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Biographical / Historical
Considered one of the founders of American housing policy, Catherine Krouse Bauer Wurster (CBW) was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1905. Her parents were Jacob Louis Bauer, a transportation engineer and Alberta Krouse. She attended Vail-Deane School and then Vassar College. In her junior year she transferred to the School of Architecture at Cornell University, but returned to Vassar to graduate in 1926.

The next few years were devoted to research and writing about housing and city planning and travel abroad to study European housing. For the next decade in the company of Mary Simkovich, Lewis Mumford, Clarence Stein, and many others engaged in the study of housing and city planning, she found that concern for the underprivileged, interest in the relationship between man and his environment, and a fervor for reform in public policy was to guide her active and influential life.

During these years she served as executive secretary of the Regional Planning Association of America, of the Labor Housing Conference, and of the Housing Committee of the American Federation of Labor, and wrote her now classic 1934 book Modern Housing. Its synthesis of social, economic, political, technological and architectural insights, established her as an authority in housing and a leader in New Deal housing policy. In 1936 she won the first Guggenheim Foundation award made in architecture or housing. She participated in the preparation, promotion and passage of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 and served as the first Director of Research and Information for the new United States Housing Authority and as adviser to numerous other federal and local agencies.

In January, 1940, she came to the University of California at Berkeley as Rosenberg Lecturer in the School of Social Work and in August of that year married William Wilson Wurster, a prominent San Francisco architect. When they moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1944, C.B. Wurster became a lecturer in the Department of Regional Planning at Harvard University. She also became Vice President of the National (Public) Housing Conference, and continued to serve as a board member or officer of the National Committee on Housing, the Committee on the Hygiene of Housing of the American Public Health Association, the Boston and Massachusetts Housing Associations, and the International Federation of Housing and Town Planning. During these years, she presided over a joint committee that drafted “A Housing Program for Now and Later” for the National Association of Housing Officials and the National (Public) Housing Conference, a significant document in the long campaign for the adoption of the Housing Act of 1949.

In 1950 the Wurster’s returned to the west coast when William Wurster became Dean of the School of Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley. Catherine became a lecturer and later professor, in the Department of City and Regional Planning, a position she held until her death. During these years, she was consultant to the United Nations, travelled, wrote, and advised on housing problems in India and other developing countries, consulted on projects related to California’s Central Valley and Washington’s Columbia River Basin, and served as adviser to the U. S. Public Health Service, the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, and the U.S. Census Bureau. She also served in various capacities in the American Planning and Civic Association, the Democratic Advisory Council, and was made an honorary member of the American Institute of Planners. In 1960 when President Eisenhower appointed a Commission on National Goals, she was invited to prepare the section on the urban environment, which appears in Goals for Americans. In 1963 she organized a major conference on “The Metropolitan Future” as a part of the U.C.’s series on California and the Challenge of Growth. When she died in 1964, she was editing the papers of this conference, contributing to the California Governor’s Advisory Commission on Housing Problems, and serving as Associate Dean of U.C. Berkeley’s College of Environmental Design.

Catherine Bauer (she used her maiden name for professional purposes) was a prolific writer and popular lecturer. “She accepted honors with modesty and would turn quickly and cheerfully to her private business--discovering the facts, asking about the policy, and urging action--always action which is the test of policy.” She commanded the respect and admiration of architects, planners, sociologists, and economists for her ability to think sharply, clearly, and incisively, and for a far-reaching knowledge in a wide range of fields.

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**Carton 1, Folder 1  William Wilson Wurster sabbatical tour, Japan 1957**

Scope and Contents

6 B&W photographs of Catherine and William Wurster visiting public housing in Japan, originating from the Asahi Shimbun Photo Section.

**Carton 1, Folder 2  Portraits and images of Catherine Bauer Wurster circa 1930-1964**

Scope and Contents

15 B&W photographs, 4 B&W negatives, and 3 color slides, including portraits, snapshots, and images of Wurster at events such as a meeting with the Mayor of Nashville (Ben West), a conference for a Seminar on Urbanization in India held at UC Berkeley, and a meeting with the Lake Michigan Region Planning Council, Inc.

**Carton 1, Folder 3  Museum of Modern Art, Modern Architecture Exhibition 1931-1932**

Scope and Contents

9 B&W photographs of architectural models, sketches, and structures, including The Healthhouse of Dr. P.M. Lovell in Los Angeles, designed by Richard Neutra, and Project for a House on the Mesa, Denver, Colorado (1931) and R.L. Jones House in Tulsa, Oklahoma (1931), both by Frank Lloyd Wright.

**Carton 1, Folder 4  Images of buildings, William E. Lescaze 1932-1935**

Scope and Contents

15 B&W photographs of buildings, sent by or attributed to architect William E. Lescaze.

**Carton 1, Folder 5  California Tomorrow (Nevada City, Marysville, North San Juan) circa 1950s**

Scope and Contents

15 B&W photographs of buildings and streets in Nevada City, Marysville, and San Juan.
Federal Housing Authority projects circa 1934-1964

Scope and Contents
25 B&W photographs of housing projects, including:

Arizona: Matthew Henson Project (Phoenix Housing Authority)
California: Wyvernwood (Los Angeles, Witmer and Watson Architects), Baldwin Hills Village (Los Angeles, Reginald Johnson, architect)
Pennsylvania: Jericho Manor (Abbingdon)
Maryland: Hilton Village (Baltimore), Veterans Housing Project (Kensington)
Virginia: Colonial Village (Arlington County)
Also includes Falkland Apartments (Louis Justement, architect); "owned homes" in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and Portland, Oregon; a "slum" in the Red Hook area of Brooklyn, New York; and North Hollywood houses insured by the F.H.A. and designed by Richard Neutra. Plot plans for Chatham Village (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania); Interlaken Garden Apartments; Park Fairfax (Alexandria, Virginia); and Longview (Cowlitz County, Washington).

Farm Security Administration housing developments circa 1937-1964

Scope and Contents
50 B&W photographs of Farm Security Administration housing projects. Includes sharecropper families in South East Missouri (1938-1939); Chandler Farms project, Arizona (1938); Arizona Part-Time Farms (Maricopa County, Arizona, 1939-1940); Yuba City Farm Workers Community (Sutter County, California, 1940); South East Missouri Project (1940); Coal Miners' shacks (Scotts Run, West Virginia, 1938); Irwinville Farms (Georgia); Casa Grande Valley Farms (Arizona); Tulare Camp (Visalia, California); farm family in Gee's Bend (Alabama); "Rammed earth" houses in Gardendale (Alabama, 1937); the Granger Unit of the Washington Farm Workers Camp; Casa Grande Valley Farms (Pinal County, Arizona, 1940); dormitory structures for single defense workers. Also includes plan for a duplex farm worker's house in Ceres, California and a community center in Granger, Washington.

United States Housing Authority projects circa 1937-1964

Scope and Contents
38 B&W photographs of United States Housing Authority projects. Includes the following:

California: Harbor Hills (Los Angeles), Ramona (Los Angeles)
Florida: Brentwood Park (Jacksonville), Edison Courts (Miami),
Georgia: Tindall heights (Macon)
Massachusetts: Old Harbor Village (Boston)
New York: Red Hook Houses (Brooklyn, New York)
Ohio: Lakeview Terrace (Cleveland)
Pennsylvania: Hanover Acres (Allentown)
Wisconsin: Parklawn (Milwaukee)
Also includes stills from USHA film, "Housing in Our Time." Also includes newspaper and magazine images of housing.
Carton 1, Folder 9  
**United States Housing Authority projects circa 1937-1964**

Scope and Contents

44 B&W photographs of United States Housing Authority projects. Includes the following:

Maryland: Falkland (Silver Spring), Hilton Village (Baltimore), Dundalk, Northwood Apartments (Baltimore)

Massachusetts: Towne Court (Cambridge), private construction near Old Harbor Village (Boston)

New Jersey: Clement T. Branch Village (Camden)

New York: Willert Park (Buffalo), Red Hook Houses (Brooklyn), Yonkers, Willert Park (Buffalo), Queensbridge, Pioneer Homes (Syracuse), Eastern Project (Syracuse), Lakeview (Buffalo), Mulford (Yonkers)

Pennsylvania: Skyland- Anacostia, Hill Creek (Philadelphia), Bedford Dwellings (Pittsburgh)

Virginia: Buckingham (Arlington), Larchmont (Norfolk)

Washington, D.C.: Langston, Greenacres

Also includes plans for Tyler Gardens (Washington, D.C.) and Riverside Buildings (Brooklyn, N.Y.).

