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Historic Resources - COPAR

The Connecticut Committee on the Preservation of Architectural Records was a stepchild of the AIA Connecticut Committee on Historic Resources. An independent group since 1993, CT/COPAR is a clearinghouse for information on Connecticut architects and their records. We do not maintain an archive of architectural records (although Connecticut does need such an archive), but, rather, are developing an Internet database on Connecticut architects and their buildings. Currently the database contains information on more than 355 individual architects, 169 architectural firms, 91 record locations, and over 4000 individual buildings. The program is currently fully staffed by too few volunteers.

The goal is to provide a database on all Connecticut architects, engineers and landscape architects. The database is a work in progress. We need information from all current Connecticut architects on their own archives (every architectural firm has one!), information from institutions with collections, from architectural historians and similar sources. The database will only be as good as the contributions from all of its users.

CT/COPAR is a membership organization. Its members are AIA Connecticut, the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Connecticut Historical Commission, the Connection Historical Society, the Connecticut League of Historical Societies, the Connecticut Society of Engineers in Private Practice, the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, the Home Babbidge Library at U. Conn., and the Stowe-Day Foundation.

CT/COPAR also works with architects and their families to find archives and repositories for architectural records when possible.

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