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Biographical Note

George H. Gray (1874-1945), an architect in Louisville during the early 20th century, studied architecture at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. He settled in the Louisville area as a draftsman in 1906 and married Mary Belknap in 1909. Over the next decade, he practiced under several firm names, including Gray & Hawes and Gray & Wischmeyer as well as under his own name. He designed a number of noted residences and churches while in the state, as well as various other buildings. With the start of World War I, Gray joined the U.S. Engineering Corps and served in France through the end of the war, ascending to the rank of Major. Upon return to the United States, he established residence in New Haven, Connecticut where he again practiced architecture until retirement in 1942.

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Scope and Content Note

Collection includes Gray's architectural drawings created while working at Louisville-based architectural firms Gray & Hawes, Gray & Wischmeyer and as under his own name both in Louisville as well as in New Haven, Connecticut. A collaboration with a Lawrence (first name unknown) is seen in one residential plan (Rye, NY; home of Col. Jason Joy). Another collaboration is with Gray's (assumed) brother Albert Morton Gray on the Forbes Hawkes, M. D. project. Types of architectural drawings include blueprints, drafting linen (waxed and heavy paper) sets, and pencil on trace paper for projects ranging from: residential, ecclesiastical, mixed use (residential and commercial), medical, and educational. A small amount of landscape drawings are also included in this collection.

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Roll 2: Garden Cottage for Mrs. Fritzi Scheff Fox, 1911. Big Stone Gap, VA.

Roll 3: Residence of Mr. C. B. Robinson, Jr., 1916, 1917. Blakenbaker Station, Upper River Road, Louisville, KY.

Roll 4: Colored Mission and Instructional School, 1911. Hancock Street between Green and Jefferson, Louisville, KY.

Roll 5: Residence of Mr. Dan L. Schlegel, 1914. 2067 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY.

Roll 6: Apartment Building for the Breckenridge Realty Co., 1910. Second and Breckenridge Street, Louisville, KY.

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Roll 8: Residence of Dr. Ellis S. Allen, 1915. Ransdell Avenue, Louisville, KY.

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Roll 24: Residence of J. Morton Morris, no date. Louisville, KY.

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