Carton 1, Folder 10  
**United States Housing Authority projects circa 1937-1964**

Scope and Contents

54 B&W photographs of United States Housing Authority projects. Includes the following:

Alabama: Wm. B. Paterson Courts (Montgomery)

Florida: Dixie Court (Fort Lauderdale), North Boulevard Homes (Tampa), Edison Courts (Miami), Brentwood Park (Jacksonville), Dunbar Village project (Palm Beach), Durkeeville (Palm Beach), Liberty Square (Miami), Jordan Park (St. Petersburg), Felliwood Homes (Savannah)

Georgia: Pearces Alley (Augusta), Sunset Homes (Augusta)

Kentucky: East End (Louisville)

Louisiana: LaFitte Avenue Housing Project (New Orleans)

North Carolina: Country Club Apartments (Greensboro)

South Carolina: Gonzales Gardens (Columbia), Cromwell Alley (site of Robert Mills Manor, Charleston), Robert Mills Manor (Charleston), Meeting Street Manor and Cooper River Court (Charleston)

Texas: Santa Rita (Austin), Rosewood (Austin)

Also includes private developments in Memphis, Tennessee; Univeristy Terrace (unknown location)
United States Housing Authority projects circa 1937-1964

Scope and Contents
57 B&W photographs of United States Housing Authority projects. Includes the following:

California: Sunnydale, Potrero, Holly Courts, and Holly Park Low Rent Housing Projects (San Francisco), Carmelitos (Long Beach, Los Angeles), Peralta Villa (Oakland), Harbor Hills (Los Angeles), Gardena Project (Gardena)

Hawaii: Kamehameha Homes (Honolulu)

Illinois: Park Forest (Cook County), Trumbull Park Homes (Chicago), Jane Addams Houses (Chicago)

Indiana: Major Bowman Terrace (Vincennes), Taylor Street (Fort Wayne)

Minnesota: Lakeland Manor (St. Paul)

Montana: Parkdale (Great Falls)

New Jersey: Westfield Acres (Camden)

Ohio: Poindexter Village (Columbus), Olentangy Village (Columbus), Lakeview Terrace (Cleveland), Cedar- Central Apartments (Cleveland), Chas F. Weiler Homes (Toledo)

Tennessee: Dixie Homes (Memphis)

Washington: Edgewater Park (Seattle), Telocaset Heights (Vancouver)

Wisconsin: Parklawn (Milwaukee)

United States Housing Authority and National Capital Housing Authority projects circa 1937-1964

Scope and Contents
25 B&W photographs and 2 negatives of USHA and NCHA projects, including:

National Capital Housing Authority: James Creek Dwellings, Preston E. Wire Development, Highland Dwellings, Fort Du Pont, and other projects

California: Peralta Villa (Oakland)

New Jersey: Westfield Acres (Camden)

New York: Clasen Point (NYC), Fort Greene Houses (Brooklyn)

Pennsylvania: Carl Mackley Houses (Philadelphia)

Also includes housing specifications, reprints of plans, and publicity material

Tennessee Valley Authority, regional planning circa 1940

Scope and Contents
38 B&W photographs of Tennessee Valley Authority projects and public structures. Includes Norris Dam, Norris Powerhouse, Wheeler Control Building, Pickwick Landing Dam Power Plant, Norris- Knoxville Freeway bridge, Norris stone quarry, Pickwick Park, Norris dam construction quarry, Norris Park, Guntersville Dam in Alabama, and Wheeler Dam campground in Alabama. Also includes small blueprints for houses owned by Tennessee Land Company and used by American Steel and Wire Company, Fairfield, Alabama.

Public Housing Administration, Defense Housing 1941-1944

Scope and Contents
20 B&W photographs and one B&W transparency of Defense Housing projects. Includes Happy Homes (Southeast Los Angeles, Ed Krist Company); Federal Works Agency housing in Vallejo, CA; McLaughlin Heights (Vancouver, WA); Groton, CT; Chicopee, MA; Sunnyvale, CA; Newton D. Baker Village (Columbus, GA); Kearney Mesa Housing (San Diego, CA); Indian Head, MD; Radford, VA; and other projects of the California Defense Housing Project. Also includes neighborhood plans.
Housing, Denmark 1930s-1940s
Scope and Contents
31 B&W photographs and 15 B&W postcards of public housing and other structures in Denmark, primarily Copenhagen. Also includes plans, clippings from magazines, and maps.

