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Alice Novak Architectural Drawings
Collection, 1926-1993

Collection 392

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Alice Novak; Berger-Kelley and Associates

Inclusive Dates: 1926-1993, bulk 1950s-1980s

Physical Description: 29 tubes; 1 oversize map

Language: English

Provenance:

The Alice Novak Architectural Drawings collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Alice Novak in April 2024.

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Historical Note:

Alice Novak, former Assistant Head at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, worked in architectural preservation for over 30 years. A founding chairwoman of the Urbana Historic Preservation Committee, she helped to add many Urbana-Champaign buildings, such as the Orpheum Theatre, to the National Register.

In 2002, Novak purchased the DeWolf Residence at 601 W. Delaware Ave, Urbana. Built in 1933, it was designed in the French Revival architectural style by the local architectural firm Berger-Kelley and Associates for Frank Walbridge DeWolf and his wife, Fanny Davis DeWolf. The ownership has changed only five times since then, and the house has retained the majority of its original architectural features. Berger and Kelly, along with the DeWolf Residence, were featured in the August 1940 issue of *Architecture & Design*. Novak nominated the house for historical landmark status, and it was designated a historic landmark in 2016 by the City of Urbana.

Founded in 1923 by Fred E. Berger and Ralph L. Kelley, Berger-Kelley and Associates was a prominent architectural firm in Champaign-Urbana. Notable buildings they designed were Booker T. Washington Elementary School, the Co-Ed Theatre, Julia F. Burnham Hospital, and various other buildings in Champaign-Urbana. In 1954, sons Thomas E. Berger, Lynn Scott Kelley, and Kenneth E. Unteed took over management. The firm was renamed to Berger-Kelley-Unteed and Associates in 1958. It is unknown when they closed the business.



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Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains blueprints and plans of various buildings and residences around Champaign-Urbana. The majority of materials come from the architectural firm of Berger-Kelley and Associates.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in two separate series: Berger-Kelley firm architects and Other/Unknown architects.

Separated Material:

Main Street Tenets, Urbana, Illinois (1850s-2001) is cataloged and located in our oversize ephemera collection. Call number for oversized ephemera file is 1-004.

Related Material:

Collection 48: Frank Heitzman Architectural Survey of Champaign-Urbana, 1974

Collection 351: Lewis Family Collection, 1901-1979

Blog Post: [People Saving Places: Alice Novak \(May 2024\)](#)

Subject Terms:

Architecture -- Illinois -- Champaign County.
Armory Ave (Champaign), West, 1020
Armory Ave (Champaign), West, 1212
Champaign County (Ill.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.
Champaign County (Ill.) -- Historic houses, etc.
Charles St (Champaign), West, 1201
Delaware Ave (Urbana), West, 601
Highland Rd (Champaign), South, 511
Historic Buildings -- Illinois.
John St (Champaign), West, 1113
Montclair Rd (Urbana), 3
Prospect Ave (Champaign), South 1211
Willis Ave (Champaign), South, 501
Willis Ave (Champaign), South, 601

Name Terms:

Berger, Fred E.
Berger-Kelley-Unteed and Associates (Champaign, Ill.)
Berger-Kelley and Associates (Champaign, Ill.)
Berger, Thomas E.
Champaign Buick Co. (Champaign, Ill.)
Champaign Country Club (Champaign, Ill.)
Collins, Frank
Curtin, David



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F.E. Berger, R.L. Kelley and Associates (Champaign, Ill.)
Garland, R.J.
Illinois Disciples Foundation (Champaign, Ill.)
Kelley, E.P.
Kelley, Jane
Kelley, Lynn Scott
Kelley, Martha
Kelley, Ralph L.
Lewis, Leonard D.
Liestman, A.L.
McCarthy, L.B.
Meythaler, Virgil W.
Novak, Alice
Peterson, Irving
Potter, James W.
Redfield, Tygh
Stevens, E.G.
Thomas, H.R.
Tobin, L.M.
Unteed, Kenneth E.

