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Edda Schoedder (right) and Christiane Berger (left) researching historical buildings in the National Archives, ca.1982. (NAN Photo 08615)

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Introduction

Provenance and description

Edda Schoedder (1928-1989) studied architecture in Germany, and came to Namibia in 1958 where she worked with Stauch & Partners and then as an independent architect.

On assignment from the SWA Institute of Architects (today: Namibia Institute of Architects), between 1984-1988, Ms Edda Schoedder compiled an assessment of historical buildings in Windhoek, Lüderitzbucht and Swakopmund and other places. The assessment elucidated the architectural history including alterations, the status of preservation, and the conservation value of each building. The detailed information given about each building, including references to construction plans in the National Archives and municipal archives, makes this one of the most used private accessions in the National Archives, being in much demand by architects, town planners, house-owners who wish to restore original features of a building, or school projects. It also provides important information for the preservation of historical buildings.

The registers for Windhoek, Lüderitzbucht and Swakopmund were completed, and a copy of the completed registers had been deposited by Ms Schoedder at the National Archives of Namibia between 1983 and 1988 (this Accession A.0380).

Related material

The SWA Institute of Architects deposited, in 1989, another set of the same material, as well as working material and drafts for several other towns, where no final assessment was produced; and some administrative records related to the project, and original negatives and slides taken for the study. This material is shelved as Accession A.526. (see finding aid 2/034).

Arrangement and preservation

The accession is arranged in Lever Arch files in good condition; it was not deemed necessary to remove the material from the files for preservation. However, during a revision in Jan.2005, the volumes were renumbered, changing the previous numbering on the basis of bundles of several files, to one on the basis single file, while the original sequence was preserved.

Advice on identifying buildings and related material

No index based on erf numbers, street numbers or common names of buildings is as yet available. To find a building in the files, it is first necessary to identify it on the relevant town plan which shows numbered sections, numbered subsections, and numbered building. For example, a building no.1 in section 5, subsection 3 would be numbered 5.3.1 in the files. Unfortunately, the coloured koki pen delineation of sections and subsections has partly faded on the plans, making it often difficult to establish to which section a building belongs.

The three town plans are readily available in rolls in the Archives Map Room behind the reading room.

Users often need the architectural plans for those buildings. Architectural plans until 1914 can usually be found in the “Bauakten” files of the relevant German district offices, which are referenced in this accession. However, the search for plans can be a lengthy affair, because those files are voluminous and Edda Schoedder’s references do only refer to the file number, and not the storage unit. Later architectural plans can also be found in the municipal files which are still kept in the municipal offices. Those are also referenced in this accession.

W. Hillebrecht, March 2018

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