

**INVENTORY TO THE
FROST BUILDING ARCHITECTURAL
DRAWINGS**

AR 891



Frost Building, ca. 1930

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I. Description

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention began in 1863. Due to financial struggles in the South after the Civil War, the Sunday School Board merged with the Home Mission Board. In 1891 it was reborn and placed under the leadership of Dr. James M. Frost. In the early years of the Sunday School Board it rented space for its operation in Nashville, Tennessee. After purchasing two Nashville locations, the Board moved to the location on Eighth Avenue in the heart of downtown. It purchased this lot at 161 Eighth Avenue for \$60,000 and began building what became known as the “Frost Building.” The cost of the building project has been estimated at \$ 160,000. It was dedicated and began being used in 1913. The following year it was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention. Just as the Frost building stands today as a monument to the impact of James Frost, this collection provides details into one of downtown Nashville’s historic buildings—a building that testifies to the continuing impact of Baptist on the Nashville community.

The SSB hired the Nashville firm Hart and Gardner Architects to design the Frost building. The original drawings date to October of 1912. The collection also contains several pages of alterations that were made in 1919. It appears that this is only some of the drawings for the building, not the entire set. Each drawing has been encapsulated in polyester film for preservation and handling purposes. They are on a total of 25 individual sheets of paper. The collection is stored in Map Case Drawer # 4. This collection of drawings was donated to the E.C. Dargan Research Library from the architectural firm and then transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 2006. The collection is open to researchers.

II. Item Listings

Item 1: Grillage, First Floor Framing, Typical Framing. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. Revised October 12, 1912.

Item 2: Roof framing, Details of steel work, Column schedule. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.

Item 3: Longitudinal section, North Elevation. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.

Item 4: Third Floor Plan, Fourth Floor Plan, Roof Plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.

- Item 5: One-half inch scale detail of front. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 6: Stair case, Corridor looking east, elevator doors, office doors, corridor looking east, mantel Floor plan in main corridor, Ceiling in corridor. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 7: Basement Plan, First Floor Plan, Second Floor Plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 8: East, West, and South elevation. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 9: Basement, First floor, Second floor, 40.5 x 28.5 inches. Revised December 12, 1912.
- Item 10: First floor toilet, First floor, Second floor, etc. 40 x 25 inches. Revised April 15, 1913.
- Item 11: Third floor plan, Fourth floor plan. 40.5 x 28.5 inches. October 30, 1912.
- Item 12: Fourth floor plan, Fifth floor plan, Roof plan. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 13: West elevation, Wall section showing window details, North elevation, widows. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 14: South elevation, elevation of corridor doors and sidelights. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 15: Longitudinal section, Transverse section, Column schedule. 33 x 20.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 16: Section thru stair hall, Riser diagram. 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 17: Fifth floor plan, roof plan, sections "B-B" and "A-A." 31.5 x 19.5 inches. July 28, 1919. (Alterations)
- Item 18: Steel framing plan for main cornice. 25.5 x 18 inches. July 4, 1983.
- Item 19: Revised ½ inch scale detail for south-west corner of entablature. 19.5 x 20.5 inches. June 14, 1913.
- Item 20: Detail of pent house framing (North Elevation, West elevation, South elevation.) 29 x 12 inches. No Date

Item 21: Details for Newel Pendants. 15 x 19 inches. April 21, 1913.

Item 22: Plat of lot. 17.25 x 11.5 inches. Surveyed August 8, 1912.

Item 23: Typical details of wall column connections. 9.5 x 18 inches. November 19, 1912.

Item 24: Lintels over opening at loading platform. 12.5 x 7.75 inches. No Date.

Item 25: One half inch scale detail of rear portion of Building. 25.5 x 28.5 inches. No Date.