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Wilkinson Lumber Company Architectural Drawings Ca. 1935 DADA 044

Title: Wilkinson Lumber Company Architectural Drawings

Creator: Wilkinson Lumber Company

Inclusive Dates: ca.1935

Extent: 142 pages of drawings (0.2 cu. ft.)

Containers: 1 manuscript box

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Biographical Note:

The Wilkinson Lumber Company was named for Indianapolis businessman Allen A. Wilkinson. Wilkinson attended a business college in Glens Falls, New York, as a teenager before moving to the Midwest with his parents. He started his business career in Muncie, Indiana, in 1882. Ten years later, he and his wife moved to Indianapolis, where he became secretary-treasurer of S. L. Greer Lumber Co., a business owned by his brother-in-law. Eventually, he gained an ownership interest in the business, which became Greer-Wilkinson and then, in 1906, the Allen A. Wilkinson Lumber Co. By the time of his death in 1929, he had opened 36 branch locations and had built a massive woodworking and joinery shop at 907 E. Michigan St. in Indianapolis.

Anna Greer Wilkinson assumed control of the business upon Allen's death and ran it through the late 1930s. About 1946-47, the name of the firm was changed to Midland Building Industries. The building on Michigan St., then known as the Midland Building, remained actively used for lumber purposes into the 1970s. It exists today as Midland Antique Mall.

Drawings in the collection show that the Wilkinson Lumber Co. offered design services to potential customers at least during the 1930s. This was a widespread practice; several lumber companies offered similar services, and many do so today. No available documents show when

the Wilkinson Lumber Company's design service was initiated or how long it lasted. Indianapolis city directories of 1940 and later note that the firm offered "wholesale lumber, sash, doors, trim and finish" but do not mention design.

Scope and Contents:

The collection consists of 142 pages of drawings, evidently created as a design service by employees of the Allen A. Wilkinson Lumber Co. about 1935. The sheets are typically 8.5 x 11 inches and represent designs for 51 houses and one boat dock. Typically there are floor plans and either an exterior perspective rendering or a rendered front elevation for each house. Most of the drawings are in pencil or colored pencil on tracing paper; five are photo-mechanical reproductions (blueprints, sepia, and black line prints). Numbers penciled in the margin on most sheets are apparently plan numbers. Several sheets are marked for punching holes so that copies (prints) would fit a standard three-ring binder.

Only one sheet, for plan #551, is identified as to client, location, and date. It shows three perspective renderings of a large, Tudor Revival house and is labeled "W. B. Guthrie Residence / Erected year 1935 on Gobbler's Knob / near Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, Indiana. / Designed by the Service Bureau of / Allen A. Wilkinson Lumber Co., Indianapolis, Ind."

The style of the other houses seems consistent with a date around 1935.

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Arrangement:

The Wilkinson Lumber Company Architectural Drawings are arranged chronologically.

Collection Inventory:

<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 01	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	Guthrie, W. B., house		

<i>Location</i>	Gobbler's Knob, Marshall, Parke Co., IN	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Service Bureau of Allen A. Wilkinson Lumber Co., plan no.155; 1935	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives. -- 1 sheet; sepia print; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 02	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	Guthrie, W. B., house	
<i>Location</i>	Gobbler's Knob, Marshall], Parke Co., IN	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 155; c.1935	
<i>Records</i>	>> Floor plans. --2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 03	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 441A; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Floor plan, elevations. -- 2 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 04	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 482; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 1 sheet; sepia print; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 05	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	Sketch of a six-room Cape Cod residence	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 647; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevation, plans. -- 1 sheet; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 06	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 669; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 07	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 679; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 08	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx

<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 708; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 09	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 716; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 10	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 720; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 11	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 726; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 12	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 727; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective. -- 1 sheet; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 13	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 728; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 14	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 742; 1930s		

<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 1 sheet; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 11 x 17 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 15
<i>Project title</i>	House
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 743; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 16
<i>Project title</i>	House
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plans no. 759, 759-A; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevations, plans. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 17
<i>Project title</i>	House
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 760; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevation, plans. -- 1 sheet; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 18
<i>Project title</i>	Houses
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 766; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 19
<i>Project title</i>	House
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 767; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 20
<i>Project title</i>	House
<i>Location</i>	
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 771; 1930s
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 5 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 21	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 781; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 22	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 807; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 23	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 810; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Plans. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 24	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 811; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 25	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 814; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Plans. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 26	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 819; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 27	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 83?; 1930s		

Records >> Plan. -- 1 sheet; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 28 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 844; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 5 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 29 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 846; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 8 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 30 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 870; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective. -- 1 sheet; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 31 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 873; 1930s
Records A. Exterior perspective, plans. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.
B. First floor Plan. -- 1 sheet; blueprint; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 32 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 874; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in. + print of
perspective, print of first floor plan.

Catalog no. 44- 33 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 876; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 34	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 904; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 35	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 919; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 4 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 36	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	Boat house		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 924; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, elevation, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 37	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plans no. 957, 957.4, 957.5; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevations, exterior perspectives, plans. -- 6 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 38	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 958; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevation, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 39	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1019; 1930s		
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective. -- 1 sheet; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.		
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 40	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	bx
<i>Project title</i>	House		
<i>Location</i>			

<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1058; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives, plans. -- 7 sheets; blueprint, black line print; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 41	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1101; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective, plan. -- 2 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 42	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1109; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspective. -- 1 sheet; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 43	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1175; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Elevations, plan. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col. pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 44	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1243; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives. -- 3 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 45	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1246; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives. -- 2 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 46	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	
<i>Location</i>		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1252; 1930s	
<i>Records</i>	>> Exterior perspectives. -- 4 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.	
<i>Catalog no.</i>	44- 47	<i>Storage code(s)</i> bx
<i>Project title</i>	House	

Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company, plan no. 1275; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspectives. -- 2 sheets; pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 48 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 49 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 50 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 51 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title House
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company; 1930s
Records >> Exterior perspective, plans. -- 3 sheets; pencil, col.
pencil on tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

Catalog no. 44- 52 *Storage code(s)* bx
Project title Sketch of four-room Cape Cod residence
Location
Authorship, year Wilkinson Lumber Company; 1930s
Records >> Elevation, plans. -- 1 sheet; pencil, col. pencil on
tracing paper; 8 1/2 x 11 in.

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