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**Frank Heitzman Architectural  
Survey of Champaign-Urbana, 1974**

**Collection 48**

**Champaign County Historical Archives**

**Compiled by:** Donica Martin, August 2018

**Creator/Corporate name:** Frank Heitzman

**Inclusive Dates:** 1974

**Physical Description:** 1 box, .75 linear feet

**Provenance:**

The collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by the Preservation and Conservation Association of Champaign County, possibly in 1985.

**Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

In 1973, with the help of Professor Walter Creese, Frank Heitzman began an architectural survey of Champaign and Urbana. Initially, the project was meant to document a few structures that were stylistically significant and of an architectural aesthetic, but the project quickly evolved into a street-by-street visual inspection on the part of the surveyor. After a visual inspection proved a structure to be of aesthetic interest, Heitzman photographed the structure from the best angle and stapled a photographic negative to a 4" by 6" index card that contained pertinent information about the structure. In the end, Heitzman compiled over 200 of these index cards and wrote an architectural report on Champaign and Urbana which complemented the Illinois Survey of Historic Places Scully survey.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains a copy of the manuscript, The Architectural Survey of Champaign-Urbana, along with approximately 200 informational cards measuring 4" by 6" from the survey described therein. Most cards have a photographic negative measuring 1" by 1.25" attached. Each card contains information about the subject structure that may include: negative file number; street address and city; type of use; date built; name of architect, contractor, or developer; name of original owner; original use of building; name of present owner; present use of building; original style of building; alterations to the building; citations; overall condition.

**Arrangement:**

The cards are arranged by city, then alphabetically by street name, and numerically by house number. When applicable, street names containing east are filed before west, and north are filed before south.

**Subject Terms:**

Architecture



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Historic buildings  
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**Container List:**

**Box 1**

200+ index cards