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3 rolls

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Historical Note

Carl Donald Russell was born in 1907 in Longmont, Colorado. He received his education from the University of Louisville and the University of Southern California. From 1927-1931, he was chief draftsman for Joseph & Joseph and Clifford F. Reichert. He organized his own architectural firm in 1932 and became a registered architect in both Kentucky and Indiana. Some of Russell's principal works include the Gunnison Homes Plant, U. S. Steel, New Albany, Ind.; Brown Chevrolet Gar. & Showroom, Seymour, Ind.; Corhart-X-104 Plant, Louisville, Ky.; Oertel Brewing Co. Offices; and Tube-Turns Plastics, Inc.

He married Beatrice Dorothy Sumser circa 1927. They had two children.

References:

American Architects Directory, First edition, 1956.
American Architects Directory, Second edition, 1962.

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Scope and Content Note

Three rolls of drawings relate to improvements and the construction of structures on a property along Upper River Road in Prospect, Ky. The property was first owned by Junius W. Bell; it is now known as Sand Hill and located at 10601 U.S. Highway 42, Prospect, Ky. The home was on the Filson Historical Society's house tour in 2006 and a copy of the tour notes are included with the collection.

Roll 1 contains a 1926 sketch and accompanying letters relating to the construction of a tenant house on Junius W. Bell's property by W. Edwin Glossop, construction engineer at Standard Oil Company; land surveys, ca. 1926, of the Bell property near Todd and Two Mile roads; sketches relating to grading low-lying areas on the property; and the layout of sewer, water and oil lines for Bell's residence in 1939.

Roll 2 contains blueprints for a residence for J. W. Bell by architect Carl D. Russell. The residence was constructed ca. 1938-39 and drawings include the floor plans, cross section, and elevations. A Colonial Revival design, the home likely reflects Bell's appreciation of minimalism and solid construction.

Roll 3 contains a 2014 planting and paving plan for the residence (owned by Joe Seay at that time) by Rushing Design Co., a landscape architecture firm.

Related Collections:

Junius W. Bell miscellaneous papers (Mss. C B)

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Folder List

Roll 1: Land surveys, property improvements, and sketch of tenant house, 1926-1939
Roll 2: Residence for J. W. Bell blueprints, ca. 1938-1939
Roll 3: Landscaping plan for Seay residence, 2014

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Subject Headings

Architecture – Kentucky – Louisville.
Architecture, Domestic – Kentucky – Louisville.
Glossop, W. Edwin (William Edwin), d. 1965.
Landscape architecture.
Prospect (Ky.) – Buildings, structures, etc.
Rushing Design Co. (Lexington, Ky.)