Housing, England 1930s-1940s
Scope and Contents
76 B&W photographs, 2 B&W negatives, and 1 color slide of public housing and other structures in England. Includes Sudbury Town Station, Chiswick Park Station, Oaklands Estate, White City Estate (L.C.C. - London County Council), Nottingham Estate, Browning Estate (London), houses built by Orlit Ltd., Bourneville Village Trust, rural public housing in Grantchester, council houses, Loughborough Corporation houses, Tabard Gardens Estate, Welwyn, Horfield Estate (Bristol), King's Head Estate (Hackney), and a series of photographs chronicling the struggle of the Stevenage Residents Protection Association against the development of a new town at Stevenage, proposed by Mr. Lewis Silkin, M.P. the Minister of Town and Country Planning and undertaken by Stevenage Development Corporation. Also includes maps, plans, and magazine clippings about housing developments in Manchester, Leeds, and Liverpool.

Housing, Finland 1930s-1940s
Scope and Contents
3 B&W photographs of public housing in Helsinki.

Housing, France 1920s-1940s
Scope and Contents
31 B&W photographs and 1 B&W negative of housing in France. Includes reconstruction projects in Vosges, Orleans, Maubeuges; Maisons- Alfort (Seine, Paris); La Cite- Jardins de Chatenay-Malabry (Paris); Les Maisons préfabriquées Fillod; Cite Jardin Joseph Depinay, les Lilas (Seine); Hotel Particulier, Rue Denfert- Rochereau (Le Corbusier); De Beistegui Penthouse (Le Corbusier); Hotel de Mons (Andre Lurcat); Hotels Particuliers by Andre Lurcat. Also includes magazine articles about French housing and maps, elevation plans, and aerial views for Cites Jardines Du Departement de la Seine, Cite de Tergnier, and a B&W postcard of Cite du Plessis-Robinson (Seine).

Housing, Germany circa 1929-1949
Scope and Contents
50 B&W photographs and 11 B&W postcards of housing and other structures in Germany. Includes public housing in Stuttgart, Hamburg, Dresden, Leipzig, Potsdam, Frankfurt, Nuremberg, and Berlin; architectural concept sketches by Bruder Rasch; Lange House in Krefeld, Germany (Mies Van Der Rohe); Romerstadt Housing Development (Frankfort-on-Main); public buildings in Frankfurt designed by Ernst May. Also includes two images of Villa Tugendhat in Brno (then Czechoslovakia), designed by German architect Mies van der Rohe.

Housing, Germany circa 1928-1949
Scope and Contents
Magazine clippings, prints, and plans relating to German housing and architecture.
box 1, Folder 1

**Housing, Holland 1930s-1940s**

Scope and Contents
53 B&W photographs, 1 B&W negative, and 5 B&W postcards of housing and other structures in Holland. Includes municipal developments, cooperatives, slums, apartments, and farm housing in Rotterdam, The Hague, and Amsterdam; Amstel Station; model towns in Wieringermeer that were flooded during the occupation of WWII; a village in Walcheren destroyed by wartime flooding; Kief Hoek Housing Development in Rotterdam. Also includes maps, renderings, plans, and magazine clippings about housing in Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

Carton 1, Folder 21

**Housing, Italy and unknown circa 1930s-1940s, 1959**

Scope and Contents
Two magazine clippings showing public housing in Rome. Two color photographs and corresponding negative, unknown location (likely South Asia).

Carton 1, Folder 22

**Housing, Norway 1930s-1940s**

Scope and Contents
5 B&W photographs and 5 B&W postcards of housing and structures in Oslo, Norway. Includes the town hall, Lutheran Bible School, house of the ship-owners, theatre, and housing by Oslo Bolig- og Sparelag (OBOS), including Galgeberg, Mapidalsveien, Frydenberg, Balkeby, and Thorshang cooperative apartments.

Carton 1, Folder 23

**Housing, Sweden circa 1930s-1940s**

Scope and Contents
104 B&W photographs, 2 B&W negatives, and 6 B&W postcards of housing and other public structures in Sweden. Includes municipal housing and housing created by cooperative unions and building societies in Stockholm, Göteborg, Kristineberg, and Inverness; housing for workers in Gustavberg porcelain factory. In Stockholm, Elfvinggarden, Akterspeglen. Includes buildings created by the Union Building Producers for the Swedish Cooperative Wholesale Society, and by the cooperative housing association HSB (Hyresgästernas sparkasse). Also includes plans and diagrams.

Carton 1, Folder 24

**Housing, Switzerland circa 1930s-1940s**

Scope and Contents
7 B&W photographs of municipal housing in Zurich. Also includes magazine clippings and a neighborhood plan.

