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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 132 CAIN, Frank Davis, Jr., 1922-1994

10 boxes. 90 folders. 3175 items. 1941-1994. Originals, photos.

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BIOGRAPHY

Frank Davis Cain, Jr. was born in Madisonville, Kentucky, on 27 November 1922, the only child of Frank, Sr. and Lurline (Coil) Cain. He graduated from Madisonville High School in 1941 and matriculated at Georgia Tech. His education was interrupted by three years of military service during World War II. After the war he completed a Bachelor's degree of Science in Industrial Management (1948) and a Bachelor's degree of Architecture (1954).

Cain began a private architectural practice in 1955 in Madisonville. In 1957 he moved it to Bowling Green, where he had a brief partnership with Joseph P. Wilk. After this association was dissolved in 1958, Cain located his office in the Professional Arts Building at 727 Laurel Avenue.

Cain's Bowling Green practice had several longstanding clients, including the City of Bowling Green, Warren County, Warren County Board of Education, the Bowling Green Board of Education and Western Kentucky University. Most of the buildings he designed are in Bowling Green; some of the most notable are: Cravens Library, Diddle Arena, an addition to the Kentucky Building and the Environmental Science and Technology Building at WKU; Warren East High School; Bowling Green's Central Fire Station; Brownsville High School and numerous area school renovations and additions. Cain was licensed to practice in Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Virginia.

Cain married Esther Rewis Humphries in 1961. He had two children from a previous marriage: Frank D. Cain, III and Neal Vaughn Cain. She had one son, Sam B., and two daughters Barbara and Brenda, from a previous marriage. Cain was a Mason, an emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects, and a member of the Kentucky Society of Architects and Christ Episcopal Church. Cain died on July 13, 1994 in Bowling Green and was interred at Grapevine Cemetery in Madisonville.

THE COLLECTION

This collection contains the correspondence, office records, and project files of Frank Cain's Bowling Green architectural firm. A small amount of personal correspondence is also included. The files related to projects at Western Kentucky

University were transferred to WKU's University Archives in 1999. The collection was donated to Manuscripts in 1994 by Cain's widow Esther. Cain's architectural renderings have been transferred to Manuscript's "Architectural Drawing" collection.

BOX 1	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1941-1994	403 items
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical information		4 items
Folder 2	Architectural Registration Information	1971-1976	64 items
Folder 3	Biographical information and list of completed projects	1941-1994	23 items
Folder 4	Bowling Green Country Club	1964-1991	24 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	1955-1966	66 items
Folder 6	Correspondence	1967-1973	59 items
Folder 7	Correspondence	1975-1981	61 items
Folder 8	Correspondence	1982-1984	52 items
Folder 9	Correspondence	1985-1991	50 items
BOX 2	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1962-1983	186 items
Folder 1	Employee files - Blankenship, Nelson B., Jr.	1963-1971	20 items
Folder 2	Employee files - Carter, Cecil M.	1976-1978	6 items
Folder 3	Employee files - Church, James F.	1965-1967	8 items
Folder 4	Employee files - Clay, Jewell	1964-1976	30 items
Folder 5	Employee files - Danks, Stephen K.	1968-1977	6 items
Folder 6	Employee files - Douglas, Albert R., Jr.	1970-1981	16 items
Folder 7	Employee files - Finley, Bill G.	1972-1973	6 items
Folder 8	Employee files - Haag, James D.	1974-1980	16 items
Folder 9	Employee files - Hardin, Ronald W.	1971-1972	12 items

Folder 10	Employee files - Lowrey, Walter B., Sr.	1973-1974	12 items
Folder 11	Employee files - McClellan, James C., Jr.	1962-1966	9 items
Folder 12	Employee files - Wilkins, William M.	1965-1966	6 items
Folder 13	Office manuals	1972-1983	5 items
Folder 14	Office lease information	1963-1982	27 items
Folder 15	Senior project: "Receiving Building for a Mental Hospital of 1500 Beds for Western Kentucky to be Located in Hopkins County, Vicinity of Madisonville"	1954	7 items
BOX 3	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1955-1978	159 items
Folder 1	Newspaper clippings and photographs removed from a scrapbook	1957-1976	54 items
Folder 2	Project notebook	1978	1 item; 41p.
Folder 3	Project scrapbook	1955-1978	104 items
BOX 4	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1961-1984	442 items
Folder 1	Alvaton Elementary School - Addition	1975-1977	126 items
Folder 2	American National Bank - Bowling Green	1980-1983	88 items
Folder 3	Auburn Baptist Church	1968-1983	17 items
Folder 4	Auburn Nursing Center	1961-1981	65 items
Folder 5	Auburn Nursing Center - Apartments	1978-1981	7 items
Folder 6	Bale, Kenneth - Residence	1961-1968	34 items
Folder 7	Biggers, Gilbert - Residence	1968-1973	15 items
Folder 8	Bowling Green Armory	1963-1965	28 items
Folder 9	Bowling Green Armory - Expansion	1978-1984	62 items

