S0776 Graf, Hugo (1888-1953),
Papers, 1924-1994
158 Folders, 8 Boxes

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Hugo K. Graf was born in St. Louis on 17 January 1888 and died in 1953. He designed several significant buildings in St. Louis and the surrounding metropolitan area, including the Carpenter Branch Library and parts of the Barnes Hospital complex. In the 1920s he partnered with William T. Trueblood in the architectural firm Trueblood and Graf. He went into independent practice in 1934 following the dissolution of the partnership.

The collection also contains papers and photographs from Kramer and Harms. Gerhardt Kramer, who had worked for Graf, started this firm with Joe Harms following Graf’s death.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains papers, photographs, and images from the Architect Hugo K. Graf and the architectural firm “Kramer and Harms.” The Hugo Graf photos are generally of completed businesses and residences. The images are generally drawings of buildings, residences, and one drawing of a streamlined automobile from Lawncraft Incorporated. Also included are a copy of the “Missouri Ordnance News” that includes information wartime activities in Louisiana Missouri and several issues of the “Architectural Concrete” journal. The earliest document in this collection is a Graf paper that dates from 1924.

In regards to “Kramer and Harms” this collection contains several plans, specifications, and photographs of restorations of historic buildings in Missouri, including but not limited to Arrow Rock Tavern and the Governor Fletcher House restoration. The photographs included are of buildings as a whole as well as close up details. The earliest Kramer and Harms papers date from 1967.

Series Descriptions

Series 1, Hugo Graf Papers, folders 1-40
This series contains papers, clippings, photographs, plans, and specifications from Hugo Graf. Of the papers specific to Hugo Graf they range in dates from 1924 to 1994. Also, included are several issues of “Architectural Concrete” dates ranging from the 1930s to 1955.

Series 2, Kramer and Harms Arrow Rock papers, folders 41-67
This series contains several papers, plans, photographs, clippings, plans, correspondence, administrative files and specifications for the Arrow Rock Restoration Project. Date range for
this series is from 1969 to 1994.

Series 3, Kramer and Harms, Carter-Price Papers, folders 68-71
This series contains papers from the Carter-Price restoration. The date range for this series is 1982 to 1988.

Series 4, Kramer and Harms Faherty House Papers, folders 72-74
This series contains papers from the Faherty house restoration. One piece is dated 1972.

Series 5, Kramer and Harms, Fletcher House Papers, folders 75-79
This series includes papers from the Fletcher House restoration. The date range for this series 1968 to 1987.

Series 6, Kramer and Harms, Gas Workers papers, folders 80-86
Contains specifications for University City Gas Workers Union building, that date of the materials is 6 July 1961.

Series 7, Kramer and Harms, Horse Museum papers, Folders 81-87.
Includes papers for the Horse Museum building in Mexico. The date range for this series is from 1867 to 1973.

Series 8, Kramer and Harms, Hunter-Dawson, folder 88.
This series papers for Hunter-Dawson House. Dated 1976.

Series 9, Kramer and Harms, Kirkwood Fabricators folders 89-90
Contains specifications for Kirkwood Fabricator building. Dated 1964

Book by Kramer, Gerhardt T. dated June 1932

Series 11, Kramer and Harms, Lashlee, folder 92.
Specifications Lashlee residence.

Series 12, Kramer and Harms, Mill Restorations, folders 93-96
Contains clippings, administrative files and field reports for the Bollinger and Nose Mill restorations. Date range 1968-1969

Series 13, Kramer and Harms, Monroe County Court House folders 97-99
Contains correspondence, specifications, and administrative files for Monroe County Court house restoration.

Series 14, Kramer and Harms, Nabisco Building folder 100
Contains specifications for Nabisco building dated 15 October 1976

Series 15, Kramer and Harms, Newbill-McElhiney folder 101-106
Contains administrative files, clippings, completion report, and correspondence regarding Newbill-McElhiney restorations. Date range 1968-1976.