Carton 1, Folder 25

**Housing, U.S.S.R. circa 1939-1949**

Scope and Contents
65 B&W photographs, 39 B&W postcards, 1 color postcard of municipal housing, worker housing, prefabricated structures, public landmarks and structures, and residents in Leningrad, Moscow, and Sochi. Includes postcards of buildings and pavilions for the Society Agricultural Show, 1939.

Carton 1, Folder 26

**Housing, European balconies circa 1930s-1940s**

Scope and Contents
15 B&W photographs on municipal housing in Drancy (near Paris), Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Cologne, Stockholm, London, and Hackney. Also includes a brochure for 10 Palace Gate W8 apartment block, designed by Wells Coates and managed by Ellis & Sons.
**Carton 1, Folder 27**

**Housing, New Mexico circa 1930s-1940s**

**Scope and Contents**

9 B&W photographs of housing in New Mexico. One image of Phillip House in Taos, one image of car encampment near Roosevelt Field, one of Chimayo, and six images of homes of Pueblo people and Ancestral Puebloan structures, including Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of Jemez, Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde, and Chetro Ketl. Also includes one print reproduction of an oil painting of the restoration of Chetro Ketl.

**Carton 1, Folder 28**

**Housing, miscellaneous 1920s-1940s**

**Scope and Contents**

11 B&W photographs, plans, and clippings of mostly unidentified buildings. Identifiable buildings include Land Ventilation Building, New York City; storefront for H.A. Cassebeer; Peoples Savings Bank in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; plans for the Shoreham in Washington, D.C.; illustration of Charles A. Pillsbury residence, Minneapolis.

**Carton 1, Folder 29**

**Housing, miscellaneous circa 1930s-1940s**

**Scope and Contents**

63 B&W negatives 70 B&W photographs of various locations. Includes a newly built town called George in Washington state, with shots of nearby town Othello and other Washington locations; Arpaho Apartments in San Mateo, California. Also includes clippings and a conceptual city plan.

**Carton 1, Folder 30**

**Housing, miscellaneous circa 1930s-1940s**

**Scope and Contents**

32 B&W photographs of unknown locations in Europe, United States, and possibly Asia.

**Carton 1, Folder 31**

**Housing, miscellaneous circa 1930s-1940s**

**Scope and Contents**

5 B&W photographs and one B&W negative of unknown locations. 9 B&W postcards of Niagara Falls (Canada), Teotihuacan (Mexico), and Brockway Hotel, Lake Tahoe (California). 2 color postcards of Niagara Falls. Also includes magazine clippings.

**Carton 1, Folder 32**

**Governor's Conference on California's Urban Areas and the State Highway System 1960**

**Scope and Contents**

6 B&W photographs of the conference and Catherine Bauer Wurster's participation.

**Carton 1, Folder 33**

**San Francisco Real Property Survey 1940**

**Scope and Contents**

31 B&W photographs, separated into the following categories.

- Modern: modern single and two-family homes; modern conversions from single to double family homes; conversion of basement into modern dwelling unit; modern apartment house; modern homes built with business units.
- Structures typical of San Francisco: single family house, double family house, three family three decker; six family double three decker; mixture of modern apartment house with old type dwellings.
- Comparative views showing how modern homes "dwarf" outmoded and sub-standard dwellings, which exist along side of them and in the rear.
- Panoramic view showing hillside shacks intermingled with modern homes.
- Old style apartment houses.
Carton 1, Folder 34  
San Francisco Real Property Survey 1940  
Scope and Contents  
36 B&W photographs, separated into the following categories.  
Multi-family structures, physically converted into small rooming and apartment houses.  
Individual structures converted into dwelling units.  
Views showing how industry is crowding out the residential utility of a locality.  
"Back alley" structures unfit for habitation (but inhabited).

box 1, Folder 2  
San Francisco Real Property Survey 1940  
Scope and Contents  
35 B&W photographs, separated into the following categories.  
Section of Hunter's Point in which entire streets contain structures unfit for use.  
A number of abandoned shacks, located along the bay-shore line, unfit for habitation.  
Structures over fifty years old, [upon which] no improvements or renovations have been made during the entire period of their existence.

box 1, Folder 3  
San Francisco Real Property Survey 1940  
Scope and Contents  
23 B&W photographs, organized into the following categories:  
An illustration of how deceptively structures cover the poor condition which actually exists.  
A "colony" of one family shacks located in the rear.