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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
<b>Title:</b>	Hugo F. Biedermann papers
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.0155
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1940s
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Text [box]:</b>	5041
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection includes copies of patents granted Biedermann, as well as contracts and some scattered miscellaneous papers. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs of projects worked on by the firm of Skinner and Biedermann, including the Anniston Army Depot and many buildings on the University of Alabama campus, including the Engineering building, Lloyd Hall, Denny Chimes, Denny Stadium, Doster Hall, Graves Hall, and others.

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Before coming to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Hugo F. Biedermann worked in the lumber industry in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He came to Tuscaloosa to build a sawmill for the Kaul Lumber Company. Largely self-educated, he subsequently operated a handle company and, for a time, was a silent partner with S. W. Skinner, general contractor, before forming the partnership of Skinner and Biedermann, General Contractors, in the late 1930s. According to information found in the papers, the two entered into a partnership contract in 1934 for the building of an addition to the Tuscaloosa Senior High School, and later they were partners with James M. Waddell, which arrangement was dissolved in 1945. The Biedermann-Skinner partnership ended with Skinner's death in 1964.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- University of Alabama
- Business and Labor
- Photographs
- Business records
- Architecture and Landscape
- University of Alabama
- Biedermann, Hugo F.

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## General

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Papers	box 5041