Container List

Series 1: Berger-Kelley Architects

Tube 1

Lynn Scott Kelley, Residence, 1212 West Armory Ave, Champaign [this house is no longer standing]
392.01 Original Blueprints (16 sheets)

Tube 2

Lynn Scott Kelley, Residence, 1212 West Armory Ave, Champaign [this house is no longer standing]
392.02 Electrical Blueprints, 1953 (4 sheets)
392.03 Air Conditioning Alterations & Remodel Blueprints, 1953, 1960 (4 sheets)

Tube 3

Lynn Scott Kelley, Residence, 1212 West Armory Ave, Champaign [this house is no longer standing]
392.04 Porch/Fireplace/Gallery Plan + Kitchen Remodeling, 1960, 1985 (7 sheets)
392.05 Air Conditioning Alterations & Remodel (trace paper), April 1960 (3 sheets)
392.06 Kelley Patio, 1961 (4 sheets)
392.07 Kelley Landscaping Plan, November 1991 (2 sheets)

Tube 4

Lynn Scott Kelley, Residence, 1212 West Armory Ave, Champaign [this house is no longer standing]



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- 392.08 Exterior Details (2 sheets)
- 392.09 Playhouse for Kelley Children, August 1959 (2 sheets)
- 392.10 Basement Room, 1973-1979 (3 sheets)

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Other Kelley Residences

- 392.11 E.P. Kelley, Residence, 70th Ave NE, Bothell, WA, June 1990 (9 sheets)
- 392.12 Tygh Redfield and Martha Kelley Remodel, Sisters, OR, September 1981 (1 sheet)
- 392.13 L.S. Kelley, Chicago Apartment, 50 E Bellevue, Apt #2506, Chicago, IL (2 sheets)
- 392.14 L.S. Kelley, Summer Shack (2 sheets)

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R.L. Kelley, Residence, [601 S Willis Ave?], Champaign

- 392.15 Plans, November 1926 (22 sheets)

Tube 7

Jane Kelly House

- 392.27 Plans (13 sheets)

Tube 8

Frank Collins, Residence, [1113 W John Street], Champaign,

- 392.22 Plans, April 1941 (7 sheets)

Tube 9

David Curtin, Residence, 3 Montclair Road, Urbana

- 392.20 Plans, November 1959 (5 sheets)

Tube 10

R.J. Garland, Residence, [1201 W Charles Street] Champaign,

- 392.18 Plans, August 1963 (13 sheets)

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R.J. Garland, Residence, [1201 W Charles Street] Champaign,

- 392.28 Plans, August 1954 (7 sheets)

Tube 12

Leonard D. Lewis, Residence, [511 South Highland Road], Champaign

- 392.23 Plans, 1940 (84 sheets)

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L.B. McCarthy, Residence, Champaign

- 392.24 Plans, October-November 1938 (31 sheets)

Virgil W. Meythaler, Residence, 2011 Littlewood Drive, Owensboro, KY

- 392.17 Plans, October 1988 (3 sheets)

Tube 16

Irving Peterson, Residence, Champaign

- 392.19 Plans, August 1939, March 1940 (15 sheets)

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James W. Potter, Residence, Baker Dr., Urbana

- 392.21 Plans, March 1958 (12 sheets)

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E. G. Stevens, Residence, [501 S Willis Ave], Champaign
392.25 Plans, 1930 (13 sheets)

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H. R. Thomas, Residence, West University Ave, Champaign
392.26 Plans, November 1938 (15 sheets)

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L.M. Tobin, Residence, [1020 West] Armory, Champaign
392.16 Plans, 1948-1964 (11 sheets)

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Illinois Disciples Foundation Student Center – put in cardboard tube due to size
392.34 Blueprints, 1952 (30 sheets)

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Illinois Disciples Foundation Student Center
392.35 Blueprints, 1952 (17 sheets)

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Champaign Buick Co.
392.36 Plans, September 1939 (10 sheets)

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Champaign Buick Co.
392.37 Blueprints, April 1926 (3 sheets)

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601 West Delaware Ave, Urbana
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392.40 Blueprints, undated, 1993 (10 sheets)

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601 West Delaware Ave, Urbana
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Series 2: Other/Unknown Architects

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A.L. Liestman, Residence
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A.L. Liestman, Residence
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Sister Bay, Wisconsin, Residence, Unknown owner
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Marco Island, Florida, Residences, unknown owner
392.32 Plans (1 sheets)



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Unidentified houses

392.33 Plans, Sketches (24 sheets)

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Champaign Country Club

392.38 Blueprints (3 sheets)