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Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records 1960-1985 DADA 022

Title: Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records

Creator: Ed Gibson & Associates

Inclusive Dates: 1960-1985

Extent: 4.6 cu. ft.

Containers: 1 flat file drawer, 1 large oversize archival box, 1 document case, 1 bound volume

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

Preferred Citation:

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Administrative History:

Biographical Note:

Edwin Arthur Gibson (1925-2011) was a man of many firsts—the first African-American architect registered in the state of Indiana, first African-American architect to hold the position of Indiana's State Architect, and the first African-American architect to have his own architectural firm in Indiana.

A graduate of Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Gibson went on to the University of Illinois where he received Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Architectural Engineering.

His long career, which spanned from 1945 to 2002, included work in both the public and private sectors. He originally worked for architect A.M. Strauss in Fort Wayne before moving to Indianapolis to start his own firm. Some of the buildings he designed or renovated were located at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Evansville State Hospital, Central Elementary in Plainfield, Broad Ripple Library, renovations at Central Library in Indianapolis, IUPUI, IU Bloomington, including renovation of Ernie Pyle Hall, Hudnut Plaza and other HUD projects throughout Indiana.

Gibson closed his private practice in 1987 to work exclusively for Methodist Hospital.

Scope and Contents:

Drawings, renderings and project manuals for ten projects by the Indianapolis architectural firm Ed Gibson & Associates, dating from the late 1960s to 1985. Renderings are by Jungclaus and by Howard Associates. Gibson's thesis, registration certificate, business records, photographs, engraved tape measure, and personal effects were added to the collection after Gibson's death.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Custodial History:

The Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records were received by Drawings and Documents Archive as a donation from Ed Gibson on 1987/4/27; additional items were received as a donation from Gary Gibson on 2011/12/22.

Accruals: No additions are expected.

Processing Information:

Collection processing completed

Finding aid created 1988/6/13 by Andrew R. Seager; revised 2012/1/20 by Julie Edwards and Carol Street.

Arrangement:

The Ed Gibson & Associates Collection is arranged chronologically.

Controlled Access Headings:

Architecture, American

Architecture--Indiana--Indianapolis

Architecture, commercial

Drawings, architectural (visual works)

Elevation drawings

Documents

Houses--Indiana—1930s

Clippings, newspaper

Photographs

Architecture--Designs and plans--Presentation drawings

Architecture--Designs and plans--Working drawings