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George Herbert Gray, 1874-1945 Architectural Drawings, 1905-1919.

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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, CT 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 and Gray & Wischmeyer as well as under his own name. Types of architectural drawings include blueprints, drafting linen sets, and pencil on trace paper for residential, ecclesiastical, and educational buildings as well as landscape studies and designs including Olmstead Brothers Landscape Architecture Firm drawings for the Belknap estate in Louisville, Ky. The collection includes drawings for Lincliff, The Midlands, Oxmoor, Bethlehem Evangelical Church, Church of Our Merciful Savior, Kentucky Child Welfare Exhibit, Parkland School, Pershing Stadium (in Paris, France), St. George's Mission, St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church, Wyoming and Navarre Reality Co. See project index for more complete list.

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