



Guide to

MS 164

Archie V. Benner, Sr.
Engineering Files

Span Dates: 1907-1967

Bulk Dates: 1936-1967

3 feet, 9 inches, and approximately 460
drawings

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Biography

Archie V. Benner, Sr., architectural engineer, was born in 1897, and worked in El Paso, Texas for 55 years, as part of the firms of Benner, Bynum, and Dinsmoor; Hartger and Benner; and also Frasier and Benner. He was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He died on July 7, 1979, at age 82, and was survived by his wife, Ann P. Benner, three sons, and two step-sons.

Series Description or Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three series: Series I. Client Files; Series II. Drawings; and Series III. Reference Materials.

Series I: Client Files. Arranged by file size and then alphabetically by client name.

II. Drawings. Arranged alphabetically by client's name.

III: Reference Materials. Arranged by size and then alphabetically by type of resource.

Scope and Content Notes

The Archie V. Benner, Sr. Engineering files consist mainly of office files from the years 1920 to 1967 for Benner's architectural engineering jobs in and around the El Paso, Texas area, including New Mexico. Although Benner's projects included residences, most of the files are for the construction of commercial buildings, hospitals, schools, and churches. Some of his clients included Price Creameries and the Paso del Norte Hotel in El Paso. Materials in the collection include contracts, reports, correspondence, notes, plans, books, photographs, drawings, and blueprints.

The first series, Client Files, contains records and drawings of buildings commissioned by clients. These records are mainly documents pertaining to projects undertaken by the firms of Benner, Bynum, & Dinsmoor, or Frasier & Benner. Benner worked mostly in the El Paso area, but the collection also includes files on buildings commissioned in other parts of Texas, as well as New Mexico. The second series, Drawings, contains a number of large drawings, and the third series, Reference Materials, consists of a few folders of architectural resources and reference documents.

Provenance Statement

The files were donated to the library by Archie Benner in 1979.

Literary Rights Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

Many files contain extremely brittle and crumbling papers and should be handled with care.

Container List

(A) = Addition(s) and/or Alteration(s)

Series I: Client Files					
Box	File	Description	Date	Structure	Location
1	1	Alvarado Mine & Milling Co. (Alfarena Shaft)			Chihuahua, Mexico
1	2	City of El Paso	1959	Shop Building	Campbell & First Streets, El Paso, Texas
1	3-5	City of Marfa	1936	Butane Air Gas Plant & Distribution System	Marfa, Texas
1	6	Coffield, Henry A. (Mayor)	1961	City Park & Recreation Project	Marfa, Texas
1	7	Coronado Heights Elementary School	1957	School	El Paso, Texas
1	8	Cox, Sanford	1964	Residence	El Paso, Texas
1	9	Desert Hills Motor Hotel	1961	Hotel	4501 N. Mesa, El Paso, Texas
1	10	El Paso Bridge & Iron Co.	1920/ 1922		Malinos, Arizona; Waco, Texas
1	11	El Paso City Lines, Inc.	1963/ 1964	Car Barns (A)	El Paso, Texas

1	12	El Paso Foundry & Machine Co.	1930	Bridge; Hospital	Cochise County, Arizona; Ft. Bliss, Texas
1	13	El Paso International Airport	1958	Terminal (A)	El Paso, Texas
1	14	El Paso National Bank Building	1966	(A)	119 N. Stanton, El Paso, Texas
1	15-18	El Paso Public Schools	1956- 1963	School Buildings	El Paso, Texas
2	1-2	El Paso Teachers Federal Credit Union	1962- 1964		3019 Pershing Dr., El Paso, Texas
2	3-4	Federal Housing Administration (Inspections)			
2	5	G. B. Jackson Estate	1955	Warehouse	1601 Bassett Ave., El Paso, Texas
2	6-7	Garland & Hilles		L. D. S. Church	El Paso, Texas
2	8-9	Garland & Hilles (Thomason General Hospital)	1961	Hospital	El Paso, Texas
2	10-12	Government Employees Credit Union	1959- 1960	(A)	2525 E. Missouri (& Rosewood), El Paso, Texas
3	1-3	Grandview Church of Christ	1966/ 1967	Bible Chair Building	Hawthorne & Rim Road, El Paso, Texas
3	4	Harvey, Phil	1956	Residence	Rim Road, El Paso, Texas
3	5	Harvey, Phil	1957- 1958	Residence	1621 Rim Road, El Paso, Texas
3	6	Heard, Thomas	1963	Residence	320 E. Schuster, El Paso, Texas
3	7	Hicks-Ponder Co. (Midland Specialty Co. Building.)	1964		El Paso, Texas
3	8-9	Holloman Air Force Base	1958	(A)	Alamogordo, New Mexico
3	10	Hortex Manufacturing Co.	1956		219 S. Oregon St., El Paso, Texas

