



Edward J. Thias Papers (S0742)

Collection Number: S0742

Collection Title: Edward J. Thias Papers

Dates: 1954-2002

Creator: Thias, Edward J., 1924-2008

Abstract: The Edward J. Thias Papers contain books written and/or illustrated by Thias, including works about his participation in World War II, Missouri architecture, Thias family genealogy, and collected pencil sketches of various St. Louis and Missouri landmarks and attractions.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic foot
(11 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-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Edward J. Thias was an accomplished architect, writer, teacher, and artist who was born in St. Louis in 1924. He completed more than 650 architectural projects, wrote and/or illustrated more than 20 books and calendars, and taught classes at two St. Louis-area colleges. He served as President of the Missouri Council of the American Institute of Architects and Editor of *Missouri Architect*.

In 1951, Thias graduated from Washington University's School of Architecture and five years later opened his own architectural practice in Sunset Hills, Missouri. He played a key role in the development of the City of Sunset Hills, creating the first master land and zoning plan for the city. He also served as the Chairman of the Sunset Hills Zoning and Planning Commission.

Thias taught architectural design at the University College of Washington University. He taught as many as 20 courses ranging from architectural design to watercolor painting. He also taught watercolor classes at the Meramec campus of St. Louis Community College. He died in 2008, at 83 years old.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series.

Published Works
Personal and Art

Scope and Content Note:**Published Works**

This series contains books written by Thias about architecture in St. Louis, his service in World War II, and family genealogy. The books have been arranged alphabetically.

Personal and Art

This series consists of unbound, original pencil sketches of various St. Louis and Missouri landmarks and attractions. It also contains biographical information and awards Thias earned. This series has been arranged alphabetically.

Container List:

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Box 001	f. 1	<i>Architectural Work of Edward J. Thias Architect</i> , two editions, no date
	f. 2	<i>The Barn at the Lucerne</i> , 1991
	f. 3	<i>Functional Architecture</i> , 1995
	f. 4	<i>My Relationship with the 1950s & 1960s Apex of Architects Saint Louis Missouri</i> , 1993
	f. 5	<i>Pacific Ocean 1944-1945: United States Navy, Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet, World War II, Naval Personnel Office</i> , n.d.

- f. 6 Publications of architectural associations, 1960-1964
- f. 7-11 Personal and Art
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no date
 - f. 8 Thias awards, nominations, and recognition, 1995-2006
 - f. 9 Thias biographical information, 1954-2002
 - f. 10 *Thias German American Heritage*, two editions, 1993-1994
 - f. 11 *Thias' Pencil Sketches of Missouri*, 1981

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