Series 16, Kramer and Harms, Northminster Presbyterian Church folders 107-111
Contains clippings, correspondence, administrative files, pamphlets and plans regarding Northminster Presbyterian Church addition. Date range 1956-1960.

**Series 17, Kramer and Harms, Pelster Barn folders 112-116**
Contains administrative files, financial papers clippings and publications regarding Pelster Barn restorations. Date range 1978-1989.

**Series 18, Kramer and Harms, Rayco Job folders 117-124**

**Series 19, Sacred Heart Church Building Caruthersville folder 125**
Contains specifications for administrative files, clippings, correspondence, financial records, and images regarding Sacred Heart Church Building. Date range 1955-1971.

**Series 20, Kramer and Harms, St. Charles Landmark Preservation Board folders126-131**

**Series 21, Kramer and Harms, Ste Genevieve folder 132**
Contains specifications for Ste. Genevieve restoration. Date range 1979-1980

**Series 22, Kramer and Harms, St. Patrick’s Church folders 133-136**
Contains correspondence, contracts, financial records, and specifications regarding St. Patrick’s Church. Date range 1954-1956.

**Series 23, Kramer and Harms, St. Paul’s Church folder 137**
Contains papers regarding renovation of St. Paul’s Church

**Series 24, Kramer and Harms, Saxon Lutheran Memorial folders 138-139**
Contains administrative files, plans, and specifications regarding Saxon Lutheran Memorial. Date range 1980-1984.

**Series 25, Kramer and Harms, Warren County Museum Building folders 140-145**

**Series 26, Kramer and Harms, Western District Telephone**
Contains specifications for Western District Telephone Project dated 1954.

**Series 27, Hugo Graf Photographs**
Contains photographs of Hugo Graf projects.

**Series 28, Kramer and Harms photographs**
Contains photographs for Kramer and Harms projects.

**Series 29, Oversize boxes 7 and 8**
Contains drawings, photographs, plans, and photographs of Hugo Graf and “Kramer and Harms” projects. Date range 1925 to 1950.
Series 1, Hugo Graf Papers

BOX 1 (070379)
2. Correspondence: Correspondence from George Irwin Rohrbough of Monticello, Arthur R. Lindbergh, Mayor Chapman of Webster Groves, Chief of Engineers St. Louis Southwestern Railway Lines, W.C. Henning of A. Leschen and Sons Rope Company.
5. History: Harding Article entitled “George M. Harding’s Addition” includes paragraph about James P. Dawson who had a house built by Hugo Graf.
8. Images: Drawing CitieS1924 drawing titled “Location of New Court House in the Saint Louis Civic Center” signed by Fred Graf. Drawing titled “Section of Third Street Elevated Trafficway” signed by Fred Graf.
10. Journal “Architectural Concrete” Journal volume one to volume number six. Volume two number one, volume two number four, volume three number four.
11. Journal “Architectural Concrete” Journal volume four number one to volume five number five.
12. Journal “Architectural Concrete” Journal volume six number one to volume six, volume seven number one to number four published by Portland Cement Company.
13. Journal “Architectural Concrete” Journal volume eight, number one through volume eight number four published in either 1941 or 1942. By Portland Cement Company
14. Journal “Architectural Concrete” Journal volume nine number one, volume nine number two, volume ten number one 1944, volume eleven number one 1945 published by the Portland Cement Company
18. Journal Articles and pages from “Architecture Journal” and “Architecture’s Portfolios” from the 1920s which includes several detailed drawings of close up architectural features.
19. Journal Articles and pages from Architecture Journal and “Architecture’s Portfolios” from the 1920s and 1930s which includes several detailed drawings of close up architectural features.
20. Journal Articles and pages from Architecture Journal and “Architecture’s Portfolios” from the 1920s and 1930s which includes several detailed drawings of close up architectural features.
21. Journal Articles and pages from Architecture Journal and “Architecture’s Portfolios” from the 1930s which includes several detailed drawings of close up architectural features.
22. Plans from Hugo Graf including Barnes Hospital Surgical Hospital.
26. Specifications: buildings by Graf organized by owner m-r.

