



Edmond Jacques Eckel Papers (K0258)

Collection Number: K0258

Collection Title: Edmond Jacques Eckel Papers

Dates: 1860-1912, 1952

Creator: Eckel, Edmond Jacques, 1845-1934

Abstract: The Edmond Jacques Eckel Papers predominately consist of materials related to Eckel's architectural training at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, a French school of architecture located in Paris, France. Additional materials include blueprints of Eckel's residence in St. Joseph, Missouri, blueprints of a garage for George Eckel, photographs, clippings and advertisements for agricultural equipment, a small booklet advertising the services of other architects residing in St. Joseph, Missouri, and a ledger of accounts for Eckel's ranch in Williford, Arkansas.

Collection Size: 0.79 cubic foot
(16 folders, 2 rolled items)

Language: Collection is predominantly in English. Materials in French are indicated at the folder level.

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-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Edmond Jacques Eckel was born in Strasbourg, France, on June 22, 1845. At the age of fourteen, Eckel began a four-year apprenticeship with a relative who was a prominent contractor and builder. After his apprenticeship, Eckel went on to study architecture under the city architect of Strasbourg before attending the Atelier Paccard in Paris, France, in 1863. He briefly attended the Atelier Vandoyer before entering into the Ecole des Beaux Arts in 1864.

Eckel came to the United States in 1868, the year he graduated from the Ecole des Beaux Arts. After a short stay in New York, he traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, before heading west. Eckel intended to settle in Kansas City, Missouri, however, during the summer of 1869, Eckel's journey was delayed for several days in St. Joseph, Missouri. After exploring the town and witnessing its post-Civil War building boom, Eckel decided to stay and became a drafter for a building firm with whom he later became a partner.

In 1880, Eckel established his own architectural firm and was soon joined by George R. Mann, to create the firm of Eckel and Mann. Their partnership continued until 1892 and had a lasting impact on the architectural landscape of St. Joseph, Missouri. Eighteen years later, Eckel, together with his son George R. Eckel, and friend, William S. Aldrich, formed Eckel and Aldrich, Architects (This firm continues to operate today under the name of Brunner and Brunner).

During his lifetime, Eckel's architectural works included designs for schools, residences, churches, hospitals, businesses, government buildings, and banks. Eckel was also a member of the Western Association of Architects in 1885, and a fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1889.

Edmond J. Eckel died on December 12, 1934, and is buried at the Mount Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Personal
Oversize
Architectural

Scope and Content Note:**Personal**

This series contains a photocopy of an article from *Western Architect* entitled, "Contemporary Architects and Their Works: E. J. Eckel." Additional material includes a ledger for the Eckel Ranch in Williford, Arkansas, clippings and advertisements concerning agricultural equipment, and a booklet pertaining to St. Joseph, Missouri, area architects. Other materials include a photograph of George R. Eckel, the son of Edmond Eckel, a group photograph of Alpha Nu Pi Fraternity, photographs of two unidentified buildings, and the wallet owned by George Eckel. Some materials in this series are in French. Materials within this series have been arranged chronologically within their folders.

Educational

This series consists of materials related to Eckel's architectural training at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, a French school of architecture. Included are various architectural sketches, class assignments, a handwritten notebook, course programs, and photographs of French buildings and sculptures. Additional materials include an illustrated poem, a French architectural advertisement, and a large handwritten notation for a Civil War hospital. Most materials in this series are in French. Materials within this series have been arranged chronologically within their folders.

Architectural

This series contains two sets of architectural drawings pertaining to Edmond Eckel's residence and a garage for his son, George Eckel. Both buildings are located in St. Joseph, Missouri, and were built by the architectural firm of Eckel and Aldrich in 1912 and 1952 respectively. Materials within this series have been arranged chronologically within their folders.

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Architectural Drawings

Box 003x3

Roll 1	Mr. E. J. Eckel, residence for
Location	Westminster Place, St. Joseph, Missouri
Architect	Eckel and Aldrich
Date	1912

Box 004x5

Roll 2 George R. Eckel residence, garage for
Location 1324 N. 25th St., St. Joseph, Missouri
Architect Eckel and Aldrich
Date 1952
Note Aperture card number 138.003

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