

Lester W. Routt & Assoc.,
Architectural Drawings Collection
Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University
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A collection of 82 Architectural Drawings in the Regional History Collection of the Lewis Historical Library contains plans for commercial buildings, residences, churches and historic sites. Most of the drawings are by Lester W. Routt & Assoc., but some are from an earlier period, such as an unidentified drawing of the 1916 Kuhn Building on Main Street, Vincennes, and several drawings by Sutton & Routt for restoration of the Gimbel-Bond Store next to the Kuhn Building drawn between 1934 and 1944. There are also several very old drawings of the First Presbyterian Church on Busseron Street in Vincennes by John W. Gaddis circa 1890 or earlier. Other items in this collection are the preliminary plans or alterations to historic sites such as Fort Knox II and Sugar Loaf Mound. The collection also contains several Routt & Assoc. Drawings of residences and buildings around the area, but most of the drawings, about 60, are of churches in southern Indiana and southern Illinois.

“Lester W. Routt was born in Washington, Indiana on June 27, 1891. He was educated at Washington University, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Liverpool in England....The Routts returned to Vincennes in 1920 after he served with the Army in Europe during World War I. He rejoined the Architectural firm of Osterhage and Sutton, later forming his own firm of Lester W. Routt and Associates, where he was still active until his death on Feb. 23, 1970, at the age of 78.” The information quoted above came from the *Knox County History* (Vincennes History and Antiquarian Society, 1988), Maxine Batman, editor.

A finding aid of Routt drawings at Ball State University may be accessed at <http://www.bsu.edu/cap/facilities/archives/collections/practitionercollections/lesterroutt/>.

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Item	Location	Structures & Sites	Drawing of	Drawing by
1	Vincennes, IN	Kuhn Bldg., Main St.	Restoration, 1916	unidentified
2	Vincennes, IN	Gimbel Bond & Co., Main St. 202-210	Restoration, 1934-36-40-44	Sutton & Routt
3	Vincennes, IN	Vincennes University	Drawings for Alterations to Wall, 1939	Sutton & Routt
4	Vincennes Twp.	Sonotabac, Indian Mound, U. P. Sur. 8&9	Drawings, 1935	George W. Ridgeway
5	Vincennes, IN	Old French House Storage Bldg.	Drawing, undated	Harrison Assoc., IN
6	Vincennes, IN	Fort Knox II	Preliminary Plan, 1964	Indiana Historical Soc.
7	Roberson Hills, IL	Interpretive Comfort Center Station	Master Plan, undated	unidentified
8	Cisne, IL	The Manor, Inc., New Shelter Care Home	Drawings, 1968	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
9	Vincennes, IN	Zarafonetis Bros. Candy Store	Proposed Alterations, 1958	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
10	Vincennes, IN	Zarafonetis Bros., Inc.	Drawings for Restaurant, 1959	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
11	Vincennes, IN	Osco Drug Store	Drawings for New Store	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
12	Vincennes, IN	Sigma Pi Fraternity	Proposed Alterations for Garage, 1962	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
13	Worthington, IN	Worthington-Jefferson Schools	New School Addition	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
14	Spencer, IN	Spencer Improvement Corp.	Drawings for New Nursing Home	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
15	Olney, IL	Olney Trust & Bank	Drawings for New Drive-Up Bank	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
16	Paoli, IN	Boyd, C. M., Residence	Drawings for Residence, 1945	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
17	Vincennes, IN	Zarafonetis, John, Residence	Drawings for New Residence	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
18	Flora, IL	McColum, Fred	Drawings for New Residence	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
19	Bloomington, IN	Hess, H. M., Residence	Drawing for Residence, 1940	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
20	Vincennes, IN	Pomeroy, Harry, Residence	Drawing for Residence, 1937	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
21	Allendale, IL	Wabash Presbyterian Church	Proposed Addition to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
22	Bicknell, IN	First Church Christ Scientist	Drawings for New Building	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
23	Boonville, IN	Main St. Baptist Church	Drawings, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
24	Bridgeport, IL	Free Methodist Church	Proposed Elevations	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
24	Bridgeport, IL	First Presbyterian Church	Proposed Additions, 1960	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
26	Bridgeport, IL	Free Methodist Church	Proposed Additions, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
27	Clay City, IL	First Baptist Church	Drawings for Church, 1961	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
28	Clay City, IL	First Baptist Church	Additions to Church, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
29	Dubois, IN	St. Peters Evangelical Church	Proposed Building, 1958	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
30	Dubois, IN	St. Johns Lutheran Church	Drawing for New Addition	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
31	Fairfield, IL	First Baptist Church	Drawings, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
32	Flat Rock, IL	Baptist Church	Proposed Addition	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
33	Fort Branch, IL	Methodist Church	Drawings for Additions to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
34	Francisco, IN	General Baptist Church	Drawings for New Building, 1960	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
35	Holland, IN	St. James Lutheran Church	Proposed Addition, 1961	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
36	Jasper, IN	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Drawings for Proposed Building	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
37	Johnson, IN	Maumee General Baptist Church	Proposed New Church, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
38	Lawrenceville, IL	First Christian Church	Drawings	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
39	Lawrenceville, IL	First Methodist Church	Floor Plan	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
40	Linton, IN	First Methodist Church	Proposed Addition, 1959	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
41	Marion, IL	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Drawings for Church, 1967	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
42	Mitchell, IN	First Baptist Church	Drawings for New Additions	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
43	Mt Vernon, IN	Church of Nazarene	Sketch of New Church, 1960	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
44	Mt. Carmel, IL	Evangelical United Brethren Church	Drawings for Church, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
45	Mt. Vernon, IL	Central Church of Christ	Proposed Additions to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
46	Oaktown, IN	Oaktown Methodist Church	Additions & Alterations, 1965	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
47	Oaktown, IN	Christian Church	Additions and Corrections	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.