BOX 5	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1964-1986	294 items
Folder 1	Bowling Green Board of Education - Central office building	1985-1986	48 items
Folder 2	Bowling Green Board of Education - Central office building - Roof	1979	17 items
Folder 3	Bowling Green Fire Department - Industrial Drive Sub-Station	1964; 1970-1971	31 items
Folder 4	Bowling Green Fire Department - Central fire station	1978-1982	70 items
Folder 5	Bowling Green High School	1986	6 items
Folder 6	Bowling Green High School - Auditorium/ Physical Education Building	1976-1978	6 items
Folder 7	Bowling Green High School - Field House	1979-1980	35 items
Folder 8	Bowling Green High School - Occupational Training Center, Asbestos removal	1983	37 items
Folder 9	Bowling Green High School - Occupational Training Center, Asbestos	1983	31 items
Folder 10	Bowling Green High School - Occupational Training Center, Asbestos Removal - Specifications	1983	3 items
Folder 11	Bowling Green High School - Occupational Training Center, Asbestos Removal - Contractor's logbook	1983	10 items
BOX 6	CAIN, Frank D., Jr	1963-1986	288 items
Folder 1	Bowling Green Junior High - Fire damage reconstruction	1981-1986	56 items
Folder 2	Bowling Green Junior High - Re-roofing	1982-1984	26 items
Folder 3	Bowling Green Junior High - Renovations	1976-1979	29 items
Folder 4	Bowling Green Warren County Health	1978-1983	46 items

	Department - Renovations and additions		
Folder 5	Bowling Green Municipal Housing Commission - Public Housing	1963-1972	6 items
Folder 6	Bowling Green Police Department - Additions and remodeling	1973-1975	18 items
Folder 7	Bristow Elementary School - Additions and renovations	1964-1974	45 items
Folder 8	Bowling Green Convention Center	1978-1979	12 items
Folder 9	Bowling Green Convention Center	1981-1982	50 items
BOX 7	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1956-1983	410 items
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Folder 2	Delafield Elementary School	1960-1968	45 items
Folder 3	Dishman-McGinnis Elementary - Re-roof	1980-1981	19 items
Folder 4	First Christian Church of Bowling Green - Addition and renovation	1976-1983	10 items
Folder 5	Funk, Jesse T. - Residence	1956	12 items
Folder 6	Glasgow Armory - Renovations and addition	1976-1981	61 items
Folder 7	Glasgow State Intermediate Care Facility - Repairs	1978-1980	43 items
Folder 8	Glasgow Tuberculosis Hospital - Renovations	1972-1973	6 items
Folder 9	Gordon, Gordon and Mills - Law offices	1957	23 items
Folder 10	Green River Boys Camp - Classroom addition	1975	1 item
Folder 11	Koven, William B. - Residence	1956-1957	11 items
Folder 12	L. C. Curry Elementary School - Re-roof	1980	16 items
Folder 13	<i>Madisonville Messenger</i>	1963-1966	76 items
Folder 14	Minit Mart Building	1981-1982	22 items

BOX 8	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1961-1986	387 items
Folder 1	Noland Corporation - Storeroom and warehouse	1961-1963	60 items
Folder 2	Oakland Elementary School	1975-1978	69 items
Folder 3	<i>Park City Daily News</i>	1970-1983	45 items
Folder 4	<i>Park City Daily News</i>	1984	59 items
Folder 5	<i>Park City Daily News</i>	1985-1986	84 items
Folder 6	Parkway Mazda	1974-1976	11 items
Folder 7	Potter-Gray Elementary School - Re-roof	1978-1980	34 items
Folder 8	Professional Arts Building	1961-1965	25 items
BOX 9	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1961-1987	389 items
Folder 1	Richpond Elementary School - Additions	1963-1977	45 items
Folder 2	Riley's Bakery	1969-1970	18 items
Folder 3	Rockfield Elementary School - Renovations	1972-1982	87 items
Folder 4	Simpson County Courthouse - Addition	1961-1963	51 items
Folder 5	State Police Post - Bowling Green #3	1974-1979	65 items
Folder 6	State Police Post - Madisonville	1978-1982	49 items
Folder 7	T.C. Cherry Elementary School - Re-roof	1977-1978	16 items
Folder 8	Vick, Clyde	1983-1987	10 items
Folder 9	W.R. McNeill Elementary School - Re-roof	1979-1982	48 items
BOX 10	CAIN, Frank D., Jr.	1965-1980	217 items
Folder 1	Warren Central High School - Additions	1973-1976	55 items

Folder 2	Warren East High School	1965-1970	90 items
Folder 3	Western State Hospital - Psychiatric Detention Center	1978-1980	72 items

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Correspondence, office files, project scrapbooks, and project files of Bowling Green, Kentucky architect, Frank D. Cain, Jr. The projects include schools, public buildings, churches and homes in Bowling Green and the surrounding region.

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