



Missouri Association of Architects (MAA) Records (K0099)

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Collection Title: Missouri Association of Architects (MAA) Records

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Abstract: The Missouri Association of Architects (MAA) Records consist of informational and organizational materials for the Missouri Association of Architects. The records also contain materials concerning the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Collection Size: 0.24 cubic foot
(21 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

The Missouri Association of Architects was formed in 1940 by a group of architects from various cities across the state. These architects met in Columbia, Missouri, to form an organization whose goals were to stimulate and encourage improvements within the architectural profession, to promote co-operation among architects, to encourage the participation in various projects that would benefit the public welfare, and to represent and speak on behalf of the architects of Missouri on a national level.

One immediate goal of the organization was to pursue the state legislature of Missouri for a law concerning the registration of professional architects and engineers. Previously, attempts at a registration law for the profession had been unsuccessful. With the onset of World War II, efforts for the registration of professional architects and engineers was postponed. The effort was renewed in 1946 when former state senator A. L. McCawley was contracted to serve as a lobbyist who would represent the architects and engineers. The registration law was passed that same year. Out of this registration law came a new organization, the Missouri Association of Registered Architects and Engineers.

During the late 1940s and early 1950s, the organization attempted to secure improvements to the registration law but, they achieved limited success. Their efforts appeared to have been hampered by their own organizational structure. Difficulties arose in getting the architects to attend the state-wide meetings and to assist with the lobby of the Missouri legislature. As a result, in 1952, the Missouri Association of Architects reorganized as the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects with a more comprehensive organizational structure to better support its efforts for lobbying the legislature of Missouri. Concurrent with this action was a movement to establish a National Association of Registered Architects who would lobby for a registration law at the national level. This latter group was incorporated in the state of Missouri in 1953.

The Missouri State Association of Registered Architects would later become the Missouri Council of Architects with its headquarters located in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Missouri Association of Architects
American Institute of Architects
Miscellaneous Publications
Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note:**Missouri Association of Architects**

This series contains various correspondence, association by-laws, Board of Directors meeting minutes, reports of the treasurer, membership rosters, annual membership meeting minutes, and publications of the *News Letter* and *The Missouri Architect*. There are also materials related to the Pro Forma Name Change for the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects and the Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation of the National Association of the Registered Architects. In

addition, this series contains a brief history of the Missouri Council of Architects, its predecessor organizations, and the establishment of the registration law for the architectural profession in Missouri.

American Institute of Architects

This series consists of material pertaining to the meeting minutes of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architects By-Laws Committee, information on the first annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, membership rosters, and information pertaining to the Unification Program of the architect's associations throughout the state. This series also contains information pertaining to some post-war construction projects in Jefferson City, Missouri and several volumes of the *Bulletin of the American Institute of Architects*.

Miscellaneous Publications

This series contains several publications of the *Builder's Association of Kansas City* and the *Modern Builder News* from 1945 and 1947.

Miscellaneous

This series includes various unidentified handwritten items. Their origin is not known.

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