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Records of the office of New Orleans architects Benson and Riehl (Herbert A. Benson, 1888-1961; George J. Riehl, 1899-1973). Included are records from predecessor and successor offices as noted in following chronology.

- Herbert A. Benson 1937-1945
- Herbert A. Benson and George J. Riehl, Associates 1945-1961
- Herbert A. Benson and George J. Riehl 1951-1961

Records include project drawings and photographs. The long professional association between New Orleans architects Herbert A. Benson and George J. Riehl is notable for having produced two important office structures in New Orleans, the California and Saratoga buildings, both built during the 1950s. Benson had previously worked on his own and also in the office of Emile Weil, one of New Orleans’ more important early 20th century architectural firms. Riehl had previously worked for Weiss, Dreyfous, and Seiferth architects for the Louisiana State Capitol building, Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and other important buildings.

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**Project Drawings.**
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General Diaz Street, 5714. Thibaut, David D. Residence, alterations, New Orleans, LA. Undated. 1 sheet.

La Valles Restaurant. Building, New Orleans, LA. 1941. Herbert A. Benson, architect. 4 sheets.
Washington Avenue, 3955. Ernst, M.S. Building, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1944-1945. 3 sheets.


Washington Avenue, 4638. Gallo, August. Service Station, New Orleans, LA. Job No. 1708; 1719. 10 sheets.


Washington Avenue, 1403. Commander’s Palace. Building, alterations, New Orleans, LA. Job No. 1685; 1767. 8 sheets.


3 sheets.

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Henderson Point, MS. Liuzza Motel. Building. 1958. 5 sheets.
Mobar Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri. Building, New Orleans, LA. Undated. 1 sheet.

Folder 9.

Bay St. Louis, MS. St. Stanislaus College. Dining Hall. 1949-1950. Job No. 1594. 32 sheets.
Job No. 1567.  6 sheets.

Folder 10.  Mendez Street, 2241.  St. Raphael the Archangel School.  Faculty Residence, 
Elysian Fields Avenue, 5601.  St. Raphael the Archangel Church.  Rectory, 
Elysian Fields Avenue, 6501.  St. Raphael the Archangel Church.  Building, 
Job No. 1584.  19 sheets.
Canal Boulevard, 5800.  Grace Evangelical Church.  Building, New Orleans,  
LA.  1948.  Job No. 1552.  15 sheets.
Elysian Fields Avenue, 5601.  St. Raphael the Archangel Church.  School,  
21 sheets.

Folder 11.  Dryades Street, 416-420.  New Orleans Public Service, Incorporated.  Garage,  
New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal.  Carrollton Station, New Orleans, L.A.  
No. 1612.  5 sheets.
St. Claude Avenue, 3501.  D’Ingianni, Vincente.  Clinic, alterations, New  
Orleans, LA.  1950; 1952.  9 sheets.
New Orleans Lakefront Airport.  Administration Building, alterations, New  
Camp Street, 315.  Chamber of Commerce.  Building, alterations, New Orleans,  
LA.  1951-1957.  Job No. 1632; 1683; 1742; 1757.  9 sheets.
1638.  16 sheets.
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North Jefferson Davis Parkway.  Professional Building, New Orleans, LA.  

Royal Street, 418.  Civil District Court Building.  Air Conditioning, New  
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Building, alterations. 1955. Job No. 1722. 2 sheets.
Metairie, LA. Central Avenue, 100. Magnolia School. Speech Clinic.
1957. 1 sheet.
3 sheets.
Plaquemine, LA. Iberville Parish Department of Public Welfare. Building.
1958. Job No. 1762. 5 sheets.
Eigenbrod, F.A. Building, New Orleans, LA. 1959. 2 sheets.
Chartres Street, 6218-6222. Retif, Mamie Y. and Ruth Ann. Building,
alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1960. 2 sheets.
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Prytania Street. Apartment Building, New Orleans, LA. Undated. 1 sheet.
Alterations to Hennen Building, New Orleans, LA. 1919-1920.
Emile Weil, architect. 34 sheets.

Camp Street, 316. Eugene Dietzgen Company. Building, New Orleans, LA.
1929. Emile Weil, Incorporated, architects. 11 sheets.
Ponchartrain Beach. Layout, New Orleans, LA. 1939. New Orleans Board
of Levee Commissioners, architects. 1 sheet.
Carondelet Street, 203. Maritime Building. Room 103, alterations, New
2 sheets.

Herbert A. Benson; George H. Christy; and William E. Spink, architects.
97 sheets.

