

Intermountain Indian School architectural drawings, 1950-1971

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Unites States, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Title	Intermountain Indian School architectural drawings
Dates	1950-1971 (inclusive) 1950 1971
Quantity	3 Tubes, (1.5 linear feet)
Collection Number	USU_COLL MSS 493
Summary	This collection contains architectural drawings from the Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah, dating from 1950 to 1971.
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Access Restrictions	No restrictions on use, except: not available through interlibrary loan.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Intermountain Indian School of Brigham City, Utah was first built as the Bushnell General Hospital in 1942, and served as a military infirmary for soldiers suffering from amputated limbs. It closed in 1946.

Two years later, Colonel Joseph A. Hill made plans to transform the old hospital into a co-ed military academy, but a just a week before these plans were finalized, Utah senator Arthur V. Watkins proposed to use the old Bushnell Hospital as a boarding school for Navajo children without a formal education. The federal government decided to make Bushnell into a boarding school for Native American students and in 1949 they appropriated \$3,750,000 for the conversion of the hospital into the Intermountain Indian School.

In January of 1950, 520 Navajo students, ranging from ages 12 to 24, began at the school. It offered various classes to the students depending on their age, including vocational training for older students in hairdressing, carpentry, mechanics, farming, dental assistant training, and home economics. Reading, writing, Navajo history and other practical courses were taught to all students.

In 1974 the school became inter-tribal, boarding students from 27 different tribes including the Navajo students. Conflict arose between the many tribes which led to complaints by the local community. In 1982, the Bureau of Indian Affairs decided to close the school and move the Native American children to public schools closer to the reservations. Despite the conflict at the school, several of the tribes

whose children were in attendance protested the closing. Nevertheless, the school was closed at the end of the 1982-83 school year. Between years 2010 and 2012 most of the school buildings were torn down, to make room for a new Utah State University -Brigham City campus.

Content Description

This collection contains architectural drawings from the Intermountain Indian School dating from 1950 to 1971. Beneficial to anyone interested in the history of the boarding school and its architecture, the drawings feature several dormitories and workshops, as well as the kitchen, dining hall, multipurpose building, and offices. The drawings are ordered by building number and organized into three archival tubes.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Materials are ordered by building number

Location of Collection

Architectural drawing shelves

Processing Note

Processed in August of 2013

Acquisition Information

The materials in this collection were transferred to Special Collections and Archives from Jeff Turley of Facilities, Planning, Design, and Construction at Utah State University.

Related Materials

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<http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv62988>

Separated Materials

Bibliography

Detailed Description of the Collection

Buildings 27-29, 1970

Tube1

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Tube		
1	BLDG 27: Boys dormitory	1970
1	BLDG 28 and 29: Girls and boys dormitories and electrical plans	1970

Buildings 30-39, 1950-1971

Tube2

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Tube		
2	BLDG 30: Multipurpose building	1965, 1970
2	BLDG 36: Kitchen and dining hall	1950, 1965, 1970, 1971
2	BLDG 37: Electronic shop, cooking center, dining hall	1950, 1951, 1963, 1970
2	BLDG 38: Student shops	1950, 1965, 1970
2	BLDG 39: Boys dormitory	1970

Buildings 10-44, 58, 1950-1971

Tube3

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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3	BLDG 10, 11, 20, 28, 29, 39-44, 58: Ceramic tile showers and window installations, 1965	1965
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3	BLDG 39-44, 58: Typical dormitory layout and boys dormitories	1971
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3	BLDG 40, 41, 42: Boys dormitories	1970
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3	BLDG 43: Boys dormitory	1970
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3	BLDG 44: Boys dormitory	1970
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3	BLDG 58: Boys dormitory	1970
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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Indians of North America--Education--Utah--History.

Off-reservation boarding schools--Utah--Brigham City--History.

School buildings--Utah--brigham City--Designs and plans.

Corporate Names :

Intermountain Inter-tribal School.

Intermountain Inter-tribal School--Buildings--Design and plans.

Intermountain School.

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