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Jay C. Bixby Architectural Records 1910-1965 DADA 023

Title: Jay C. Bixby Architectural Records

Creator: Jay C. Bixby

Inclusive Dates: 1910-1965

Extent: 5.1 cu. ft.

Containers: 1 flat file drawer, 1 medium oversize archival box, 2 letter archival boxes.

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note:

Jay C. Bixby (1889-1983) apparently began his career in Iowa and possibly apprenticed to J. B. MacKay, an architect in Waterloo. He then practiced on his own briefly in Nevada, Iowa in the 1910s.

By 1923, Bixby had moved to Vincennes, Indiana. By 1926 or 1927, he was employed in the office that John B. Bayard had begun in Vincennes at least a decade earlier. Rudolph W. Schucker joined Bayard's office about the same time. For a short period, ca. 1931-1933, the firm was known as Bayard, Schucker & Bixby.

Shucker & Bixby continued the practice after Bayard's death on April 26, 1933 until about 1952. Bixby then practiced independently until at least 1965.

Scope and Contents:

Collection contains architectural and business records from the architectural office in Vincennes, Indiana, begun by John B. Bayard and continued by Rudolph W. Schucker and Jay C. Bixby, ca. 1910-1965. Included are architectural working drawings by the firm for 15 projects in southwestern Indiana (in Knox, Davies, Sullivan, Spencer, and Greene Counties). At least 17

additional projects are represented by specifications, photographs, newspaper clippings, contracts, and bills for architectural services. Some of the photographs have not been identified.

Also in the collection are drawings for two houses in Nevada, Iowa, done by Bixby early in his career, Bixby scrapbook material, and plans by Hirons & Mellor (New York) for the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes, Indiana, 1931.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Custodial History:

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Accruals: No additions are expected.

Processing Information:

Collection processing completed

Finding aid created 1995/7/7 by Andrew R. Seager; revised 2011/10/20 by Julie Edwards and Carol Street.

Arrangement:

The Jay C. Bixby Architectural Records are arranged chronologically.

Controlled Access Headings:

Architecture, American

Architecture--Indiana

Architecture, commercial

Drawings, architectural (visual works)

Elevation drawings

Documents

Clippings, newspaper

Jay C. Bixby

Photographs

Architecture--Designs and plans--Presentation drawings

Architecture--Designs and plans--Working drawings

Business records

Financial records

Scrapbook