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## **H. Kay Nicewanner Architectural Records ca. 1915-1971 DADA 011**

Title: H. Kay Nicewanner Architectural Records

Creator: H. Kay Nicewanner

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1915-1971

Extent: 4.6 cu. ft.

Containers: 1 flat file drawer; 2 manuscript boxes

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### Biographical Note:

Howard Kay Nicewanner (1885-1973) learned the construction business from his father, Charles Edward Nicewanner, a building contractor. The family moved to Muncie from Springfield, Ohio, in approximately 1890. H. Kay joined his father's business as an apprentice about 1905, at the age of 20. Starting around 1917, the business became known as C. E. Nicewanner & Son, Contractors and Builders.

H. Kay began his own business as H. Kay Nicewanner, Building Contractor, in 1921. This was a sole proprietorship, though Nicewanner was a member of and did work for Muncie Home Builders, an association of local building contractors. Nicewanner conducted business from his home, first at 330 E. Centennial Ave. until ca. 1926, then at 601 Wheeling Ave. to ca. 1952, and finally at 3807 E. Jackson St. He retired from active practice in 1952, but continued to do occasional work into the 1960s.

### Scope and Contents:

The collection includes drawings and related documents for 38 building projects in East Central Indiana, mostly in Muncie, ca. 1915-1951; also a business ledger, 1921-1963, and a few business

records, 1920-1971. Nicewanner was contractor for many or all of the buildings represented and several were designed by him. Others whose work is represented include C. H. Houck, Macy G. Thompson, Cuno Kibele, Muncie Home Builders, Houck & Smenner, William Horatio Day (New York), Herbert F. Smenner, Isidor M. Cohen (Gary), Houck & Hamilton, Graham & Knowlton, Smenner & Carlson, Ernst Landscape, Hamilton & Graham, and C. W. Garrard.

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**Arrangement:**

The H. Kay Nicewanner Architectural Records are arranged chronologically.

**Collection Inventory:**

<i>Catalog no.</i>	11- 01	<i>Storage code(s)</i>	d
<i>Project title</i>	Botkin, Elmer E., house		
<i>Location</i>	48 Orchard Pl., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	C. H. Houck, job 303; ca. 1915		
<i>Records</i>	>> Working dwgs. -- 9 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 35 in.		
 <i>Catalog no.</i>	 11- 02	 <i>Storage code(s)</i>	 d, bx
<i>Project title</i>	 Banta, John C., house		
<i>Location</i>	 N. Jefferson St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN		
<i>Authorship, year</i>	 Macy G. Thompson, job 114; 1916		
<i>Records</i>	 A. Working dwgs. -- 6 sheets: blueprint; 16 x 24 in. B. Specifications. -- 15 p.: typescript (copy); 11 in. in document case		

- Catalog no.* 11- 03 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Miller, Frank R., garage  
*Location* 311 N. Jefferson St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Cuno Kibele; 1916  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 7 sheets: blueprint; 24 x 34 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 33 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 04 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Reid, Murdock & Co., factory building & boiler room  
*Location* Eaton, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* George C. Nimmons & Co. (Chicago, Ill.), job 104; 1917  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 8 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 29 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 32 p.: blueprint; 11 in. in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 05 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Small-house plans  
*Location* Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Muncie Home Builders; ca. 1919  
*Records* >> Plans and elevations for various bungalow designs. -- 43  
 sheets: blueprint; 15 x 13 in. or smaller
- Catalog no.* 11- 06 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Page, Mabel, house and garage  
*Location* 1316 E. Main St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 192-  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 5 sheets. -- c.1: pencil & ink on  
 paper; 16 x 19 in. -- c.2: blueprint; 15 x 19 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 8 p.: typescript; 11 in. + 1 p.  
 (carbon copy)
- Catalog no.* 11- 07 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Indorf, Charles, building: one-story addition  
*Location* 608 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job 5-22; 1922  
*Records* >> Working dwg. -- 1 sheet: blueprint; 21 x 36 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 08 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Grace Episcopal Church rectory and parish house  
*Location* 315 S. Monroe St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Wm. Horatio Day (New York); Houck & Smenner, job 6-22; 1922  
*Records* A. Working dwgs., Perkins Memorial Rectory / W.H. Day;  
 ca. 1922. -- 13 sheets: blueprint; 17 x 20 in.  
 B. Rectory door details / H. Kay Nicewanner. -- 3 sheets:  
 ink; 15 x 36 in. or smaller  
 C. Working dwgs., parish house / Houck & Smenner; 1922. --

5 sheets: blueprint; 21 x 32 in.

