Nathaniel C. Curtis, Sr. Drawings

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Drawings by New Orleans architect and educator Nathaniel C. Curtis, Sr. (1881-1953). Most of the drawings were made as illustrations for Curtis’ book *New Orleans, Its Old Houses, Shops, and*
Public Buildings (Philadelphia, 1927). Among the drawings is the original map reproduced as a fold-out insert in the volume. A native of North Carolina, Curtis headed the Tulane architecture program during its early years. He was also the principal designer and draughtsman for the New Orleans architectural firm Moise H. Goldstein.

Nathaniel Cortlandt Curtis was born in Smithville, (now Southport), North Carolina. He was head of architecture at Tulane University from 1912 to 1917 when he left New Orleans. He returned to New Orleans in 1920 to teach part-time at Tulane and eventually worked for New Orleans architect Moise H. Goldstein, and was the main designer of Howard-Tilton Memorial Library (now Joseph Merrick Jones Hall), which is now home to Tulane University Library’s Special Collections. He later worked with the architectural firm of Goldstein, Parham, and Labouisse until his death. Curtis published several books and novels. His son, Nathaniel Cortlandt Curtis, Jr. (1917-1997), was also a prominent architect, helping to found the firm Curtis and Davis. The firm was responsible for the main branch of the New Orleans Public Library, the Superdome, and many other area buildings.

PROVENANCE

Drawings were given by Nathaniel C. Curtis, Jr. to Tulane in 1975.

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3 Diplomas for Nathaniel C. Curtis and Walter Gilman Curtis.

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