A. Benson; George H. Christy; and William E. Spink, architects.
105 sheets.

Folder 17. City Park Avenue, 521. Higgins Industries. Office Building, New Orleans, LA.
1940-1942. Herbert A. Benson and George H. Christy, architects.
Job No. 502. 27 sheets.
Camp Street, 316. Eugene Dietzgen Company. Building, alterations, New
St. Louis Street, 1018. New Orleans Transfer Company. Building, New Orleans, LA. Job No. 1566. 2 sheets.


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Toulouse Street, 832. Building, New Orleans, LA. 1944. 1 sheet.
Bourbon Street, 521-533. French Opera House (Rebuilding). Building, New Orleans, LA. 1944. 18 sheets.
Fort McComb, LA. Lodge. 1947. 6 sheets.
Mound Bayou, LA. African Methodist Episcopal Church. Ti-Service Center. 1953. 2 sheets.
Mobile, AL. Radio Station W.B.O.K. Building. 1958. 2 sheets.
South Claiborne Avenue. Hotel, New Orleans, LA. 1952. 3 sheets.
South Rampart Street. Apartment Building, New Orleans, LA. 1959. 4 sheets.
Metairie, LA. Veterans Memorial Highway. Apartment Building. 1 sheet.
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Lafitte, LA. Restaurant and Club, client not given. 1959. 6 sheets.
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Houma, LA. Office Building, client not given. 1959. 2 sheets.
Highway 90. Warehouse and Office Building, New Orleans, LA. 1959.
3 sheets.
Canal Street, 500. Office Building, New Orleans, LA. 1959. 4 sheets.
St. Charles Avenue, 3022. Apartment Building, New Orleans, LA. 1960-
1961. 11 sheets.

1955. Herbert A. Benson and George J. Riehl; Charles R. Colbert,
architects. Job No. 158. 44 sheets.

1960. 12 sheets.
Conti Street, 940. Herman, Pete. Motel, New Orleans, LA. 1960. 6 sheets.
Thalia Street, 3938. Gem Theater. Building, alterations, New Orleans, LA.
1961. 4 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State. University. Conversion of Navy Barracks
to Women’s Housing. 1961-1962. Herbert A. Benson and George J.
Riehl; Glankler and Broadwell, architects. 1961-1962. 20 sheets.
and George J. Riehl; Fredrick C. Woods, architects. 13 sheets.
South Broad Street, 1416. Radio Station W.B.O.K. Building, alterations,
1 sheet.

Civic Center Building, New Orleans, LA. 1961-1962. 68 sheets.
Decatur Street, 620. Jackson Brewing Company. Building, New Orleans,
LA. 1961. 1 sheet.
Toulouse Street, 514. Jackson Brewing Company. Building, alterations,
New Orleans, LA. Undated. 4 sheets.
Washington Avenue, 1403. Commander’s Palace. Building, alterations, New


Metairie, LA. Central Avenue, 100. Magnolia School, alterations. 1962. Job No. 115. 1 sheet.


Jackson Avenue, 1539. New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, New Orleans, LA. 1967. Job No. 188. 4 sheets.


Tulane Avenue, 2820. Patio Motel, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1968. Job No. 207. 11 sheets.


4 sheets.


Ricca, P.J. Office Building, New Orleans, LA. 1962. 6 sheets.


Tulane Avenue. Building, client not given, New Orleans, LA. 1962. 2 sheets.


Metairie, LA. Ridgewood Drive, 1023. DeFelice Marine Contracting Company. 1962; 1968. 3 sheets.


Metairie, LA. Veterans Highway, 211. Ernst Food Mart. Building. 1962; 1968. 5 sheets.

Residences. Clients and locations not given. 1962. 5 sheets.

Ricca, P.J. Apartment Building, New Orleans, LA. 1962. 2 sheets.


Canal Street, 4800. McMahon and Sons Funeral Home. Building, New Orleans, LA. 1964. 2 sheets.


Bancroft Drive, 5524. La Nasa, Josie Greco. Residence, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1965. 2 sheets.


Crane Street, 74. Residence, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1966. 1 sheet.
Canal Street. Office Building, client not given, New Orleans, LA. 1966. 11 sheets.
Metairie, LA. Ta-Gee-Goo, Incorporated. Office Building. 1968. 1 sheet.
Marsiglia, Incorporated. Shopping Center, New Orleans, LA. 1970. 2 sheets.
Warbler Street, 17. Pellerin, Norvin L. Residence, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1971. 4 sheets.
Residence. Alterations, client and location not given. 1974. 3 sheets.


