Joseph O. Cezar Architectural Records Collection
1930-1979
DADA 021

Title: Joseph O. Cezar Collection

Creator: Joseph O. Cezar

Inclusive Dates: 1930-1979

Extent: 21.1 cu. ft.

Containers: 1 OVB box, 1 OVC box, 1 plan file cabinet

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

Preferred Citation:
Joseph O. Cezar Architectural Records, Drawings and Documents Archive, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries.

Biographical Note:
Joseph Orland Cezar (1903–1991) practiced architecture from his home in Indianapolis from 1930 to 1979, designing homes, churches, and commercial structures. Among his designs are centerpiece houses for the Indianapolis Home Shows of 1953 and 1962.

Cezar was born in Austria, in an area that later became part of Yugoslavia. His father was a stonecutter. The family moved to Chicago in 1905, then to Bedford, Indiana in 1912. Joseph attended Hanover College for two years, and then transferred to Georgia Tech for one year, from 1928-29. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture (with honors) from Chicago Technical College in 1931. He then worked primarily as a high school teacher, teaching applied mathematics, stone drafting, and stone shop work until 1938 when he moved to Indianapolis.

Cezar worked for other firms until beginning his own practice in 1944.

Scope and Contents:

Records for projects by Indianapolis architect Joseph O. Cezar dating from 1930 to 1979. Most of the projects are residential, but the collection includes some commercial and ecclesiastical work. Materials in the collection include approximately 1000 sheets of architectural drawings
(1930-1979), scrapbook material, mounted drawings, and the architect’s drawings for Christmas cards (ca. 1940-ca. 1986).

Conditions Governing Access:
This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History:
The Joseph O. Cezar Architectural Records were received by Drawings and Documents Archive as a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cezar on 1987/04/25.

Accruals: No additions are expected.

Processing Information:
Collection processing completed
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Arrangement:
The Joseph O. Cezar Architectural Records are arranged chronologically.

Controlled Access Headings:
Architecture, American
Architecture--Indiana--Indianapolis
Architecture, commercial
Architecture, residential
Architecture, ecclesiastical
Drawings, architectural (visual works)
Elevation drawings
Documents
Houses--Indiana—1930s
Scrapbook
Christmas cards
Residential architecture
Architecture--Designs and plans--Presentation drawings
Architecture--Designs and plans--Working drawings
Correspondence
Blueprints