BOX 2 (070400)
28. Specifications: buildings by Graf organized by owner and number plans s-x. Residence number 642 and 639.
29 Specifications: Sections Index to 4-0 of specifications book for Wilbur T. Trueblood and Hugo K. Graf Buildings. Date of publication unknown.
33. Specifications Book of Architectural details including those of Fenestra Windows by Detroit Steel Products. Includes drawings of buildings from major cities around the United States. Date of publication unknown.
34. Specifications: Book Architectural details including those of Fenestra Windows by Detroit Steel Products. Includes drawings of buildings from major cities around the United States. Date of publication unknown.
38. Specifications: Masonic Home 5351 Delmar specifications and correspondence and flyers regarding specifications.

Series 2, Kramer and Harms, Arrow Rock Papers

41. Administrative Documents regarding Arrow Rock restoration. Among other documents contains timesheets, contractor contact information, business card, and meeting minutes. Dated 1980 to 1993
42. Administrative Documents regarding Arrow Rock restoration. Included are minutes of meetings, contractor contact information, and itineraries. Dates range from 1970 to 1993.
44. Blueprint tags of the “Tavern Restoration”
47. Correspondence to and from Kramer and Harms regarding Arrow Rock August 1969 to April 1974. Arranged by date.
48. Correspondence to and from Kramer and Harms regarding Arrow Rock renovation April 1980 to December 1985.
49. Correspondence to and from Kramer and Harms regarding Arrow Rock renovation January 1986 to December 1986. Arranged by date.
50. Correspondence to and from Kramer and Harms regarding Arrow Rock renovation January 1987 to December 1989. Arranged by date.

BOX 3 (070401)

51. Correspondence to and from Kramer and Harms regarding Arrow Rock renovation March 1990 to August 1993. Arranged by date. Also contains correspondence of unknown days.
52. Financial records regarding Arrow Rock project. Among papers included ar bids, logs, and receipts of financial transactions.
53. Flyers containing information from manufacturers of housing products.
59. Plans for “Tavern Restoration” dated 15 April 1985
62. Rules and Agreements Contains guidelines and agreements for contractors to follow. Dates from the 1980s.
63. Rules and Agreements Contains guidelines and agreements for contractors to follow. Dates from the 1980s.
64. Specifications for Arrow Rock. Date range from 1970 to 1987 with several undated documents.
65. Specifications for Arrow Rock. Date range from 1969 to 1980s with several undated documents.

Series 3, Kramer and Harms, Carter-Price Papers

68. Administrative files for the Carter-Price Building in St. Charles. Includes register for historic places nomination form, minutes for meeting, and call logs.
69. Correspondence regarding Carter-Price Building arranged by date. 1982 to 1988.
70. Flyer “Boone’s Lick Trail Inn” flyer with image of Carter-Price building.
71. Plans and specifications Carter-Price building from 1986 with several undated materials.

Series 4, Kramer and Harms Faherty House Papers

72. Administrative: 2 logs and three notes
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74. Specifications for Faherty House.

Series 5, Kramer and Harms, Fletcher House Papers

75. Administrative: Includes log of activities and notes.
76. Clippings: From the Globe-Democrat, Post-Dispatch and unidentified papers ranging from 23 October 1968 to 1 March 1976.
77. Correspondence: arranged by date 1968 to 1987.

Series 6, Kramer and Harms, Gas Workers papers


Series 7, Kramer and Harms, Horse Museum papers

84. Memorabilia of Horse Museum. 2 “Audrain County Historical Museum” brochures about the history of museum. One postcard of historical museum. Dedication announcement from the Audrain County Historical Society.
85. Plans 8 sets that include geographical features of surrounding area and image of proposed addition to Horse Museum.

