INTRODUCTION
The records contain architectural drawings, specifications, contracts, photographs, sketches, correspondence, and related memorabilia of Lyle Welles Underhill, a female architect in Kansas City, Missouri, and Harold W. Underhill. Lyle Underhill specialized in constructing school buildings in Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri between 1915 and 1922. Also included in this collection are proposed and contracted buildings done by Lyle Underhill and her husband, Harold W. Underhill.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Lyle Welles Underhill was born Anna Lyle Welles on February 8, 1890. She graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1909, and attended the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. She later attended the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she studied architectural design. While a student at the University of Illinois-Chicago, she met Harold W. Underhill, also an architectural design student. They married on August 14, 1912, in Jackson County, Missouri.

Before the outbreak of World War I, the couple moved back to Kansas City, Missouri, where they associated with the firms of White, Underhill, and Dean; Underhill and Dean; and H. W. Underhill and Company. Sometime between 1916 and 1917, Lyle and Harold Underhill divorced. Lyle Underhill maintained the architectural firm of H. W. Underhill and Company for several years before starting her own firm.

Lyle Underhill also worked with the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company, and was associated with A. O. Beattie, an architect in Hutchinson, Kansas. She also designed buildings for the Kansas City Show Case Works Company.
Lyle Welles Underhill died at her home in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 24, 1983.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The records contain architectural drawings, specifications, contracts, photographs, sketches, correspondence, and related memorabilia of Lyle Welles Underhill, a female architect in Kansas City, Missouri, and Harold W. Underhill. Lyle Underhill specialized in constructing school buildings in the states of Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri between 1915 and 1922. With exception to the architectural drawings, the personal papers and the job files of this collection are available on microfilm. However, their grouping on microfilm represents a previous arrangement.

Note that oversize material is denoted by an “OS.” This material has been removed from the folder and placed in oversize Box 003 of this collection.

The records have been arranged into the following three series by the processor.

Personal Papers
This includes memorabilia related to the career and work of Lyle W. Underhill and her husband, Harold W. Underhill, as well as associated firms.

Included are architectural assignments from the University of Illinois-Chicago for both Lyle W. and Harold Underhill. Also included is a high school diploma for Lyle W. Underhill issued from the Westport High School in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1909.

Job Files
This series contains architectural specifications, contracts, photographs, and some correspondence pertaining to proposed or commissioned building projects during the careers of Lyle W. Underhill, Harold W. Underhill, and related firms. The specifications and contracts detail work needed for plumbing, heating and cooling, electrical, and structural aspects of the proposed or commissioned buildings.

The series spans from 1915 to 1939 and is arranged chronologically. Oversize photographs and sketches have been withdrawn to Box 003.

Architectural Drawings
This series contains architectural drawings related to proposed or commissioned building projects for Lyle W. Underhill, Harold W. Underhill, and related firms. These drawings were created between 1911 and 1959. The drawings are primarily of school buildings in Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Other types of proposed or commissioned building projects include a library, a drug store, nursing home, church, railroad buildings, and residences.

The series is arranged chronologically.

PREFERRED CITATION:
Specific item; box number; folder number; Lyle Welles Underhill (1890-1983) Architectural Records (K0136); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

INVENTORY

Box 001

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   f. 1 Lyle W. Underhill memorabilia, 1909
   f. 2 Harold W. Underhill memorabilia, 1912-1913 (See also roll 2)
   f. 3 Lyle W. Underhill class assignments, 1911-1912, 1918

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   f. 25 Sample Specifications for a school building and dry closet, n.d.
   f. 26 Unidentified photographs and renderings, n.d. (OS)

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Architectural Drawings
Roll 1  Union Passenger Station
Location  Ft. Smith, Arkansas
Architect  D. H. Burnham and Co.
Date  July 1911
Notes  for Kansas City Southern Railroad Company

Roll 2  City Plan for Greater Kansas City
Location  Grand Ave., River to 31st, Kansas City, Missouri
Architect  H. W. Underhill
Date  1913

Roll 3  Unidentified high school and grade school building
Location  Bonaparte, Iowa
Architect  Underhill and Dean
Date  April 19, 1915
Notes  See also folder 6

Roll 4  Model School and Grade School building for District No. 45
Location  Leona, Kansas
Architect  H. W. Underhill and Co.
Date  June 1915
Notes  See also folder 15

Roll 5  Unidentified school building
Location  Cedar, Iowa
Architect  H. W. Underhill and Co.
Date  July 1916
Notes  See also folder 7

Roll 6  Unidentified school building
Location  Douds-Leando, Iowa
Architect  H. W. Underhill and Co.
Date  September 1916
Notes  See also folder 8

Roll 7  Pleasantlawn School
Location  Henry County, Iowa
Architect  H. W. Underhill and Co.
Date  September 1916
Notes  See also folder 9

Roll 8  Unidentified school building
Location  Liberal, Missouri
Architect  H. W. Underhill and Co.
Date  1916
Notes: See also folder 22

Roll 9
- Unidentified school building
- Location: Selma, Iowa
- Date: June 1916
- Notes: See also folder 12

Roll 10
- Unidentified school building
- Location: Amity, Missouri
- Architect: H. W. Underhill
- Date: 1917
- Notes: See also folder 18

Roll 11
- Unidentified proposed office building
- Location: 2nd and Main, Kansas City, Missouri
- Architect: Lyle W. Underhill
- Date: 1917
- Notes: for Kansas City Southern Railroad Company

Roll 12
- Unidentified passenger Station
- Location: Mena, Arkansas
- Architect: Lyle W. Underhill
- Date: September 1917

Roll 13
- Carnegie Library
- Location: Monroe City, Missouri
- Architect: H. W. Underhill
- Date: June-October, 1917
- Notes: See also folder 23

Roll 14
- Unidentified school building
- Location: Raymore, Missouri
- Date: April 1917
- Notes: See also folder 24

Roll 15
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- Location: Van Wert, Iowa
- Date: August 1917
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