

TAWNY RYAN NELB

Ms Nelb specializes in archival management and preservation of historical and vital records and has over 39 years of archival experience including work at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and ten years with the Yale University Manuscripts and Archives Department before becoming an independent consultant in 1986. She conducts archival needs assessment analyses and surveys of historic records for museums, manuscript repositories, archives, library special collections, owners of historic homes, design firms, universities, religious, governmental and civic groups, and private individuals. She recommends methods to preserve and manage these materials more effectively for historical research or as vital records.



**Over 39 Years
Experience**

In the course of her consultations Ms Nelb:

- recommends the best methods for storage, arrangement, description, preservation, and proactive documentation;
- prepares processing plans; conducts research on preservation options for the archival community and lectures on archives topics;
- sets up archives and supervises and trains staff; designs archives and provides long term planning;
- arranges family papers and other historical collections;
- conducts oral histories, writes grants, and assembles exhibits;
- conducts historical research and writing for clients; and
- provides personal archivist services.

Although she works on all types of records she is nationally recognized for her expertise in architectural records.

Consulting Experience

Archival Needs Assessment Analyses and Feasibility Studies

Yale University Plan Room (New Haven, CT)
Wade-Trim Edmand Engineering (Bay City, MI)
City of Newburgh, NY
Yale University Architectural and Engineering Services
Gary Public Library (Gary, IN) [Gary Land Company]
Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum (Univ. Center, MI)
Houston Museum of Fine Arts
Virginia State Library and Archives (Richmond, VA)
[William Gillette Papers]
Edsel and Eleanor Ford House (Grosse Pointe Shores, MI)
Henry Ford House-Fair Lane (Dearborn, MI)
New Jersey Department of Transportation (Trenton, NJ)
Oberlin College Construction Office (Oberlin, OH)
UCLA University Library Special Collections (Los Angeles, CA)
[Richard Neutra, A. Quincy Jones, Lloyd Wright, Ayres and Fiege, Welton Becket and Associates, American Institute of Landscape Architects, S. Charles Lee, Frederick Monhoff, Edward Huntsman-Trout, Ralph Cornell, and Joseph Copp]

Education:

Master of Arts
American History
Southern Ct St. Univ., 1983

Bachelor of Arts
American Studies
Univ. of Notre Dame,
1975

Professional Experience:

Nelb Archival
Consulting, Inc.
President, 1986-present

Yale University,
Manuscripts and
Archives, 1976-1986

Herbert Hoover
Presidential Library,
1975-1976

Professional Associations:

Society of American
Archivists

Michigan State Historical
Records Advisory Board

SAA Publications Board

Historical Society of
Michigan Board

Archival Needs Assessment Analyses and Feasibility Studies

Independence National Historical Park (Philadelphia, PA)
 The Gamble House-USC (Pasadena, CA)
 [Charles and Henry Greene Papers]
 Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens (Akron, OH)
 Victor Saroki Architects Associates (Birmingham, MI)
 Cal Poly Special Collections (San Luis Obispo, CA)
 [Julia Morgan Papers]
 Memorial Presbyterian Church (Midland, MI)
 Archives of Michigan (Lansing, MI)
 [Minoru Yamasaki Papers]

Processing Projects/ Processing Plans and Oversight/Policies and Procedures/Staff or Volunteer Supervision

Theatre Guild and Peanut Gallery (Midland, MI)
 State Mutual Insurance Company (Lapeer, MI)
 Rollin Gerstacker Foundation (Midland, MI)
 Private Individual's Archives (16+ years)
 Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum University Center, MI)
 Aladdin Homes Company Project, Central Michigan University, (Mt. Pleasant, MI)
 Alden Ball Dow Archives (Midland, MI)
 Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Homestead Records Project
 Trinity Episcopal Church Recommendations for Archives (Bay City, MI)
 Post Street Archives (Midland, MI)
 Bertha E. R. Strosacker Memorial Presbyterian Church (Midland, MI)
 Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways (Mt. Pleasant, MI)

Archival Preservation Workshops

Society of American Archivists
 Midwest Archival Conference/Society Ohio Archivists
 Southwest Archivists
 Society of Architectural Historians-Saarinen Chapter
 Michigan Archival Association
 New England Archivists
 Midland (Michigan) County Historical Society
 AIA-Michigan Regional Chapters
 Historical Society of Michigan
 Flint Public Library (Flint, MI)
 Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies (Mount Carroll, IL)
 Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts
 Cranbrook Archives

Archives Design and Building Program

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways Archives (Mt. Pleasant, MI)
 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Archives (Cleveland, OH)
 Battle Hall, University of Texas at Austin

Awards

Voices: Extraordinary Women of Midland County Honoree, MCFTA and MCHS, 2011-2012
 Waldo Gifford Leland Prize Society of Amer. Archivists 2007
 AIA Michigan Honorary Award, 2007
 Recognition Award Midland County Historical Society, 2006
 Exemplary Service Award Historical Society of Michigan, 2000
 Hale Award New England Archivists 1988

Historical or Archival Monographs

Mission Accomplished: Robert and Metta Silliman in the Philippines, 1924-1966

The Pines: 100 Years of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Homestead, Orchards, and Gardens

Architectural Records: Managing Design and Construction Records

Sidebars for 14th edition of *Architect's Handbook for Professional Practice* (Washington, DC)

A Cultural Incubator: The Post Street Schoolhouse

30+ Historical or Archival Journal Articles

Digital Archives

Collaborative Greene and Greene Virtual Archives (Pasadena, CA)

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/architecture/greeneandgreene/>

Grants

Michigan Historical Center (Lansing, MI)

Collaborative Greene and Greene Virtual Archives Planning Project (Pasadena, CA)

Greene and Greene Virtual Archives Implementation (Pasadena, CA)

Midland County Historical Society (Michigan)

Lectures on Archival and Historical Topics (over 100)

Society of Industrial Archeology

Cambridge Massachusetts Historical Society

New England Archivists

American Institute of Architects Foundation

Society of Architectural Historians

Association of Records Managers and Administrators

Massachusetts COPAR

Society of American Archivists

Michigan Archival Association

American Institute of Architects—Michigan

Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation

National Historic Landmark Owners Conference

Boston Architectural Society

Society of Ohio Archivists

Midland County Historical Society

Midland Genealogical Society

Bertha E. R. Strosacker Memorial Presbyterian Church

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifact

American Institute of Architects—Minnesota

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

Church and Synagogue Libraries Association

Michigan Museum Association

Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy

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Oral History Interviews and/or Project Planning

Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation (Midland, MI)

Midland Area Community Foundation (Midland, MI)

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation