

S0781 Kramer and Harms Architecture Firm, Records, 1949,-1980

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Gerhardt Kramer and Joe G. Harms formed the Kramer and Harms Architecture firm in St. Louis in 1956. Gerhardt Kramer was born in New Orleans on October 26, 1909. He received a Bachelors of Architecture from Tulane University in 1930 and his Masters of Architecture from Cornell University in 1932. He spent his early years working on several historical preservation projects in the French Quarter of New Orleans. He restored a number of historic homes and buildings before he joined the U.S. Navy in April 1942. He served in the Pacific during World War II and moved to St. Louis upon his return from active duty. He designed and built a home for him and his wife on 243 East Jefferson St. Upon moving to St. Louis, he joined the architecture firm of Hugo K. Graf, and took over the practice when Graf died in 1953. Kramer ran the firm for the next three years as Gerhardt Kramer Associates until incorporating with Joe Harms in 1956.

Joe G. Harms was born in Keytesville, Missouri on November 23, 1909. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from the Carnegie Institute of Technology. He began his career working for the Missouri State Highway Department. Like Kramer, he served in the Navy during World War II. He served as an architect of ship repair in the Charleston Navy Yard in South Carolina. After he ended his Naval service in 1946 he worked as part of the Maguolo and Quick Architecture firm, and also did some work independently before joining Kramer in 1956.

Kramer and Harms worked on restoring several historic buildings in the St. Louis area including the Eugene Field House and the Chatillon-DeMenil House. They also worked on the historic village at Faust Park, the Thomas Sappington House and the Palm House in Tower Grove Park. Kramer retired from the firm in the early 1990s, and lived in St. Louis with his family until his death on December 4, 2001.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

The collection has two series: Series 1 - Files, 1949-1980, folders 1-31, arranged alphabetically; and Series 2 - Bids, on 35mm microfilm, arranged chronologically, rolls 1-14.

BOX 1

Series 1 - Files, 1949-1980, folders 1-31

1. Children's Psychiatric Guidance Clinic
2. Children's Psychiatric Guidance Clinic Addition, St. Louis City, 1962
3. Children's Psychiatric Guidance Clinic
4. Churches of Historical and Industrial Interest
5. Community Hall, Malden, MO, 1957
6. Debasio Residence, 1961
7. Degeloe, Walter G., Residence

BOX 2

8. Fairgrounds Park Swimming Pool, Revisited, 1958-1959
9. Fairgrounds Park Swimming Pool, Revisited, 1958-1959
10. Hanley House Restoration, 1970
11. Hanley House, Painting, 1970
12. Sappington House Specifications, 1964
13. Katcher Residence, 1955
14. Katcher Residence, 1956
15. Keytesville, MO, Post Office, 1959

BOX 3

16. Memorial Home, South Grand, 1959
17. Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, MO, Cold Storage Rebuilding, 1966
18. Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, Director's Residence, 1966
19. Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, Administration Building, 1967
20. Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station, Elevated Water Storage Tank, 1967
21. Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, MO, 1966
22. Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Brooding and Growout Pullet House, 1968
23. Missouri State Supreme Court, Computer Room
24. Roberts Residence, 1980
25. St. Ann's Church Community Building, Malden, MO, 1956
26. Sappington House Repairs, 1964
27. Sappington House, Specifications and Contract Documents, 1964
28. Sternberg Manufacturing Company, 1949
29. Vorst Residence
30. Wall, F. W., Residence
31. Computer Staff Offices in the Supreme Court Building, Jefferson City, MO

BOX 4

Series 2 - Bids, 1965-1990, microfilm rolls 1-14

Roll Numbers:

1. Kroger Store, Florissant
2. Kroger Store, Normandy, MO, 11/23/65
3. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Education Facility, Fenton, MO, 7/6/67

4. Office for Alberici Construction, 8/16/68
5. Florissant City Hall, 1/15/69
6. Shenandoah Bakery, Broadway and Russell, 8/26/69
7. Florissant Police and City Hall, 7/13/70
8. Addition to Kroger Store, Maplewood, MO 2/29/72
9. First Church of Christ Scientist, 5/5/77
10. Mari De Villa Retirement Center, 12/13/77
11. University City City Hall, 6/7/79
12. Lion's Choice restaurant, 7/31/79
13. Manchester Police HQ, 8/30/83
14. Firehouse No. 2, Fenton, 4/23/90

OVERSIZE

Architectural Drawings

BOX 1 050839; 050841; 050843

BOX 2 050840; 050842; 050844

BOX 3 067771; 06773; 06775

BOX 4 06772; 06774; 06776

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