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Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records 1960-1985 DADA 022

Title: Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records

Creator: Ed Gibson & Associates

Inclusive Dates: 1960-1985

Extent: 4.6 cu. ft.

Containers: 1 flat file drawer, 1 large oversize archival box, 1 document case, 1 bound volume

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

Preferred Citation:

Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records, Drawings and Documents Archive, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries.

Administrative History:

Biographical Note:

Edwin Arthur Gibson (1925-2011) was a man of many firsts—the first African-American architect registered in the state of Indiana, first African-American architect to hold the position of Indiana's State Architect, and the first African-American architect to have his own architectural firm in Indiana.

A graduate of Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Gibson went on to the University of Illinois where he received Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Architectural Engineering.

His long career, which spanned from 1945 to 2002, included work in both the public and private sectors. He originally worked for architect A.M. Strauss in Fort Wayne before moving to Indianapolis to start his own firm. Some of the buildings he designed or renovated were located at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Evansville State Hospital, Central Elementary in Plainfield, Broad Ripple Library, renovations at Central Library in Indianapolis, IUPUI, IU Bloomington, including renovation of Ernie Pyle Hall, Hudnut Plaza and other HUD projects throughout Indiana.

Gibson closed his private practice in 1987 to work exclusively for Methodist Hospital.

Scope and Contents:

Drawings, renderings and project manuals for ten projects by the Indianapolis architectural firm Ed Gibson & Associates, dating from the late 1960s to 1985. Renderings are by Jungclaus and by Howard Associates. Gibson's thesis, registration certificate, business records, photographs, engraved tape measure, and personal effects were added to the collection after Gibson's death.

Conditions Governing Access:

This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History:

The Ed Gibson & Associates Architectural Records were received by Drawings and Documents Archive as a donation from Ed Gibson on 1987/4/27; additional items were received as a donation from Gary Gibson on 2011/12/22.

Accruals: No additions are expected.

Processing Information:

Collection processing completed

Finding aid created 1988/6/13 by Andrew R. Seager; revised 2012/1/20 by Carol Street.

Arrangement:

The Ed Gibson & Associates Collection is arranged chronologically.

Collection Inventory:

<i>Catalog no.</i>	22- 01	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	OVC 10
<i>Project title</i>	Indiana Bell building		
<i>Location</i>	Brownsburg, Hendricks Co., IN		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Ed Gibson & Associates; 1970s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Rendering / Jungclaus. -- 1 board: col. photo, mounted & matted; 19 x 28 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	22- 02	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	OVC 10
<i>Project title</i>	Central Elementary School		
<i>Location</i>	Plainfield, Hendricks Co., IN		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Ed Gibson & Associates; 1970s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Rendering. -- 1 board: col. photo, mounted & matted; 18 x 30 in.		

Notes Client: Plainfield Community School Corp.

Catalog no. 22- 03 *Storage code(s)* pl
Project title Evansville State Hospital
Location Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1960s
Records >> Rendering / Howard Associates. -- 1 board: col., matted; 22 x 32 in.
Notes Client: Dept. of Mental Health. Not built.

Catalog no. 22- 04 *Storage code(s)* OVC 10
Project title Office building
Location Founders Rd., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1970s
Records >> Rendering / Howard Associates. -- 1 board: col. photo, mounted & matted; 18 x 25 in.

Catalog no. 22- 05 *Storage code(s)* OVC 10
Project title Arsenal Technical High School
Location 1500 E. Michigan Ave., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1970s
Records >> Renderings / Howard Associates. -- 4 boards: b&w photos, mounted & matted; 20 x 29 in. (5.1-5.4)
Notes Boards labeled in margins: "Large group assembly center", "Instructional media center", "Parking-campus corridor", "Secondary quadrangle".

Catalog no. 22- 06 *Storage code(s)* d
Project title Central Library: renovation
Location 40 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1970s
Records >> Interior perspectives. -- 3 sheets: ink/tracing paper; 18 x 32 in. and smaller

Catalog no. 22- 07 *Storage code(s)* d
Project title Century Towers
Location 100 N. Court St., Sullivan, Sullivan Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1981
Records >> Working dwgs. -- 54 sheets: blue line; 24 x 36 in.
Notes Owner: Sullivan Housing Authority. HUD project no. IN034-002

Catalog no. 22- 08 *Storage code(s)* bk
Project title Housing for the elderly
Location Sullivan, Sullivan Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1983

Records >> Project manual. -- 1 v.; 11 in.
Notes Owner: Sullivan Housing Authority. HUD project no. IN36-P034-004

Catalog no. 22- 09 *Storage code(s)* d
Project title Broad Ripple Library
Location Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson and Associates; 1984
Records >> Working dwgs. -- 32 sheets: blue line; 24 x 36 in.

Catalog no. 22- 10 *Storage code(s)* d, bk
Project title Housing for the elderly (Hudnut Plaza)
Location 825 Indiana Ave., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN
Authorship, year Ed Gibson & Associates; 1985
Records A. Prelim. Paca St. elevation / Bob Orr. -- 1 sheet:
pencil/tracing paper; 18 x 36 in.
B. Working dwgs. -- 74 sheets: blue line; 24 x 36 in.
C. Project manual. -- 1 v.; 11 in.
D. Rendering. -- 1 sheet: col. photo; 10 x 20 in.
Notes Owner: Housing Authority of the City of Indianapolis. HUD
project no. IN36-P017-027

Catalog no. 22- 11 *Storage code(s)* b
Project title 1941 Crispus Attucks yearbook
Location
Authorship, year Edwin Gibson; 1941
Records >> Box 1 Folder 1: yearbook

Catalog no. 22- 12 *Storage code(s)* b, shelf
Project title College paper, thesis
Location
Authorship, year Edwin Gibson; 1941-1945
Records A. Box 1 Folder 2: papers
B. Bound thesis, on shelf

Catalog no. 22- 13 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title Professional papers: resume, promotional materials
Location
Authorship, year Ed Gibson
Records >> Box 1 Folder 3: papers

Catalog no. 22- 14 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title Clippings, award
Location
Authorship, year Ed Gibson; 1962-63
Records >> Box 1 Folder 4: clipping, photocopy, paper on board

<i>Catalog no.</i>	22- 15	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	Photographs of Ed Gibson		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Ed Gibson; 1940s-80s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Box 1 Folder 5: 4 b/w photographs, 8 x 10 and smaller		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	22- 16	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	Ed Gibson's tape measure, with initials E. A. G.		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Edwin Gibson; ca. 1950		
<i>Records</i>	>> tape measure; in MSS box.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	22- 17	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	OVA
<i>Project title</i>	Architect's registration certificate, awards, Sagamore of the Wabash		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Ed Gibson; 1950s-1980s		
<i>Records</i>	>> OVA box 7: papers, paper mounted on board		

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