

Title: Kurtz Architects, Inc.

Reference Code: Mss-1779

Inclusive Dates: 1931 - 1982

Quantity: 0.53 total

Location: Sm. Mss. (0.03 cu. ft.)
MV, F27 (0.20 cu. ft.)
WHS, WS3 (0.30 cu. ft.)

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Abstract: Milwaukee native Roland C. Kurtz studied architecture at Carnegie Melon University but left school shortly before graduating to help support his family. He was licensed to practice in Wisconsin in 1925 and established a private architectural firm, "Roland C Kurtz Architect" in 1929. Roland designed many single-family homes for prominent businessmen and medical professionals and earned a reputation as one of the area's leading architects. His son Kenneth earned an architectural engineering degree from the University of Illinois in 1955 and joined the firm in 1957. His son, James, also earned a degree in architecture from the University of Illinois in 1959 and joined the family firm in 1963. When his sons joined the firm, the name was changed to "Kurtz Architects." In addition to residences they designed office buildings, apartments, churches, as well as commercial/medical/hospitality structures. Roland continued to practice until 1980, and Kurtz Architects essentially stopped operating in 1981 when the brothers parted. James began international work with the Saudi Royal Commission – City of Yanbu. Kenneth open a branch of Orput Associates, a Rockford, IL architectural firm, in Brookfield, WI.

Scope and Content: The records consist of architectural drawings, slides and photo/design books of residences and businesses designed by Kurtz Architects. There are also clippings and magazine articles regarding general Milwaukee architecture.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes:

The architectural drawings include the following jobs:

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| #114 (1931) | #164 (Undated) |
| #116 (1931) | #248 (1937) |
| #156 (1931) | #256 (1937) |
| #160 (Undated) | #264 (Undated) |
| #162 (Undated) | #777 (1969) – Heritage Bank |

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