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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Henry J. Steinbomer (1902-1964)
Donor: Dorothy H. Steinbomer, widow of Henry Steinbomer, (later Dorothy Steinbomer Kendall); Donor number: 1972.2

Extent:

Inclusive Dates: 1940s-1950s

Language:

Formats: Architectural Drawings

Finding Aids: None

Alternative Forms: None

Restrictions: None

Description: Five architectural drawings of churches, two unidentified

Chain of Custody: Dorothy H. Steinbomer was a librarian at St. Mary's University where her specialties were Fine Arts, Music and Audio Visual materials. She collaborated with Carmen Perry to produce a book about the artist Theodore Gentilz published by the University of Texas Press in 1970. In the fall of 1971, Mrs. Steinbomer loaned photos of Mexico used for an exhibit by the Special Collections. From 1970 to 1972, she served as chair for the newly organized department of Urban Studies while also serving as a librarian. Her academic specialty was Pre-Columbian Art (see library correspondence January 25, 1972). The architectural drawings of her deceased husband Henry Steinbomer were received at St. Mary's on May 10, 1972. She resigned from St. Mary's in September 1972.

Biographical Note: Steinbomer (1902-1964) was considered the most prolific church architect in Texas during the 1940s and 1950s: Born in San Antonio; graduated from the University of Texas (1923); worked with Ralph Cameron, Atlee B. Ayres, Ellis F. Albaugh, Jack L. Duffin; charter member of the Texas Society of Architects; worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps marker program and on the Historic American Buildings Survey; active in the area of historic preservation (University of Texas Libraries).

See also <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fst92> for a biography of John Henry Steinbomer by Dorothy Steinbomer Kendall.

Subject Headings:

At Other Repositories: Henry J. Steinbomer Drawings, at the Alexander Architectural Archive at the University of Texas at Austin; Identification code: STE 1985007; Description: 3,194 drawings arranged alphabetically by project name. This collection, consisting of 3,194 drawings representing 241 different projects (1940-1964), documents the activities of Steinbomer's architectural firm which was active in building San Antonio churches -- Among the buildings included are the following, all of which are in Texas: Alamo Heights Methodist Church (San Antonio), St. Luke's Episcopal Church (San Antonio), Jefferson United Methodist Church (San Antonio), Church of the Good Shepard (Austin), Tarrytown Methodist Church (Austin), Parkdale Baptist Church (Corpus Christi), First Presbyterian Church (Midland), Witte Memorial Museum (San Antonio). For an inventory see: <https://legacy.lib.utexas.edu/taro/utaaa/00021/aaa-00021.html>

Drawings

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| FS36-2 Folder _ | SC20 Steinbomer Collection [?], architectural drawing of a church, untitled, undated, pencil on tissue, 8 ½ x 25 inches |
| FS36-2 Folder _ | SC20 Steinbomer Collection [?], architectural drawing of a church, untitled, undated, colored pencil on board, 20 x 30 inches |
| DWR 7 | New Church and Educational Bldg. for the Presbyterian Church, Del Rio, Texas, Henry Steinbomer Architect, Sheet S-1 (cyanotype with old map case number 87) |
| DWR 7 | Community Hall for Jefferson Methodist Church, Donaldson Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, Date: 4-3-50, Henry Steinbomer Architect, Sheets 1-S and 2-S (cyanotypes with old map case number 112) |