3	11	Houchen Settlement House (Rose Gregory)	1961	(A)	1119 E. Fifth St., El Paso, Texas
3	12-14	Inspections			
4	1	Marfa Production Credit Association	1960	Remodeling	Marfa, Texas
4	2-5	Midland Specialty Building (Southwest States, Inc. owner)	1962	Office Building	2235 Wyoming St. (& Palm), El Paso, Texas
4	6-7	Miscellaneous			

4	14-15	Newark Maternity Hospital	1956	Hospital	1109 E. Fifth St.
4	16	Newman Elementary School	1959/ 1960	School	Sun Valley Dr. & Alcan St., El Paso, Texas
5	1-3	Newman Elementary School	1959/ 1960	School	Sun Valley Dr. & Alcan St., El Paso, Texas
5	4	Northeast El Paso YMCA			El Paso, Texas
5	5	Northeast General Hospital	1961	Hospital	Maxwell St., El Paso, Texas
5	6-8	Paso Del Norte Hotel	1953- 1956	Hotel	San Antonio & Santa Fe Streets, El Paso, Texas
5	9-12	Paso Del Norte Hotel	1957	Parking Garage	San Antonio & Santa Fe Streets, El Paso, Texas
5	13	Paso Del Norte Hotel	1959	Ballroom (A)	El Paso, Texas
6	1-2	Pedestrian Overpasses	1960	2 overpasses	Paisano & Francis; Paisano & Tobin Place; El Paso, Texas
6	3-4	Popular Dry Goods Co.	1962	(A)	El Paso, Texas
6	5	Price, R. B.	1957	(A)	Kansas & Montana Street, El Paso, Texas

6	6	Price, R. B. (Rollins Motor Co.)	1949		Kansas & Montana Street, El Paso, Texas
6	7-8	Price's Creameries	1948-1952	Milk Receiving Station (A)	Las Cruces, New Mexico
6	9	Price's Creameries	1949	(A)	Carlsbad, New Mexico
6	10	Price's Creameries	1950		Roswell, New Mexico
6	11-12	Price's Creameries	1950-1955	Freezer Room	Hobbs, New Mexico
6	13-14	Price's Creameries	1952	Milk Receiving Station	Artesia, New Mexico
6	15	Price's Creameries	1952		Portales, New Mexico
7	1-2	Price's Creameries	1952/1953	(A)	Lots 1-8, Block 36, E. El Paso Addition, El Paso, Texas
7	3-4	Price's Creameries	1959	Office (A)	600 N. Piedras, El Paso, Texas
7	5	Price's Creameries	1963	Cold Storage & Warehouse (A)	El Paso, Texas
7	6	Price's Creameries	1963	Sale Room (A)	El Paso, Texas
7	7-8	Price's Creameries (Certificates)			El Paso, Texas
7	9	Price's El Paso Dairy	1964	Circle K Store	7345 North Loop Road, El Paso, Texas
7	10-11	Ramsey Steel Co.	1955	Office Building	Rosa & Bowie Sts.
7	12	Ravel, Dr. Vincent	1955-1959	Residence	3916 Flamingo Dr., El Paso, Texas
7	13	Reserve High School	1954	School	Reserve, New Mexico
7	14-15	Rest Haven Nursing Home	1965	Sanitarium (A)	2729 Porter Ave., El Paso, Texas
8	1	Rosen (United Inc.)	1956	Store Building	Roswell, New Mexico

8	2-3	Rosen (United & Fashion Stores)	1956	Store Building	Las Cruces, New Mexico
8	4	Rosenberg, Leo	1964	Residence	4006 Santa Anita, El Paso, Texas
8	5	Sacred Heart Clinic	1958	Clinic	Seventh & S. Oregon, El Paso, Texas
8	6-8	Salvation Army Home	1961-1966	Welfare Center	Francis & Paisano, El Paso, Texas
8	9	St. Timothy's Lutheran Church	1962-1965	Church	7852 Gateway Blvd. E., El Paso, Texas
8	10-12	Stanley, Duffy	1960	Youth Recreation Center	Zaragoza & Socorro, El Paso, Texas
8	13	Stanley, Duffy (Roberts Elementary School)	1961	School	Thorn Dr., El Paso, Texas
8	14	United Inc.	1957		200-216 E. Overland (& Oregon), El Paso, Texas
8	15	Unity Temple	1956	Classroom (A)	Brown & Rio Grande, El Paso, Texas
9	1	Valley Loan & Finance Co.	1956	Store Building	Las Cruces, New Mexico
9	2	Vowell, Dr. Owen	1956	Clinic	Campbell & Fifth Streets, El Paso, Texas