboard for Avoncroft Folk Village Association

Also includes plan of Avoncroft College showing land uses for proposed art centre and museum of buildings 1966 and cross section of Guesten Hall roof reconstruction 1968

Various scales including 1/2500; 1/500; 1/16"= 1 foot; 1/2 to 1'0"; 16":1'0" and 2"=1ft

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/11

Date: 1963-1969

Extent: 5 items

Bromsgrove House [Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove]

Elevations of reconstruction detail of trusses and frames 2 & 3 of solar wing for Avoncroft Folk Village Association

Scale 1"=1'0"

Fragile - avoid using till conserved

see also 705:1246 BA12857/63/1 and 705:1246 BA12857/65/10 (negatives)

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/12

Date: 1965

Extent: 2 items

Doctor's Surgery, Bromsgrove

Plans, elevations and cross sections of Surgery for Dr B Gaunt, Dr M J Gaunt and Dr M Drury

No scale

This may be New Road Surgery, Bromsgrove as there are drawings for that project at r705:1246 BA12857/25 and a job book at 705:1246 BA14485/2/2 from the same time.

see also b705:1246 BA12857/5/18 and 65/13 (negatives)

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/13

Date: 1962

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Extent: 1
item

No 1 High Street, Bromsgrove

Site plan, floor plans, elevations and cross section relating to proposed redevelopment

Scale eight inches to one foot

see also 705:1246 BA14485/2/1; b705:1246 BA12857/5/14; f705:1246 BA14644/4; 705:1246 BA12857/63/4; and 705:1246/BA12857/65/11 (negatives)

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/14

Date: [1960s]

Extent: 36
items

No 91 High Street, Bromsgrove

Description of works and general notes, floor plans, elevations, sections, sketch plans for alterations and repairs to premises to provide a chinese restaurant for S K Chang called the Golden Dragon

Includes plans for proposed kitchen extract ventilation system 1967

Various scales including 1/4" represents 1'0"; 8 feet to 1 inch and 4 feet to 1 inch

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/15

Date: 1965-1967

Extent: 29
items

Neal's Garage, Worcester Street, Bromsgrove

Plans, drawings, elevations and sections of proposed showroom and offices including door schedule, ceiling plans and schedule of door ironmongery

Includes colour drawing of garage by John Greaves Smith c1960

Also includes sketch plan labelled 'Duckett Cottage'.

Various scales including 1/2" to 1' and 1/4 FS, 1/4" to 1', 1/2FS and 16ft to 1 inch

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/16

Date: 1960-1964

Extent: 5
plans

Dodford Holiday Farm

Isometric views, floor plans and front elevations for sketch proposals, scheme B and proposed extension.

Scale 1/8 inch to 1 ft and 1/4 inch to 1'

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/17

Date: 1964

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Extent: 27 items

Chateau Impney, Droitwich

Drawings, plans, sections and elevations relating to proposed alterations work, including wall decoration plan, sections of soundproof partition, ballroom joinery - elevations of benches and columns, plan of suspended ceiling, plan of new grill bar and balcony, plan and sections of Corbett Tavern, drawings of tables, balcony and table layouts, motel layout, proposed kitchen and servery, ballroom annexe and basement plan

Various scales including 1/4" to 1'; 1" to 1'; 1/2":1', 1/8" to 1'0", 1/16":1' and 1/4 FS

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/18

Date: 1963

Extent: 1 item

Friar Street, Droitwich

Survey of existing buildings in Friar Street, Droitwich surveyed and drawn by Mary Charles

Includes brief description of building, condition, estimate of age, whether occupied or not and if listed or demolished.

Finding Number:
r705:1246
BA14644/19

Date: July 1960

Extent: 12 items

Little Malvern Court

Drawings, plans, sections and elevations for proposed alteration for T P Berrington Esq including drawings and plans of abbey, refectory and undercroft as in pre-Reformation (one in colour) and long sections through great hall looking west and east and survey including yard and roof

Various scales including 1/8" to 1'; 8 feet to 1 inch; 1/2" =1'0" and 1/4FS

Also includes a plan, elevation and layout of proposed extension to existing units at Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove for Avoncroft Arts Society 1963 Scale 1/8" & 1/4" to 1'0"

see also b705:1246 BA12857/10/5-6; 705:1246 BA12857/63/3; and 705:1246 BA12857/66/20 (negatives)

Finding Number:
s705:1246
BA14644/20

Date: 1960-1963

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