



Liberty Memorial Association Records (K0022)

Collection Number: K0022

Collection Title: Liberty Memorial Association Records

Dates: 1923

Creator: Magonigle, Harold Van Buren, 1867-1935

Abstract: The Liberty Memorial Association Records consist of two copies of specifications for Liberty Memorial dated 1923.

Collection Size: 0.08 cubic foot
(1 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Liberty Memorial Association Records can be found in the following collections:

Liberty Memorial and Allied Charities Campaign Collection (K0353)

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Historical Note:

The Liberty Memorial Association (LMA) was formed in December 1918 and tasked with the fundraising and site choosing for the construction of a monument dedicated to memorializing those who served during World War I. The association included 40 prominent Kansas City residents such as lumber baron Robert A. Long, real estate developer J. C. Nichols, and businessman and philanthropist William Volker. Fundraising for the endeavor began in October 1919 and nearly \$2 million was raised within 10 days. By January 1920, 33 acres was acquired on a prominent hilltop across from Union Station for the construction of a monument. A design competition was opened in December 1920 and 11 completed concept designs were submitted. Architect Harold Van Buren Magonigle of New York submitted the chosen design. The monument site was dedicated on November 1, 1921, and construction began in 1923. On November 11, 1926, President Calvin Coolidge dedicated the monument before an audience of 150,000.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The records contain two copies of specifications for Liberty Memorial located in Kansas City, Missouri, and are dated 1923. H. Van Buren Magonigle is listed as the architect, George E. Kessler as the landscape architect, the firm of Clark, MacMullen & Riley as the heating engineers, the firm of Hool and Johnson as structural engineers, Theodore H. Joseph as the electrical engineer, and William C. Tucker as the sanitary engineer.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Specifications, 1923

Index:

Index Term	Folder
Clark, MacMullen & Riley, Inc. (New York City, N.Y.)	1
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Joseph, Theodore H.	1
Kessler, George Edward, 1862-1923	1
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Magonigle, Harold Van Buren, 1867-1935	1
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