Series 8, Kramer and Harms Hunter-Dawson restoration


Series 9, Kramer and Harms, Kirkwood Fabricators

89. Pamphlet: “Guide to Kirkwood”

Series 10, Kramer and Harms, Gerhardt T. Kramer Book

91. Book The Early Architecture of Louisiana by Kramer, Gerhardt T. June 1932 Cornell
University. Gives a history of architecture in Louisiana form the Colonization of Louisiana to until the 19th century.

**Series 11, Kramer and Harms, Lashlee**

92. Specifications “General Contract Including Specifications” book for the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lashlee.

**Series 12, Kramer and Harms, Mill Restorations**

93. Administrative: 1 Correspondence 2 dated June 1969, 9 handwritten notes.

**Series 13, Kramer and Harms, Monroe County Court House**

97. Administrative files Monroe County Courthouse includes receipt and log of activities concerning project. Date range 1989.
99. Specifications: contains drawings and brochures regarding details of Monroe County Court House project.

**Series 14, Kramer and Harms, Nabisco Building**


**Series 15, Kramer and Harms, Newbill-McElhiney**

104. Correspondence: Correspondence regarding “Newbill-McElhiney House Restoration” date range from 17 February 1969 to 27 December 1976.
Series 16, Kramer and Harms, Northminster Presbyterian Church

107. Clippings: three “St. Louis Countian” newspaper clippings date 10 March 1959, 1 April 1959, 14 March 1959, and one “St. Louis Post-Dispatch” clipping date 28 February 1960.
108. Correspondence dated from 18 June 1957 to 23 September 1960.
110. Pamphlets: five pamphlets regarding sanctuary construction and one church program date range 1956 to 1960.
111. Plans and Specifications for Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Series 17, Kramer and Harms, Pelster Barn

114. Correspondence: ordered by date 29 January 1979 to 3 November 1983.

BOX 5 (070437)


Series 18, Kramer and Harms, Rayco Job


Series 19, Sacred Heart Church Building Caruthersville

118. Administrative: Included are contract between owner and architect 11 February 1955, agreement dated 5 July 1955 and handwritten notes.
119. Clippings from St. Louis Post-Dispatch and St. Louis Daily Record dates 1955 to 1956.
120. Correspondence from February 1955 to June 1955.
121. Correspondence from July 1955 to February 1956.
122. Correspondence from March 1956 to June 1971.
123. Financial records dating from 1955 to 1956.
124. Images: 10 drawings and photocopies of Sacred Heart School and Community Hall and
1 drawing of Educational Building of Jennings United Presbyterian Church.

Series 20, Kramer and Harms, St. Charles Landmark Preservation Board

126. Administrative: Included are Activity log for 1972 to 1974, ordinance creating Landmark Preservation Board 1 January 1977, two handwritten notes and “Construction Manager Questionnaire” and Relocation and Restoration of Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railroad Depot request.
128. Correspondence October 1971 to June 1976 arranged by date.
131. Plans and Specifications: diagram of fire district number 1, 7 page document detailing the restoration of Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad Depot, drawing Robbins Tomb 8 March 1970, 3 Salvation Army drawings 5 May 1975 and Sketch of MKT depot.

Series 21, Kramer and Harms, Ste Genevieve


Series 22, Kramer and Harms, St. Patrick’s Church

133. Correspondence: Letters dating from 27 October 1954 to 4 June 1956.
134. Contracts: Contract and an agreement regarding St. Patrick’s Church 1954.

Series 23, Kramer and Harms, St. Paul’s Church

137. Renovation papers of St. Paul’s Church

Series 24, Kramer and Harms, Saxon Lutheran Memorial

139. Plans and Specifications: 3 sets of plans and 5 drawings. 1984 date range.

Series 25, Kramer and Harms, Warren County Museum Building
140. Correspondence ranging from 11 January 1981 to 24 October 1989
141. Pamphlets: Museum and Historical Library pamphlet dated 2 May 1982 and Herman Missouri Brochure.