D. Specs. / Houck & Smenner; 1922. -- 16 p.: blueprint; 11 in. in document case

*Notes* Located on s. side Adams St. between Madison and Monroe

*Catalog no.* 11- 09 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Wedlake, Earl, house  
*Location* 210 W. Ashland Ave., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner, designer and contractor; 1922-1925  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets; 16 x 20 in. -- c.1: ink/tracing paper. -- c.2: blueprint  
 B. Sketches for door canopy. -- 1 sheet: ink  
 C. Specifications. -- 4 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case  
 D. Contracts, mortgage; 1922-24. -- 5 items (7 p.); 11 in., 14 in. in document case

*Notes* Address is given variously as 210 and 310 Ashland Ave.

*Catalog no.* 11- 10 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Stetter, George C., house  
*Location* 925 E. Washington St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job B-2-23; 1923  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 8 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 34 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 15 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case

*Catalog no.* 11- 11 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Paris, Leonard, house  
*Location* E. Jackson St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job A-4-23; 1923  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 7 sheets: blueprint; 16 x 20 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 14 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case

*Catalog no.* 11- 12 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Resoner, Edwin K., house  
*Location* Burlington Pike, Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job A-6-23; 1923  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 9 sheets: blueprint; 15 x 20 in., 11 x 11 in. + 3 sketches: ink, pencil; sizes vary  
 B. Shop dwg. for main stairs. -- 1 p.: blueprint; 19 x 21 in.  
 C. Specifications. -- 12 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case

*Catalog no.* 11- 13 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Sampson, W. C., house: remodeling  
*Location* 616 E. Washington St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1924- ca.1927  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets; 15 x 16 in. or smaller. --

c.1: pencil tracing. -- c.2: blueprint (lacks 1 sheet of details)

- Catalog no.* 11- 14 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Kresge, S. S., Co., store: alterations  
*Location* 214-216 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* S. S. Kresge Co. architectural and engineering dept.; 1925-26  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 5 sheets: blueprint; 23 x 42 in. or smaller
- Catalog no.* 11- 15 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Anspach Co., store front  
*Location* 116-118 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; ca.1926  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 2 sheets; 18 x 25 in. or smaller. --  
c.1: pencil tracing. -- c.2: blueprint
- Catalog no.* 11- 16 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Jones, Walter, house  
*Location* 1018 W. North St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job E-7-26; 1926  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 6 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 32 in.  
B. Specifications. -- 12 p.: blueprint; 11 in. in document  
case. -- Lacks pages 1-5  
*Notes* House is New England Colonial style. New address (since  
1979) is 1418 W. North St.
- Catalog no.* 11- 17 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Piner Bros. and Lavin Bros., store fronts  
*Location* 204 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1926  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 7 sheets: blueprint, pencil/tracing  
paper; 21 x 43 in. or smaller
- Catalog no.* 11- 18 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Schuster Bros., clothiers: store front  
*Location* 401 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1927  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 2 sheets; 16 x 21 in. -- c.1: pencil  
tracing. -- c.2: blueprint  
B. Specifications. -- 13 p.: typescript (photocopy); 11 in.  
+ 1 p. construction bid, in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 19 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* French Steam Dye Works  
*Location* 415-423 E. Main St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN

- Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1927  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets: pencil; 19 x 21 in. -- Last page unnumbered.
- Catalog no.* 11- 20 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Smith, Earl F., house: addition  
*Location* 405 W. Howard St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1927  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 1 sheet: pencil tracing; 17 x 20 in.  
B. Specifications. -- 2 p.: handwritten; 11 in. in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 21 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Neice, W. C., store front (Hoover's)  
*Location* Hartford City, Blackford Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* H. Kay Nicewanner; 1928  
*Records* >> Working dwg., specifications. -- 2 sheets: pencil; 19 x 20 in., 9 x 18 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 22 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Schulte Store: alterations  
*Location* S. Walnut St. and Adams St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* D. A. Shulte, Inc. (New York, NY); 1928  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets: blueprint; 11 x 26 in., 15 x 32 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 23 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Haymond, Edgar L., house  
*Location* 614 N. Calvert St, Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Smenner, job 1-30; 1930  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 8 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 32 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 24 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Veneman, Charles, Sr., store building (Uni-Mart)  
*Location* 1600 block University Ave., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Herbert F. Smenner, job 4-31; 1931  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 40 in.  
B. General specifications. -- 51 p.: typescript; 11 in.  
C. Plumbing specifications. -- 20 p.: typescript; 11 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 25 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Three Sisters Inc. dress shop: remodeling  
*Location* 316 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Isidor M. Cohen (Gary, Ind.), job 402; 1936  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 3 sheets: blueprint; 19 x 34 in.  
B. Specifications. -- 23 p.: typescript; 11 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 26 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Brown, D. C., house and garage (Ball State Teachers'

