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Liberty Memorial Association Records

1917-1933

Two folder, 148 aperture cards

Microfilmed copies of drawings for the construction of the Liberty Memorial. Also included are specifications for the project and a photocopy of H. Van Buren Magonigle's office procedures manual for 1917.

HISTORY:

Following World War I, a number of Kansas City civic leaders and businessmen conceived the idea of a memorial to the war effort. A public campaign was conducted to raise the two million dollars deemed necessary for constructing a monument and a building which was "to house trophies of war and ... other matters closely related thereto." R.A. Long was a leading backer of the effort. A competition was held to select an architect and a design for the memorial. The submission by Harold Van Buren Magonigle of New York was selected as the winner of the competition. The contract for the construction of the memorial was awarded to the Westlake Construction Company of St. Louis on June 14, 1923. Work started shortly thereafter and the project was completed in November 1926.

PROVENANCE:

These records were a gift from the Liberty Memorial Research Library, Liberty Memorial Association Records, housed at the Liberty Memorial Museum received as accession number KA0037 on August 15, 1980. Mrs. Melvin Rivard loaned a copy of a 1962 issue of Skylines to be photocopied. It was received as accession KA0295 on July 2, 1985.

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DESCRIPTION:

The records consist of microfilmed copies of the blueprints and plans for the construction of the Liberty Memorial. These have been produced in two formats: a 35mm roll of film which includes two shots of each blueprint sheet, and a set of 148 35mm aperture cards which were produced from the roll film. Also included are specifications for the project. The addition is a photocopy of a reprinted copy of H. Van Buren Magonigle's office procedures manual for 1917. Magonigle designed the Liberty Memorial.

INVENTORY:

The 148 aperture cards are in with the Architectural Records aperture cards.

- Folder 1. Specifications
Two copies of the specifications for Liberty Memorial, one with penciled notations on the cover. See also: x. 1, x. 2.
- Folder 2. Magonigle Office Principles, Policies and Practice