Series 26, Kramer and Harms, Western District


Series 27 Hugo Graf Photographs

BOX 6--stored on site

Photographs Hugo Graf
147. 776.30-776.57 contains 7 11x14s, 18 8x10s, 6.75x5 and 8.5x5.75 photographs
148. 776.58-776.92 contains 8x10 negative image, 9x7 negative image, 6.5x9 negative image, 22 8x10 photographs and 5.5x3.5 postcards.
149. 776.93-776.108 contains 10x14, 8.5x11, 11 8x10s, 7.5x8, 8x9.25 and 6.5x10 photographs
150. 776.109-776.123 contains 6 11x14s, 8 8x10s and 8x6 photographs
151. 776.124-776.137 contains 9x13, 6 8x10s, and 2 7x10s photographs, and a triptych of three 3 6.5x4 photographs, and 2 8x11 negative images, and 5.5x10.25 negative image and 6.5x10 negative image
152. 776.138-776.152 contains 9x12, 11x8, 11 8x10s and 8x8 photographs, and 5 x10 negative image
153. 776.153-776.186 contains 21 8x10s, 10 x13, 11x8, 10x6, 5x7, and 11x13 photographs, and 11.5x10 negative images, 12x9 negative image, 9x10 negative image, 10x5 negative image

Series 28 Kramer and Harms photographs

154. 776.187-776.279 contains 3.5x3.5 photographs
155. 776.280-776.310 contains 5 3.5x5 Polaroids, 10 4x9s and 15 3.5 x 5s photographs
155. 776.311-776.373 contains 7x8, 11 3.5x5, 2 6x8s, 3.5x5.5s, 12 3x4.5s, 3 4.5x7s, and 25 8x10s.
157. 776.374-776.423 contains 11x8, 10x5, 7x9, 8.5x10, 7x10,8.5x9,8.5x6,8x6,4.5x4.5,7 7x5s, 3.5x4.5, 14 8x10s, 10 4x5s, 7 2.5x3.5s,8.5x14 and 2 5x5s
158. 776.424-776.439 35mm slides

Series 29, Oversize boxes 7 and 8

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Ball Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. residence, drawing
Barnes Nurses Home, 5 drawings
Barnes Hospital 2 drawings
Building Drawing
Cave, E. P. residence drawing
Castlewood Farms 3 drawings
Central College Administration building drawing
Central College Chapel 4 Drawings
Central College layout Fayette Missouri 2 drawings
Central College 2 coversheets, Fayette Missouri
Chapel drawing
Chandeliers drawing
Church Photocopy
Comparative Analysis-Recent Residence Halls in Women’s Colleges circa 1948
Community Hall 2 drawings
Dormitory for Men plan
Farm Bureau Office, Union County Locker Service, Anna Illinois 4 October 1946, 2
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Gateway and Honor Roll Webster Groves Memorial Field, 2 Drawings
Girl’s dormitory proposed 4 plans
Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. 16 August 1950, drawing
Huntleigh Woods house 2 drawings
Logo drawing
Lawncraft incorporated streamlined vehicle drawing
“Missouri Ordnance News” Louisiana Missouri Vol. 2 No. 12, 12 March 1943 newspaper
Lobby interior drawing
Monticello College drawing
Monticello College dormitory, 2 drawings
Monticello College Memorial Library 6 pages plans
Monticello College Library, drawing
Monticello College faculty residence drawing
New Women’s Dormitory 2 drawing
Muny Opera Stage 1935 2 drawings
Palace Theatre 3 drawings
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“Plot Plan” plans
Restaurant place mat with map of New York City circa 1940
Shurtleff College drawing
Staff Housing, Ordnance Department U.S.A., War housing project Louisiana, drawing
Missouri, 1945
Rogers Theatre 2 drawings
St. Louis riverfront proposal dated 1928 or 1938, 2 drawings
Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Karl residence Blueprint
Stix residence drawing
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Thompson Memorial Chapel Emmanuel Episcopal Church, drawing
Union County Locker Service, Dongola Illinois January 1947 drawing
Union County Locker Service 4 October 1946 drawing
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Webster Groves Memorial Field Swimming Pool, 2 Drawings
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