INTRODUCTION
The collection consists of materials related to the Missouri Association of Architects and the American Institute of Architects.

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
The Missouri Association of Architects was formed in 1940 by a group of architects from various cities across the state. These architects met in Columbia, Missouri, to form an organization whose goals were to stimulate and encourage improvements within the architectural profession, to promote co-operation among architects, to encourage the participation in various projects that would benefit the public welfare, and to represent and speak on behalf of the architects of Missouri on a national level.

One immediate goal of the organization was to pursue the state legislature of Missouri for a law concerning the registration of professional architects and engineers. Previously, attempts at a registration law for the profession had been unsuccessful. With the onset of World War II, efforts for the registration of professional architects and engineers was postponed. The effort was renewed in 1946 when former state senator A. L. McCawley was contracted to serve as a lobbyist who would represent the architects and engineers. The registration law was passed that same year. Out of this registration law came a new organization, the Missouri Association of Registered Architects and Engineers.

During the late 1940s and early 1950s, the organization attempted to secure improvements to the registration law but, they achieved limited success. Their efforts appeared to have been hampered by their own organizational structure. Difficulties arose in getting the architects to attend the state-wide meetings and to assist with the lobby of the Missouri legislature. As a result, in 1952, the Missouri Association of Architects reorganized as the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects with a more
comprehensive organizational structure to better support its efforts for lobbying the legislature of Missouri. Concurrent with this action was a movement to establish a National Association of Registered Architects who would lobby for a registration law at the national level. This latter group was incorporated in the state of Missouri in 1953.

The Missouri State Association of Registered Architects would later become the Missouri Council of Architects with its headquarters located in Jefferson City, Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection has been arranged into the following four series: Missouri Association of Architects, 1944-1954; American Institute of Architects, 1945-1948; Miscellaneous Publications, 1945-1947; and Miscellaneous, 1945-1948.

The Missouri Association of Architects, 1944-1954 series contains various correspondence, association by-laws, Board of Directors meeting minutes, reports of the treasurer, membership rosters, annual membership meeting minutes, and publications of the News Letter and The Missouri Architect. There are also materials related to the Pro Forma Name Change for the Missouri State Association of Registered Architects and the Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation of the National Association of the Registered Architects. In addition, this series contains a brief history of the Missouri Council of Architects, its predecessor organizations, and the establishment of the registration law for the architectural profession in Missouri.

The American Institute of Architects, 1945-1948 series consists of material pertaining to the meeting minutes of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architects by-Laws Committee, information on the first annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, membership rosters, and information pertaining to the Unification Program of the architects associations throughout the state. This series also contains information pertaining to some post-war construction projects in Jefferson City, Missouri and several volumes of the Bulletin of the American Institute of Architects.


The folder entitled, Miscellaneous, 1945-1948 includes various unidentified handwritten items. Their origin is not known.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; box number; folder number; Missouri Association of Architects (MAA) Records, 1944-1954 (KA0194); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

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