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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Record Group 14 presents all available archival material from the various periods of repair and renovation of the Tennessee State Capitol. The material is limited in volume but broad in scope.

Architectural blueprints and drawings span from 1938 to 1951. Correspondence is brief, but a letter of particular interest is one written by T.A. Atchison in 1877 to the Capitol Improvement Commission. Financial statements are broad in content and contain many valuable details, particularly the firm names, many of which are still in existence.

This record group also includes a significant report concerning repairs to the Capitol made to the legislative committee on buildings and grounds by H.P. McDonald, March 7, 1891. Nonetheless, nothing recommended in the 1891 report was done except the installation of some very badly needed rails around the terrace and the porticos. Again in 1902 a committee on repairs was appointed and the bulk of the necessary work was completed under the architectural firm of Brown and Brown.

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Architectural Plans

Blueprints

Map Case

(M-12, #8) 1938, June 15, six blueprints are proposed alterations to the State Capitol, as requested for a P.W.A. grant.

Architectural Plans

Drawings

Map Case

An undated negative Photostat of the Capitol grounds

An undated drawing of the layout of the Capitol grounds

1921, sketch of proposed repaving of the Capitol esplanade

1944, June 1, drawing of a "typical niche in the Tennessee State Capitol, second floor transept"

1951, a series of 23 drawings of the Tennessee State Capitol, Historic American Buildings Survey

1953, January 8, suggested improvements to State Capitol grounds

Box 1

Correspondence

1 Correspondence relating to the Capitol Improvement Commission:
Atchison, T.A., March 12, 1877
Brown and Brown Architects, December, 3, 1901, March 2, 1902
Donalson, J.H., undated
Mitchell, W.H., February 27, 1885
Morton, John W., Secretary of State, October 11, 1902
Warren Chemical and Manufacturing Co., July 31, 1891

Account Book

2 1917-1919, Account Book of the Capitol Superintendent
1 vol. 1915-1916, Account Book of the Capitol Superintendent

Bids

3 1885 Bids
Bell, Robert L., painting and glazing, July 23
Benson and Co., carpeting, August 20
Britt and Co., cistern work, undated

Copeland, Thomas, painting and repairs, June 12
Copeland, Thomas, cistern work, June 20
Denning, William M., painting and glazing, July 24
Easly, Benjamin, repair cisterns, June 18
Easly, Benjamin, cistern work, September 3
Ferress and Co., painting and glazing, July 23
Gray, Alexander, copper work, July 18, July 20
Gray, Alexander, water closets, August 13
Johnson, Charles, painting, July 24
Manlove and Co., carpet goods, August 19
Morgan, John, plumbing, August 13
Murphy and Co., copper gutters, July 18
Phillips and Buttorff Manufacturing Co., roof repair, July 10
Powell, Anthony, clean, mend and cement cisterns, August 13
Robertson Brothers, window repair, July 21
Rosenheim Brothers and Co., carpeting, August 18
Ryan and Shea, plumbing, August 13
Thrailkill, T.H., painting and glazing, July 23
Vines, M.C., painting, July 18
Webb, Stevenson and Co., copper roofing, July 17

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1891 Bids

McGinness, Smith and Co., heating apparatus, August 3
Symmes and Co., repair esplanade, August 1

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1891 Bids [Addition]:

Adamant-Stone Co.; repair esplanade; August 3
Price & Buchanan; build boilerhouse; September 28
Fulcher & Dyas Brick Co.; brick work under central corridor;
September 24
S.B. Houlett; memo to Commission on security; August 1
Horn and Son; paint work; August 3
Mooney & Baine; water closet's work; September 28
Mooney & Blaine; heating and ventilating system; August 3
Mooney & Blaine; plumbing work; August 3
George Moore & Sons; carpenter work; August 3
George Moore & Sons; carpenter work; August 24
Ryan & Shea; plumbing work; August 3
Ryan & Shea; ironwork construction; August 3
Ryan & Shea; steam heating and ventilating work; August 3
Snead & Bibb; ironwork construction; August 1
Symmes & Co.; correspondence relative to bid; August 7
S.J. Underwood, Co.; painting; August 3
Jos. McWilliams & Co.; steam heating and ventilating apparatus;
August 1

