

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0598 (KA1997)
RALPH ELBERT MYERS, SR. PAPERS

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Introduction

Approximately 1.75 cubic feet

The collection consists of architectural slides, audio-visual recordings of the production of *Architecture USA*, scrapbooks, biographical information, and histories concerning Ralph Elbert Myers, Sr. as well as the Kansas City based architectural firm of Kivett and Myers of which Myers was a partner.

Ralph Elbert Myers, Sr. was born on November 30, 1917, in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended the Kansas City Art Institute and earned a degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1940. For the next year, Myers served as a professor for the Architectural Design and History Department at the Finlay Engineering College in Kansas City, Missouri. Between 1941 and 1945, Myers was in charge of the plant layout and design of the North American Aviation located in Kansas City, Missouri.

The architectural firm of Kivett and Myers was formed in 1945 when Myers entered into a partnership with Clarence Kivett, a local area architect. The firm quickly became the leading architectural design firm within the Kansas City metropolitan area, winning numerous local design awards throughout their firms' thirty-year history. By 1975, the firm was acquired by Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff (HNTB) Architects. Myers died on December 3, 2007, and is buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Donor Information

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Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff (HNTB) Records (K0268)
Kivett and Myers Records (K0289)

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Box List

Box 1

Slides

United States Architecture (8 folders)

Mexico (4 folders)

Architecture (4 folders)

Box 2

Ralph E. Myers, biographical

“The Kivett and Myers Legacy,” photocopy

Autographed flyer, Welcome to Arrowhead, home of the chiefs, 1972

Space for Architecture: The Practice of Kivett and Myers, by David H. Sachs, American
Institute of Architects (AIA), 1993

Architecture USA, DVD of film produced by Ralph Myers, 1960s

Architecture USA, Quarter magnetic film

Box 3x1

Oversize

Scrapbook, 1942, 1964