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Richard E. Beaman & Associates Architectural Records 1957-1981 DADA 029

Title: Richard E. Beaman & Associates Architectural Records

Creator: Robert E. Beaman

Inclusive Dates: 1957-1981

Extent: 8.1 cu. ft.

Containers: 2 flat file drawers, 1file folder

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note:

Richard E. Beaman, an engineer, founded Richard E. Beaman & Associates, Designers, in 1958 and the firm continued under that name until 1969. Their offices were located in Indianapolis, first at 3909 E. 11th St., then at 205 E. Hanna Ave., then at 324 E. Hanna Ave. From 1969 until ca. 1990, the business was known as Beaman, Guyer & Associates, Architects and Engineers. The business incorporated ca. 1971 and moved ca. 1974 to 5103 Madison Ave.

Robert E. Beaman, an architect and graduate of Ball State University, joined the firm in 1977.

The principals of the firm in the late 1980s were Richard B. Beaman, John P. Guyer, Willis R. Clark, and Robert E. Beaman.

As of 2012, the firm continues as Beaman Associates, Inc., Architects-Engineers.

Scope and Contents:

The collection contains 745 architectural drawings and one folder of correspondence related to projects by the firm from 1957-81. There are working drawings for projects by Philip C. Gardner, professional engineer (1 project, 1957), John P. Guyer (1 project, 1959), Richard E. Beaman & Associates, designers (35 projects, 1961-1969), and Beaman, Guyer & Associates, architects and engineers (19 projects, 1969-1981).

The projects are mostly commercial buildings (offices, restaurants, stores, factories, motels) and churches, located in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. Many are located in the Indianapolis area.

The materials from the Beaman office were received in two groups and were treated as two collections (29- and 29.1-). Each group is arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Custodial History:

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Accruals: No additions are expected.

Processing Information:

Collection processing completed

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Arrangement:

The Richard E. Beaman & Associates Architectural Records are arranged chronologically.

Controlled Access Headings:

Architecture, American

Architecture--Indiana--Indianapolis

Architecture, commercial

Drawings, architectural (visual works)

Elevation drawings

Buildings, bank

Buildings, commercial

Buildings, religious

Hotels

Diners (restaurants)

Fire station

Architecture--Designs and plans--Working drawings

Beaman, Richard E.