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Clifford Shopbell Architectural Records 1916-1925 DADA 018

Title: Clifford Shopbell Architectural Records

Creator: Clifford Shopbell

Inclusive Dates: 1916-1925

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Biographical Note:

Clifford Shopbell (1871-1939) was born in Princeton, Indiana. After graduating from high school in 1889, he worked in the Indianapolis office of architect W. Scott Moore and as a member of the engineering staff of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad. In 1894 Shopbell moved to Evansville, Indiana, and partnered with Will D. Harris to form the architectural firm Harris and Shopbell. The firm designed the Marcus Sonntag house, the American Trust and Savings Company, and Carnegie Libraries.

Harris died in 1910, and the firm became known as Clifford Shopbell & Co. and Shopbell, Fowler & Thole. Shopbell established an independent office in Evanston, Illinois, which he maintained until 1933. The firm designed numerous buildings in Evansville, many of which still remain. They include the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Coliseum (1916), the YMCA building (1913), Masonic Temple (1912), Washington Avenue Temple (1903), Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church (1913), and Reitz High School.

Scope and Contents:

Black line prints of drawings for 7 projects by Clifford Shopbell & Co. and Shopbell, Fowler &

Thole of Evansville, ca. 1916-1925. Projects include residences (Evansville, Ind.), Huntingburg Public School (Huntington, Ind.), General Baptist Church (Mt. Vernon, Ind.), grade school building (Madisonville, Ky.), and Municipal Market (Evansville, Ind.).

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Arrangement:

The Clifford Shopbell Architectural Records are arranged chronologically.

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Architecture--Indiana--Indianapolis

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Buildings, residential

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