

FROST BUILDING

ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

AR 891



Frost Building, ca. 1930

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Summary

Main Entry: Frost Building Architectural Drawings

Date Span: 1912 – 1919

Abstract: The collection consists of 25 original architectural drawings for the building and for alterations done in 1919. The drawings include floor plans, elevations, and details of design features. The Frost Building, named for James Marion Frost,) was the first structure built to house the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The building, located in downtown Nashville, Tennessee was started in 1912 and completed and dedicated in 1913. The Nashville architectural firm Hart and Gardner was hired to design the building.

Size: 25 items

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Historical Sketch

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1863. Due to financial struggles in the South after the Civil War, the Sunday School Board merged with the Home Mission Board. In 1891, it was reborn and placed under the leadership of Dr. James M. Frost.

In the early years, the Sunday School Board rented space for its operation in Nashville, Tennessee. After purchasing two Nashville locations, the Board moved to 161 Eighth Avenue in the heart of downtown. They purchased the lot for \$60,000 and on it began building what became known as the “Frost Building.” The cost of the building project has been estimated at \$160,000. It was dedicated and began being used in 1913. The following year, it was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention. Just as the Frost building stands today as a monument to the impact of James Frost, this collection provides details into one of downtown Nashville’s historic buildings – a building that testifies to the continuing impact of Baptists on the Nashville community.

Scope and Content Note

The Sunday School Board hired Nashville firm, Hart and Gardner Architects, to design the Frost building. The collection, including original drawings that date to October, 1912, with several pages of alterations that were made in 1919, does not contain the entire set of drawings. There are a total of 25 individual sheets of paper, and each drawing has been encapsulated in polyester film for preservation and handling purposes. The collection is stored in Map Case Drawer # 4.

The collection was donated to the E.C. Dargan Research Library from the architectural firm and then transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 2006.

Arrangement

Arranged by item number

Provenance

Donated by the architectural firm to the E. C. Dargan Research Library and transferred in 2006 to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Hart and Gardner Architects (Nashville, Tennessee)
Southern Baptist Convention, Sunday School Board – Buildings
Architecture
Historic buildings – Tennessee – Nashville
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Architectural drawings – Tennessee – Nashville

Container List

- Item 1. Grillage, First Floor Framing, Typical Framing. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. Revised October 12, 1912.
- Item 2. Roof framing, Details of steel work, Column schedule. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 3. Longitudinal section, North Elevation. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 4. Third Floor Plan, Fourth Floor Plan, Roof Plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 5. One-half inch scale detail of front. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 6. Stair case, Corridor looking east, elevator doors, office doors, corridor looking east, mantel Floor plan in main corridor, Ceiling in corridor. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.

- Item 7. Basement Plan, First Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 8. East, West, and South elevation. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 9. Basement, First floor, Second floor, 40.5 x 28.5 inches. Revised December 12, 1912.
- Item 10. First floor toilet, First floor, Second floor, etc. 40 x 25 inches. Revised April 15, 1913.
- Item 11. Third floor plan, Fourth floor plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 12. Fourth floor plan, Fifth floor plan, Roof plan. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 13. West elevation, Wall section showing window details, North elevation, widows. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 14. South elevation, elevation of corridor doors and sidelights. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 15. Longitudinal section, Transverse section, Column schedule. 33 x 20.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 16. Section through stair hall, Riser diagram. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 17. Fifth floor plan, roof plan, sections "B-B" and "A-A." 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 18. Steel framing plan for main cornice. 25.5 x 18 inches. July 4, 1983.
- Item 19. Revised ½ inch scale detail for south-west corner of entablature. 19.5 x 20.5 inches. June 14, 1913.
- Item 20. Detail of pent house framing (North Elevation, West elevation, South elevation.) 29 x 12 inches. No Date
- Item 21. Details for Newel Pendants. 15 x 19 inches. April 21, 1913.
- Item 22. Plat of lot. 17.25 x 11.5 inches. Surveyed August 8, 1912.
- Item 23. Typical details of wall column connections. 9.5 x 18 inches. November 19, 1912.

Item 24. Lintels over opening at loading platform. 12.5 x 7.75 inches. No Date.

Item 25. One-half inch scale detail of rear portion of Building. 25.5 x 28.5 inches. No Date.