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1901 Bids

Caffall and Co., repair, November 27
Clayton and Co., cleaning, treating, and repairing, November 30
Corrum, J.H., cleaning, treating, and repairing, November 27
Earhart, F.J., painting and repairs, November 27
Fleehearty, W.H., exterior repairs, November 30
Kaulbach and Co., painting, frescoing, cleaning and treating stone,
November 29
Knoch, Theo., fresco ceilings, November 29
Murray and Co., cleaning and treating wall, December 2
Pettersen and Rohner, painting, paraffin work, and cleaning stone,
November 30
Roesch, George, set steps, March 12
Roesch, George, cleaning and repairs, November 29
Roesch, George, deliver and set stone, November 29
Smith and Co., painting, frescoing, cleaning and treating,
November 30
Vester, Jesse J., surface cleaning, November 30
Wood and Co., painting and repairs, November 19

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1901-1902 Bids

Bid Sheet, Exhibit "A"
Bid Sheet, Exhibit "B"
Adamant Stone and Roofing Co.; Granatoid walk around north
end of fountain, Granatoid work across roadway between steps,
April 10, 1902
Ferdinand Nuensch and Co.; clean surface of capitol, paint wood
work, fresco all ceilings outside of building, clean all monuments,
November 30, 1901
Dr. A. Gattinger; print "Flora of Tennessee" as a state document,
January 16, 1901
Wilbur T. Halley; clean surface of capitol, November 29, 1901
C.J. Johnson; clean surface of capitol, November 24, 1901
Geo. Kincaid; clean surface of capitol, November 28, 1901
Nashville Roofing and Paving Co.; construct Granatoid crossing in
roadway between the two flights of steps at south entrance to
capitol, construct Granatoid walk around fountain, March 26, 1902
R.H. Neeld; Paint outside wood and iron work, November 23,
1901
John Oman, Jr.; replace steps to Terraces with granite, face walls
of both terraces with Bowling Green Stone, put a coping of granite
at edges, cover stone floors of both a granite finished cement, clean
off balance of the stone work on the exterior and patch decayed
parts with Portland Cement, November 30, 1901

Shelton and Crim; painting outside of capitol, November 26, 1901
Southern Contracting Company; reset all stone in the lower hallway of capitol, dress all stone or flagging, take up the small unused ventilators now in lower hallway and replace with dressed and finished stone, June 4, 1902

S.J. Underwood; cleaning stone work, repair to stonework, painting wood and iron work, November 30, 1901

Vester and McIntyre; clean surface of Capitol, November 30, 1901

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1902 Bids

Braid Electric Co., electrical work, May 27

Chattanooga Iron and Wire Works, iron gates, May 13

Edgefield and Nashville Manufacturing Co., alterations, February 12

Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Co., carpentry and stone cutting, February 21

Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Co., flooring, April 4, April 11

Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Co., stone work, April 4

Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Co., buttress work, May 5

Hawthorne and Co., carpentry and stone cutting, February 21

Kane and Brother, plumbing, April 9

Kennedy and Co., plumbing, April 9

Mooney and Co., plumbing, April 9, May 14

Nashville Plumbing Co., plumbing, April 9

Nashville Roofing and Paving Co., paving work, February 21

Nashville Roofing and Paving Co., buttress work, April 28

Oman, John, Jr., stone work, March 12

Oman, John, Jr., buttress work, April 9, May 3

Oman, John, Jr., flooring, April 11

Oman, John, Jr., veneer work, April 11

Oman, John, Jr., gate posts, April 24

Roesch, Charles E., plumbing, April 9

Ryan and Shea, plumbing, April 9

Southern Contract Co., repairs in the office of the Secretary of State, June 2

Southern Contract Co., flooring, June 2

(refusal to bid) Tennessee Producers Marble Co., marble suppliers, March 11

Winslow Brothers Co., iron gates, May 13

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1903 Bids

Agathen and Hesse; upholster and refinish and repair furniture, June 20, 1903

C. Botts; room cleaning

Geo. W. Boulden; paint and frescoing various walls, August 19,

1903, September 7, 1903, September 19, 1903
 Castner-Knott Dry Goods Company, room measurements
 Edgefield and Nashville manufacturing Company, shelving and bins, July 21, 1903, August 14, 1903
 House Painting and Frescoing; various rooms to be painted; August 20, 1903
 Chas. A. Howell; painting various walls, August 15, 1930
 Chas. A. Howell; frescoing walls and ceilings, August 20, 1972
 J.B. Mitchell; shelves in Archives, July 22, 1903
 George Moore and Sons, file cases in Archive room, July 17, 1903
 The Morton Scott Robertson Company; carpet prices, June 25, 1903, July 15, 1903, August 19, 1903
 Nashville Machine Company; take up 8 inch steam main and 4 inch return main and place in new ditch, run a line of ½ inch galvanized water pipe from power building to capitol, August 13, 1903
 Pearce Construction Company; new 5 inch pipe line from boiler room to state capitol
 Pearce Construction Company, Withdraws original bid, will furnish 7 inch main as per original bid, August 29, 1903
 Chas. E. Roesch; change steam main from present location to new location, August 13, 1903
 Chas. E. Roesch, put in 6 inch wrought-iron steam pipe, September 1, 1903
 Ryan and Son, change steam main from present location to new location, August 13, 1903
 Sanders and Whitely; upholster and refinish and repair furniture
 Schneider Brothers; upholster and refinish and repair furniture
 Timothy Dry Goods Company; estimate of plain carpet
 Treasurer's Office; Award of bid for cleaning walls of Library and stone work, August 20, 1903
 E.B. Tyler; furnish new 6 inch pipe line from boiler room to state capitol

Contracts

- 5 1885 Contracts
 - Gray, Alexander, water closets, August 18
 - Smith and Sharp Architects, plans and specifications for a water closet system, July 15
- 5 1891 Contracts
 - Bush and Co., erection of boiler house, September 28
- 6 1902 Contracts
 - Boulden, George W., stone cleaning and general repairs, April 11

- Foster and Herbert Cut Stone Co., March 19
 Kittrell, I.E., sod grounds, April 8
 Moore and Sons, carpentry, February 22
 Nashville Roofing and Paving Co., March 19
 Oman, John, Jr., stone cutter, March 19
- 5 1891 Contracts [Addition]:
 Mooney & Baine; plumbing, heating and ventilating; August 4
 George Moore & Sons; carpenters' work; August 3
 W.T. Cooper & Co.; plastering; August 4
 Ryan & Shea; Ironwork construction; August 4
 Watson Roofing Company; "protection work"; August 3
 S.J. Underwood; glazing work; November 27
- 7 1866, April 30, estimate of repairs by William Heydt, Superintendent of
 the Capitol
 1891, March 7, estimate of repairs by H.P. McDonald of Louisville,
 Kentucky
- 8 1873, expenditures for improving the Capitol grounds
- 9 1902, March 20, April 21, May 10, expenditures to contracting companies
 Specifications for cleaning walls, treatment of stone, repairing of stone
 work and bush hammering at the Capitol
 1901, initial pages from the Capitol Commission Minute Book
 1897, January 1, two year report from the Capitol Superintendent, Frank
 Battle, to the Governor, Peter Turney
- 10 Copper Roof, c.1898-1899
 Carpenter's work in the State Capitol; 1891
 Heating and Ventilating in the State Capitol; 1891
 Iron work in the State Capitol; 1891
 Plastering in the State Capitol; 1891
 Plumbing in the State Capitol; 1891
 Protection of Esplanade and Cornices for the State Capitol; 1891
- 11 Apr. 1907-Dec. 1915, Payrolls for Capitol Superintendent
- 12 Blueprint for Ironworks railings; 1891