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Tennessee State Library and Archives

Harding & Cogswell Limestone Corp.
Bicentennial Mall and Capitol Hill Development Project
Drawings, approximately 1990s

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator:

Harding & Cogswell

Inclusive Dates:

approximately 1990s

Scope & Content:

Consists of almost 600 drawings deaccessioned and transferred from the Indiana Historical Society Library's Harding & Cogswell Records related to the Bicentennial Mall and Capitol Hill Development Projects in Nashville, Tennessee. The drawings all date to the 1990s and focus on three specific projects: 1.) Project #5596 - Capitol Hill Development, State Office Buildings; 2.) Project #4883 - State Capitol Wall; 3.) Project #5956 Bicentennial Mall, Capitol Hill. There are also a few drawings related to Project #6065, but it is unclear what that project focused on and how it relates to the other projects in the grouping.

Physical Description/Extent:

24.5 linear feet

Accession/Record Group Number:

2013-077

Language:

English

Permanent Location:

M-16-17, M-16-18, M-16-19, M-16-20, M-16-21; M-16-top, M-17-top

Repository:

Tennessee State Library and Archives, 403 Seventh Avenue North, Nashville,
Tennessee, 37243-0312

Administrative/Biographical History

“Harding & Cogswell, Inc. (later renamed Harding & Cogswell, Corp.) began as a limestone fabrication company in Ellettsville, Indiana. It was founded in 1911 by Alfred G. Harding and Percy Cogswell. The company was incorporated in 1921. Although it was a very successful company it was temporarily shut down during World War II. The company continued in business after the war and during the 1950s Glen Summitt and William G. Cogswell (nephew of the founder) formed a separate company (Summitt & Cogswell) in Stinesville, Indiana. In 1965, Glen Summitt became president of the company. Upon the death of Glen Summitt in 1968 his son, F.G. Summitt, became president. In October of 1973 both the Ellettsville and Stinesville operations were shut down and a new company in partnership with Larry Evans of Bedford, Indiana was opened. This new company was actually two companies, one for sales and promotions (Harding & Cogswell, Corp.) and the other for fabrication (Summitt and Evans, Inc.). Soon after this change, the company became the second-largest supplier of Indiana limestone, and the largest supplier of textured panel wall systems in the United States. Limestone fabricated by the company can be found in buildings throughout the United States. On 31 March 1998, F.G. Summitt, the president of Harding & Cogswell retired and shut down the operations of the company. Its final contracts were fabricated by the newly formed, Evans Limestone Company, of Bedford, Indiana.”

From the description of Harding & Cogswell, Corp. Records, ca. 1913-1999.
(Indiana Historical Society Library). WorldCat record id: 56722123
https://www.worldcat.org/title/harding-cogswell-corp-records-ca-1913-1999/oclc/56722123&referer=brief_results

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

Materials are grouped according to project number.

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Index Terms**Corporate Names/Organizations/Government Bodies:**

Harding & Cogswell

Personal/Family Names:

Cogswell, Percy
Cogswell, William G.
Harding, Alfred G
Summitt, F. G.
Summitt, Glen

Subjects:

City planning -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Limestone -- Indiana
Limestone industry
Limestone industry -- Indiana
Limestone industry -- Records and correspondence
Monuments -- Design and construction
Monuments -- Tennessee
Parks -- Design and construction
Parks -- Tennessee -- Nashville
Stone industry and trade
Stone industry and trade -- Indiana
Urban renewal -- Tennessee -- Nashville

Geographic Names:

Bicentennial Mall (Nashville, Tenn.) -- Planning
Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources
Tennessee -- Capital and capitol
Tennessee State Capitol (Nashville, Tenn.)

Document Types:

Architectural drawings (visual works)

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition:

Collection was donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives by the Indiana Historical Society in September 2013.

Processing and Administrative Information

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Related Archival Materials:

Harding & Cogswell, Corp. Records, ca. 1913-1999, Indiana Historical Society Library

Harding & Cogswell Library Drawings, 1960. KC Manuscript Collection 557, Archives of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee.

DETAILED COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

CONTAINER LIST

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| Project #5596 | approximately 1990s | M-16-18 |
| Project #5596 | approximately 1990s | M-16-19 |
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