- College President's home)  
*Location* 1009 N. Meadow Lane, Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Hamilton, job 1236; 1936  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 14 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 36 in.  
 B. Shop dwg. for cabinets. -- 1 sheet: blueprint; 17 x 21 in.  
 C. General specifications. -- 25 p.: typescript  
 D. Electrical wiring specifications. -- 4 p.: typescript
- Catalog no.* 11- 27 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Bryant, Russell, store building (Bryant's Food Market)  
*Location* 334 E. Wysor St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Houck & Hamilton; 1937  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 7 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 35 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 20 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 28 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Wolf, Mrs. Howard, house  
*Location* Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Herbert F. Smenner & Associates; 1937  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 8 sheets: blueprint; 20 x 30 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 19 p.: typescript, blueprint; 11 in. in document case  
*Notes* Designed for lot no. 18, Westwood Park. -- Not built
- Catalog no.* 11- 29 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Middletown Gardens: low rent housing project  
*Location* E. 16th St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Graham & Knowlton; 1939  
*Records* A. Topo., property line, utility maps. -- 4 sheets: blueprint; 24 x 36 in.  
 B. Working dwgs. -- 8 sheets: blueprint; 24 x 36 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 30 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Meredith, Joe, second floor office plan layout  
*Location* 110 N. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Herbert F. Smenner and Associates; 1939  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 29 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 31 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Phillips Petroleum Co., service station (Wayne L. Hoover filling station)  
*Location* 219 Meeks Ave., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Clarence F. Reinardt (Bartlesville, Oklahoma); 1939  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 4 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 24 in. --  
 Half of one sheet missing
- Catalog no.* 11- 32 *Storage code(s)* d

- Project title* Orchard Lawn Apartments; remodeling (for Wm. H. Ball)  
*Location* Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Smenner & Carlson, comm. 4103; 1940  
*Records* >> Working dwg. -- 1 sheet: blueprint; 20 x 28 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 33 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Ball, William H., house: remodeling  
*Location* 2117 W. Petty Rd., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Smenner & Carlson; 1941  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 9 sheets: blueprint; 19 x 30 in. or smaller  
*Notes* Original address: 52 Warwick Rd.
- Catalog no.* 11- 34 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Owsley, Alvin M. & Lucina, house: landscape design  
*Location* 1001 Riverside Ave., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Ernst Landscape Department; 1942  
*Records* >> Landscape plan. -- 1 sheet: blueprint; 28 x 31 in.  
*Notes* Property was formerly owned by Stephen Hathaway, later by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Former address: 605 Riverside Ave.
- Catalog no.* 11- 35 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Muncie Police Dept. radio station (WPGP)  
*Location* Broadway at Highland, Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Hamilton & Graham, comm. 4516; 1945-47  
*Records* A. Working dwgs., steel shop dwg. -- 6 sheets: blueprint, black line; 30 x 36 in. or smaller  
 B. Specifications, contracts, bids, receipts, change orders, etc. -- 1 folder (ca. 20 items); 11 in. in document case  
*Notes* H. Kay Nicewanner, contractor
- Catalog no.* 11- 36 *Storage code(s)* d  
*Project title* Vigo Cotton Shop, store: alterations  
*Location* 123 S. Walnut St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Walter H. Sobel, J. Stewart Stein (Chicago), job 49-10; 1949  
*Records* >> Working dwgs. -- 6 sheets: blueprint; 21 x 36 in.
- Catalog no.* 11- 37 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Rettig, Arthur C., house  
*Location* 614 N. McKinley Ave., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* Hamilton & Graham, comm. 251; 1951  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 13 sheets: blueprint; 24 x 36 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 55 p.: typescript; 11 in. + 5 p. revisions, in document case



- Catalog no.* 11- 38 *Storage code(s)* d, bx  
*Project title* Stephens, Rolland, store building (Haag Drug Co.)  
*Location* 1318 S. Madison St., Muncie, Delaware Co., IN  
*Authorship, year* C. W. Garrard, job 1027; 1951  
*Records* A. Working dwgs. -- 7 sheets: blueprint; 18 x 38 in., 19 x 36 in.  
 B. Specifications. -- 39 p.: typescript; 11 in. in document case
- Catalog no.* 11- 39 *Storage code(s)* bx  
*Project title* Nicewanner, H. Kay: business ledger, 1921-1963  
*Location*  
*Authorship, year*  
*Records* >> Account ledger. -- 1 v. (236 p.): photocopy; 11 in. in document case  
*Notes* Copied from original in possession of Jackie (Mrs. Lloyd) Leeka, Nov. 1989
- Catalog no.* 11- 40 *Storage code(s)* bx  
*Project title* Nicewanner, H. Kay: business records, 1920-1971  
*Location*  
*Authorship, year*  
*Records* A. Time Book, Muncie Home Builders, 1920. -- 1 v.; 7 in.  
 B. Time Books, H. Kay Nicewanner, 1929-1965. -- 4 v.; 7 in.  
 C. Real estate records, 1919-1928. -- 1 folder (ca. 14 items); 11 in.  
 D. Business records for properties at 3803-3807 E. Jackson St., Muncie. -- 1 folder (ca. 34 items); 11 in.

## Controlled Access Headings:

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