Dryades Street, 300. Williams, C.S. Garage, New Orleans, LA. 1925. Favrot and Livaudais, Ltd., architects. 6 sheets.


Jens Braae-Jensen, architect. 7 sheets.
Houston, TX. Northwest Mall Theater. 1969. Charles A. Knight, architect. 1 sheet.


Lafayette, LA. Southeastern Louisiana Institute, engineering building. 1955. Charles R. Colbert and Herbert A. Benson-George J. Riehl, associated architects. 1 sheet.


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Project Photographs and Presentation Drawings on Board.
Photographs of buildings designed by Herbert A. Benson, and photos of Herbert A. Benson.
Prints are 8” x 10”, black and white, unless noted otherwise noted.

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Boys’ Club No.1, New Orleans, LA. 1 print.
Canal Bank and Trust, New Orleans, LA. 2 prints.
Carrollton Theater, New Orleans, LA. 7 prints.
General Enterprises, Inc. Office Building, New Orleans, LA. 7 prints.
Guaranty Savings and Loan, New Orleans, LA. 3 prints.
Gulf Refining Co., New Orleans, LA. 5 prints.
Haverty’s Furniture, New Orleans, LA. 9 prints.
Iberville Housing Project, New Orleans, LA. 4 prints (photos of drawings).
International House, New Orleans, LA. Photo of Benson signing contract to remodel building, 1959. 1 print.
Labiche’s Department Store, New Orleans, LA. 6 prints.
Louisiana State University Stadium, Baton Rouge, LA. 8 prints.
Moissant International Airport, Kenner, LA. 1 8” x 10” color print.
National Cash Register Co., New Orleans, LA. 6 prints.
St. Bernard Avenue Housing Project, New Orleans, LA. 2 prints (photos of drawings).
St. Mathias Church, New Orleans, LA. 4 prints.
Saratoga Building, New Orleans, LA. 1 print.
Stuart R. Bradley School, New Orleans, LA. 11 prints.
Sushan Residence, Covington, LA. 10 prints.
Tamanaca Motel, 1725 Tulane Avenue New Orleans, LA. 2 prints (photos of drawings).
Unidentified Band Stand, New Orleans, LA. 2 prints (photos of drawings).
University of Mississippi, Hemingway Stadium, Oxford, MS. 9 prints (8 are 3”x5” snapshots).
Whitney Bank Building, New Orleans, LA. 1 print.
**Box 2. Oversized Photographs.** (Folio Case, Range 21).

Central Savings Loan and Bank, 3305 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA. 1 print of rendering. Jack Beech, Industrial Photography, Inc.


Addition to Club House “Black Gold Room” Fair Grounds. 1964. 3 prints of renderings mounted to board.

Aerial Photographs of Bayou St. John/Fair Grounds, New Orleans, LA. 2 prints.

General Enterprises, Inc. Office Building (California Company Building), Tulane Avenue, S. Rampart Street, and Elk Place, New Orleans, LA. Clarence John Laughlin, photographer. 4 prints.


Gulf Club House for New Orleans City Park. George J. Riehl, architect; Donald G. Graves, associate. 1 photograph of rendering mounted to board with: De Montluzin Building. George J. Riehl, architect; R.E.E. de Montluzin, associate; Chitwood Construction Company of Louisiana, Inc. 1 photograph of rendering mounted to board.

Fort Macomb, Louisiana. Lodge Project. 1 aerial photograph of site. Undated.

**Box 3. Presentation Drawings.** (Folio Case, Range 21).

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Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University, stadium addition. 1952. 2 sheets.

Incinerator, New Orleans, LA. 1944. 1 sheet.

Orleans Avenue, 1600-1614, New Orleans, LA. Prince Hall Grand Lodge. 1962. 1 sheet.

Canal Street, 500, New Orleans, LA. 1959. 1 sheet.


University of Mississippi, athletic dormitory. 1957. 1 sheet.

Study for Proposed Lodge in Mississippi. 1947. 1 sheet.

Office Building. 1963. 1 sheet.

Loyola Avenue, 234, New Orleans. Civic Center Building, elevator detail. 1962. 1 sheet.

Bourbon Street, New Orleans, LA. French Opera House, proposal for rebuilding. 1944. 1 sheet.

St. Bernard Avenue Housing Project. Aerial perspective rendering. Undated. 1 sheet.

Lakeshore Subdivision, entrance. New Orleans, LA. Undated. 1 sheet.