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Abstract

The Carneal and Johnston Architectural Drawings contains detail drawings, sketches, and tracings of several campus buildings at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Creator

Carneal and Johnston (Richmond, Va.)

Extent

3 Cubic Feet 3 boxes

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Scope and Content

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Biographical Note

J. Ambler Johnston was born in 1885 and was a 1904 graduate of Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute. He also earned a master of science degree in 1905 from VPI. Johnston resided in Richmond, Virginia, where he served as a charter member of the Richmond Rotary Club and was a Civil War scholar. He died in 1974.

William Leigh Carneal, Jr., was born in Richmond on October 24, 1881, and graduated in 1903 from the Virginia Military Institute. He began his architectural practice around 1906 following a three year stint as a clerk in his father's company, Sitterding-Carneal-Davis Company. He died in 1958.

In 1908, Carneal and Johnston combined offices. The firm's first building was the original McBryde Hall on the VPI campus, completed in 1917. The firm helped to incorporate the Collegiate Gothic style to the campus landscape. For a brief period, the firm included a third partner and was known as Carneal, Johnston, & Wright. Both Carneal and Johnston retired in the 1950s. In 1999, the surviving firm of Carneal and Johnston merged with Ballou, Justice, & Upton Architects.

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The Carneal and Johnston Architectural Drawings contains detail drawings, sketches, and tracings of several campus buildings at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Items include 1934 drawings of 1934 Faculty Dormitory and Campus Soical Center, 1939 drawings of Agricultural Hall, 1952 and 1959 drawings of the Academic Science building, 1959 and 1961 drawings of the Engineering building, and 1961 and 1968 sketches of dorm buildings. The collection also contains original detail drawings and tracings of the Biology, Geology, and Education building.

Related Archival Materials

See the Virginia Tech Buildings Architectural Collection, RG 6/3/2e, and Carneal and Johnston Glass Negatives, Ms2014-016, also at Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Bio, Geo, Education Building T.A.C tracings - original

box 1

Dorm 1 and 2: Detail sketches

Unit Date 1961

box 2

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Unit Date 1961

box 2

Dorm 9: Detail sketches

Unit Date 1968

box 2

Engineering Building: First Addition, Detail Drawings

Unit Date December 5, 1959

box 2

Academic Science Building: Detail Drawings

Unit Date 1952

box 2

Science Building: Detail Drawings

Unit Date 1959

box 3

Agricultural Hall Detail Drawings

Unit Date April 18 and April 27, 1939

box 3

Engineering Building: Addition, Detail Drawings

Unit Date April 28, 1961

box 3

Dorm 2 and Barracks 3: Sketches

folder 1

Faculty Dormitory and Campus Social Center complete plans

Unit Date 1934

box 3

Biology, Geology, & Education Building detail drawings

Unit Date 1965-1966

box 3