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Harris County Court House Plans (1922)**

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Agency History / Creator Sketch:

Otto Lang in partnership with Frank Witchell created what would become the most well respected architectural firm in Dallas, Texas, in 1905. In November 1907 Lang and Witchell joined with 13 other national architectural firms in a competition to design a new court house for Harris County. After over a month of deliberation, the Citizens Committee and the Commissioners Court voted to award the contract to Lang and Witchell. C. E. Barglebaugh, an architect reported but not verified to have trained with Frank Lloyd Wright, actually drew up plans for the courthouse and was Lang and Witchell's representative in Houston during the construction of the building.

Scope and Contents:

Forty architectural drawings on linen record the competition winning designs of Lang and Witchell Architects of Dallas, Texas, for the Harris County Court House. Originally comprised of 43 sheets of drawings (3 are missing), the drawings include floor plans, exterior elevations, plumbing and heating plans, and architectural details. The existent drawings were copied by D. B. McElroy and R. A. Kinnear of Rice University on waxed linen in 1922 from the original plans that had been severely damaged by mold and insects.

Inventory

Sheet No.	Description	Size	Date	Location
1	Reinforcement Plan Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 58W	1922	Roll 07
2	Foundation Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 08
3	Basement Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 08
4	First Floor Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 09
5	Second Floor Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 09
6	Mezzanine Floor Plan Scale ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 58 W	1922	Roll 10
7	Third Floor Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 10
8	Fourth Floor Plan Scale – ¼” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 11
9	Plan Through Dome Scale ¼” – 1’0” and ¾” = 1’0”	52H x 53W	1922	Roll 11
10	Roof Plan Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll16
11	Fannin Street Elevation Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 16
12	San Jacinto Street Elevation Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 17
13	Preston Avenue Elevation Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 17
17	Section On Line C-C Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 18
18	1 st Floor Steel on Basement Walls & Cols. Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 18
19	2 nd Floor Steel on 1 st Floor Walls & Col’s. Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 19
20	Mezzanine Steel on 2 nd Floor Walls & Col’s. Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 19

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21	3 rd Floor Steel (sic) on Mezzanine Walls and Columns Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 20
22	4 th Floor Steel on 3 rd Floor Walls and Columns Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 20
23	Roof Steel on 4th Floor Walls & Columns. Scale - ¼” = 1’0”	54H x 60W	1922	Roll 01
24	Column Sections No Scale	54H x 60W	1922	Roll 01
25	Details of Main Stairs Scale – ¾” = 1’0”	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 02
26	Detail of Elevator Enclosure and Corridor Finish Scale – ¾” = 1’0”	53H x 60W	1922	Roll 02
27	Section Through Corridor on Line Scale – ¾” = 1’0”, 3” = 1’0”	52H x 59W	1922	Roll 03
28	Detail of Circular [Reinforced] Concrete Stairs Scale ¼” = 1’0”	60H x 53W	1922	Roll 03
29	Details Scale – ¾” = 1’0” and Full Size	53H x 58 W	1922	Roll 04
30	Detail of 2 nd and 3 rd Story Court Room Scale – ¾” = 1’0”	53H x 58W	1922	Roll 04
31	Full Size Details Scale – Full Size	59H x 53W	1922	Roll 05
32	Full Size Details Scale – ¾” = 1’0” and Full Size	53H x 59W	1922	Roll 05
33	Exterior Details Scale – ¾” = 1’0”	57H x 52W	1922	Roll 06
34	Detail of Central Bay – Fannin St. Elevation Scale ¾” – 1’0”	58H x 53W	1922	Roll 06
35	Details Scale – ¾” = 1’0”	58H x 53W	1922	Roll 07
36	Basement Heating Plan No Scale	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 12
37	Basement Plumbing Plan No Scale	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 12
38	First Floor Plans: Heating and Plumbing Plans Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 13
39	2 nd Floor Heating and Plumbing Plan No Scale	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 13

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40	Mezzanine Floor Plan: Heating & Plumbing Plans Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 14
41	Third Floor Plan: Heating and Plumbing Plans Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 14
42	Fourth Floor Heating and Plumbing Plan No Scale	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 15
43	Riser Diagram: Plumbing Plans Scale – ¼” – 1’0”	42H x 58W	1922	Roll 15