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# A. M. Strauss Architectural Records 1918-1922 DADA 032

Title: A. M. Strauss Architectural Records

Creator: Alvin M. Strauss

Inclusive Dates: 1918-1922

Extent: 164 cu. ft.

Containers: 6 flat file drawers, 84 boxes, 1 manuscript box

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

#### Preferred Citation:

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#### Administrative History:

#### Biographical Note:

Alvin Max Strauss (1895-1958) was born in Kendallville, Indiana. After graduating from high school in 1912, he apprenticed with Charles R. Weatherhogg, J. M. E. Riedel, and J. F. Wing. Around 1918 he established his own business, A. M. Strauss, Architect, in Fort Wayne. During World War I, Strauss served in the U.S. Motor Transport Corps. He was a director of the Indiana Society of Architects, president of the Fort Wayne Society of Architects, member of the State Architects Registration Board, and active in other civic and fraternal organizations.

The firm was incorporated as A. M. Strauss, Inc., in 1948. In 1958, shortly before Mr. Strauss's death, it was reorganized as A. M. Strauss and Associates, Inc. Joseph J. Hulfeld succeeded A. M. Strauss as President. The firm became Strauss Associates, Inc. prior to 1970.

Herman Steiner Strauss was born in Evanston, Ill., in 1932. He joined the firm in 1950, received a Bachelor's of Science in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati in 1956, became an associate in the firm and Vice-President in 1958, and in later years was the firm's President.

Biographical files on A.M. Strauss are available at the Drawings and Documents Archive.

#### Scope and Contents:

The collection contains thousands of architectural and engineering drawings, sketches, blueprints, and six folders of specifications and photographs created by the office of A. M. Strauss, A. M. Strauss, Inc., A. M. Strauss & Associates, Inc., and Strauss Associates, Inc., from inception at commission 101 through commission 2479 (ca. 1918-1992).

The collection includes drawings for a few projects by other firms, among them blueprints for the Allen County Courthouse by B. S. Tolan. Not included are drawings for the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, project nos. 1792, 2076, 2381, 2396, 2399, and 2439, which were given to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, or projects no. 2165, 2333, and 2471, which are missing.

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#### **Custodial History:**

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Accruals: No additions are expected.

#### **Processing Information:**

Collection processing completed

Finding aid created 1998/6/10 by Andrew R. Seager; revised 2011/11/1 by Julie Edwards; revised 2012/2/17 by Carol Street

## Arrangement:

The A. M. Strauss Architectural Records are arranged by original project number.

#### Controlled Access Headings:

Architecture, American

Architecture--Indiana--Indianapolis

Architecture, commercial

Drawings, architectural (visual works)

Elevation drawings

Buildings, apartment

Buildings, bank

Buildings, commercial

Buildings, mortuary

Buildings, religious

Buildings, residential

Buildings, school

Buildings, theater

Diners (restaurants)

Hotels

Store, retail

Warehouse

Architecture--Designs and plans--Working drawings

Blueprints

Photographs

Documents

Hospital building

Strauss, A. M. (Alvin Max), 1895-1958