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49	Oblong, IL	First Christian Church	Proposed New Building	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
50	Olney, IL	Baptist Church	Proposed Alterations & Additions	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
51	Olney, IL	First Presbyterian Church Immanuel Evang. United Brethren Church	Proposed New Building, 1958/1955	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
52	Olney, IL	First Presbyterian Church	Proposed Addition to Building	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
53	Orleans, IN	Baptist Church	Additions and Alterations to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
54	Petersburg, IN	Methodist Church	Proposed Additions, 1955	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
55	Princeton, IN	Presbyterian Church	Drawings for Alterations and Additions	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
56	Princeton, IN	United Presbyterian Church	Drawings, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
57	Robinson, IL	First Methodist Church	Additions, 1958	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
49	Robinson, IL	First Baptist Church	Proposed Additions to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
60	Terre Haute, IN	St. Mark Evang. & Reformed Church	Drawings	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
61	Vandalia, IL	First Methodist Church	Proposed Addition to Church, 1961	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
62	Vincennes, IN	Vincennes Presbyterian Church	Drawings for Church, 1884/1899	J. W. Gaddis, Architect
63	Vincennes, IN	Church of Christ	Drawings, 1945	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
64	Vincennes, IN	St Johns Evang. & Reformed Church	Additions and Alterations to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
65	Vincennes, IN	Church of Christ	Completion Drawings, 1945	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
66	Vincennes, IN	Southside Presbyterian Church	Proposed New Building	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
67	Vincennes, IN	Jefferson Avenue General Baptist Church	Drawings for Proposed Addition	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
68	Vincennes, IN	Evangelical United Brethren Church	Alterations & Additions, 1958	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
69	Vincennes, IN	Church of The Nazarene	Proposed Church, 1957	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
70	Vincennes, IN	Free Methodist Church	Proposed Additions, 1961	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
71	Vincennes, IN	First Methodist Church	Drawings for Alterations to Church	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
72	Vincennes, IN	St. John United Church of Christ	Plot Plan for New Parsonage	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
73	Washington, IN	United Brethren Church	Proposed, 1953	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
74	Washington, IN	First Methodist Church	New Addition	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
75	Washington, IN	Evangelical United Brethren Church	Proposed Building & Parsonage	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
76	Washington, IN	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Alterations & Additions, 1957	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
77	Washington, IN	First Baptist Church	Alterations & Additions, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
78	Washington, IN	First Methodist Church	Proposed Parish House	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
79	Washington, IN	First Christian Church	Proposed Remodeling, 1959	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
80	Wayne City, IL	Sionaky Baptist Church	Proposed New Building, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
81	West Union, IL	Christian Church	Alterations & Additions, undated	Lester W. Routt & Assoc.
82	Westphalia, IN	Salem E & R Church	Alter Alterations, 1957	Kirchoff