

McLean County Museum of History

Middleton Associates Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box, 4 rolls of blueprints, and 1 architectural rendering
COLLECTION DATES:	1955-2025
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Gifts of Randall Middleton and Middleton Associates
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Blueprints / plans and rendering located in flat drawers in Archives Annex.

Brief History

Middleton Associates of Normal was founded in 1954 by Keith Middleton (1916-2006). By 1960, the firm's work included architectural design and development of new and existing facilities throughout Illinois, including major educational, religious, commercial, and healthcare projects. Services later expanded to include historic documentation, historic renovation, energy management, structural renovation, re-roofing, and other areas.

In 1996, two of Keith Middleton's son, Randall and Russell Middleton, assumed operation of the firm. Middleton Associates remained an active into the 2000s. The office at 702 West College Avenue in Normal was closed in late 2025 / early 2026.

Scope

The collection includes blueprints, drawings, photographs, and slides of various projects. There is also a general folder with information about the firm, and a 140-page chronological listing of all the company's projects.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

- 1.1 Gift Agreement, Middleton Associates, Randall Middleton, November 12, 2025.
- 1.2 Gift Agreement, Middle Associates, Randall Middleton, December 23, 2025.
- 1.3 "Middleton Associates History," from their firm's website, accessed January 2026.
- 1.4 Keith Middleton obituary, *Pantagraph*, July 19, 2006.
- 1.5 Email, Randy Middleton to Museum Librarian Bill Kemp, identifying Midleton employee Welden Schutte, November 13 and 15, 2025.
- 1.6 Email, Russ Middleton to Museum Librarian Bill Kemp regarding residence at 17506 N 800 East Rd., Danvers. January 15, 2026.

Folder 2: Project List

- 2.1 "Chronological Listing of Projects by Middleton Associates, Inc. Beginning in 1955," 140 pp.

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

- 3.1 Scrapbook / photo album page with three 5 by 3½ inch color photographs—Colene Hoose School, Country Companies East Annex, and Bliss/McKnight Group, all Bloomington.
- 3.2 One 9½ by 7½ inch photograph, black and white, mechanical rooms / boilers of institutional building, unidentified.
- 3.3 One sheet on compliance survey work for the Illinois Department of Conservation, September 1993.
- 3.4 One sheet on Woodford County Courthouse, Eureka, bell tower and dome restoration.

Folder 4: Residences

- 3.1 Eight color slides of "Bunny House;" six "Hyde House;" two "Vancil House;" three "Cross Residence;" five "Irwin Residence;" and six more "Bunny House."

Folder 5: 44 Sunset Road

- 3.1 Ten 9½ by 7 inch photographs, black and white.

Folder 6: David Davis Mansion

- 6.1 Fourteen pages, 8½ by 11 inch, text and photographs of restoration work.
- 6.2 Eight 5 by 3 ½ inch color photographs.
- 6.3 One 8 by 10 inch color photograph, study / library.
- 6.4 Four colors slides.

Folder 7: McLean County Chamber of Commerce

- 7.1 Four pages from album featuring seven 4 ½ by 6 / 6 ½ inch color photographs of interior and exterior, 210 S. East St., downtown Bloomington.

Folder 8: Victory Hall

- 8.1 Two 8 by 10 inch photographs, black and white, exterior and interior.
- 8.2 Nine color slides, all exteriors.

Folder 9: Schools Color Slides

- 9.1 Thirty-seven color slides—Sugar Creek, Eureka Middle School, Oakdale, Fairview, Parkside Junior High, and others.

Folder 10: Chiddix Junior High Exterior

- 10.1 Two architectural plans, approximately 10 ½ by 7 / 7½ inches—site plan and elevations.
- 10.2 Three 9 / 9½ by 6 / 6½ inch photographs, black and white.
- 10.3 Ten color slides.

Folder 11: Chiddix Interior

- 11.1 Eight 7 ½ by 9 ½ photographs, black and white.
- 11.2 Twenty-seven color slides.

Folder 12: Parkside Junior High School

- 12.1 One sheet on Parkside Junior High School, Normal, design concept.
- 12.2 Scrapbook / photo album page with 5 by 3½ inch color photograph of exterior.
- 12.3 6½ by 10-inch color photograph, exterior.
- 12.4 8 by 10-inch color photograph, exterior.
- 12.5 Scrapbook / photo album page with five 5 by 3½ inch color photographs, exterior.

Folder 13: Normal Community High School

- 13.1 Thirty-five color slides.

Folder 14: Colene Hoose Elementary School

- 14.1 Eighteen color slides.

Folder 15: Oakdale School

- 15.1 "Addition from Southeast: Oakdale School, Normal, ILL.," rendering, exterior.
Backside: 7 ½ by 9 ½ inch photograph, black and white, exterior.

Folder 16: Non-McLean County / Unidentified Schools

- 16.1 "Proposed Additions & Remodeling of Facilities for Unit District Number One: Gibson City, Illinois." Rendering of a school's exterior, two copies in separate sheet protectors.
16.2 "Elementary School for McNarr Magnolia." Rendering of a school's exterior.
16.3 "Proposed Elementary School at McNarr, Magnolia, Illinois." Blueprint of school's interior and exterior.
16.4 "North Elevation / South Elevation," Sheet, rendering of school with labels. Backside: "McLean County Unit District No. 5: Junior High School," blueprint, interior (unidentified school)
16.5 Four 9½ by 7½ inch photographs, black and white, school exterior (unidentified school).

Folder 17: Church Slides

- 17.1 Nine color slides of North Danvers Mennonite Church; two Gibson City Lutheran; two Evangelical United Brethren; four Normal Presbyterian; and one Leroy Presbyterian.

Folder 18: Christ Lutheran

- 17.1 Twenty-five color slides.

Folder 19: Gibson City American Lutheran

- 19.1 "American Lutheran Church." Rendering.

Folder 20: Our Savior

- 20.1 "Proposed Education Wing: Our Savior Lutheran Church," white-on-black rendering.
20.2 Twenty-eight color slides, interior and exterior.

Folder 21: First Evangelical

- 21.1 "First Evangelical United Brethren Church." Rendering.

Folder 22: Brokaw Hospital

- 22.1 "Addition to and Remodeling of Brokaw Hospital." Rendering, exterior.
22.2 7½ by 9½ inch photograph, black and white, exterior.
22.3 Ten color slides, architectural model.

Folder 23: McLean County Nursing Home

- 23.1 Three 5 by 3-inch color photographs, exterior.
23.2 Nine color slides, exterior.

Folder 24: Bliss Insurance

- 24.1 Two 3½ by 3½ inch color photographs of exterior.

24.2 "Bliss/McKnight Office," 8 by 10-inch photograph, exterior.

Folder 25: Citizens Savings and Loan

25.1 "Citizens Savings and Loan." 8½ by 11-inch color photograph, exterior.

25.2 Eight color slides, interior and exterior.

Folder 26: First National Bank of Normal

26.1 4¾ by 10 inch photograph, black and white, exterior.

26.2 Two 3½ by 5-inch pasted color photographs, exterior.

26.3 Three color slides.

Folder 27: People's Bank

27.1 "People's Bank." 11 by 8-inch color photograph, exterior.

27.2 9½ by 7½ inch photograph, black and white, bank drive-through.

27.3 9½ by 7½ inch photograph, black and white, interior, people at work.

Folder 28: Miscellaneous Company Buildings

28.1 "Union Insurance Group Office Facilities." White-on-black drawing.

28.2 "Telephone Exchange Building at Hennepin General Telephone Company of Illinois." Rendering, exterior.

28.3 "Proposed Vernon Street Residential Complex." Rendering of complex.

28.4 "Citizens Square Professional Building." 8 by 11-inch color photograph, exterior.

28.5 "Country Companies East Annex." 8 by 11-inch color photograph, exterior.

28.6 "Shirley Oil and Supply." 8 by 11-inch color photograph, exterior.

28.7 "Normal TWP Offices." Four 3½ by 3½ inch pasted color photographs, from each side.

28.8 Two color slides of Union Insurance; 2 of General Stores in Lincoln, IL; and 6 of Thornton Motor.

Folder 29: Gibson City High School

29.1 Seven color slides.

Folder 30: Davenport Elementary School

30.1 "1973: Addition to Davenport Elementary School." White-on-black rendering of school's exterior; reverse, 9½ by 7½ inch photo, black and white.

Folder 31: St. Stephen's School

31.1 Eleven color slides.

Folder 32: Middleton Office

32.1 Seventeen color slides, interior; six of which include people at work.

Folder 33: Unidentified Negatives and Color Slides

33.1 Bag of negatives.

33.2 Bag of negatives.

33.3 Yellow note sheet that was folded around film bags 33.1 and 33.2.

33.4 Seven unidentified color slides.

Blueprints

1. 3 sheets of later plans 1960-1961 (1* of 1, 1 of 1, 1 of 1) and 36 sheets of 1959 original plans (1 of 34, 2 of 34, 2A of 34, 3, 4, 5... 33, 34, cover blueprint) for Chiddix Junior High School.
2. Original plans for Chiddix Junior High School, 26 sheets (E-1, E-2, E-3, P-1, P-2, P-3, WHV-1, WHV-2... WHV-11, HV-2, HV-3... HV-10).
3. Renovation of Chiddix Junior High School, 2 sheets. June 18, 1979.
4. "Addition to and Remodeling of Brokaw Hospital." 1965. 67 sheets of plans for the hospital (Cover, 1, Revised 1, 2, 3... 63, 63, A1, A2; Missing 39).

Architectural Rendering

1. "Stevenson Hall for the Humanities." Illinois State University, east facade, color, 40 by 24 inches.

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