A Guide to the
Fuller and Wheeler Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Fuller and Wheeler Papers

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Bulk Dates: 1893-34

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Index Term

Persons
Fuller, Albert W. (1854-1934)
Johnson, J. Henry
Wheeler, William Arthur

Organizations
Albany Architectural Iron Works
Annesley & Co.
Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau
F.W. Devoe & C.T. Reynolds Co.
Patrick J. Dunn (dealer)
Fuller and Wheeler
New York State Normal School
The Schilling Company
A.A. Vantine & Co.
James D. Walsh, Plumbing and Roofing
Young Men’s Christian Association

Subjects
Architects
Architectural drawing
Architectural firms
Architecture
Letters

Places
Connecticut – Hartford
New York – Albany
New York – Bainbridge
New York – Buffalo
New York – Cortland

Document Types
Architectural drawings
Architectural specifications
Catalogs
Letters

Titles
Fuller, Albert. Artistic Homes in City and Country. 1882.
**Biography/History of Fuller and Wheeler**

The firm, Fuller and Wheeler, was started in Albany by Albert W. Fuller and William Arthur Wheeler in 1883. The firm lasted until 1897, when Fuller went into business alone. Fuller and Wheeler designed YMCAs in Hartford, CT, Montreal, Oakland, CA, and Paris, France and were all based on their Albany design. The firm was also noted for the numerous educational buildings: 6 schools in Albany, Auburn High School, State Normal Schools in Plattsburg, Oneonta, and Cortland. Most of their design work was based on the Richardsonesque style so popular at the time.

Albert W. Fuller and William Arthur Wheeler were architects located in Albany, NY. Among their most noteworthy accomplishments, the Masonic Temple (Maiden Ln, Albany) is the most recognized.

The Albany architectural firm of Albert W. Fuller and William B. Pitcher designed the Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society Building in 1908.

Albert W. Fuller was a partner in the firms Fuller and (William A.) W. Wheeler (1885-1895), Fuller and (William) Pitcher (1900-1907), Fuller and (William P.) Robinson (1910-1923).

The following Albany, NY buildings were designed by:
- Albert W. Fuller
- Albert W. Fuller and William Pitcher
- Albert W. Fuller and William Arthur Wheeler

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The following Troy, NY buildings were designed by:
Albert W. Fuller and William Arthur Wheeler

Gardner Earl Memorial Chapel and Oakwood Cemetery
Crematorium

Scope and Contents of the Papers

The collection includes a limited amount of materials from the Fuller and Wheeler architectural firm. Materials include drawings, receipts, specifications, and correspondence regarding architectural work performed by Fuller and Wheeler, spanning 1891 to 1896.

Organization of the Papers

There is no chronological order. Some material is combined under subject, such as materials regarding the NYS Normal School. The collection is described at folder content level.

Related Material

Albany City Directories


Fuller and Pitcher, Architects, Albany, New York. Original drawings for construction of Charlotte Williams Hospital; n.d., ca. 1901. Copies on file at Virginia Department of
Transportation, Administrative Services, 1201 E. Broad St, Richmond, Virginia

National Directory of Historic Places (YMCA, 60-64 N. Pearl St, Albany, NY)


Separated Materials
none

Other Finding Aids
A finding aid for this collection was made in a previous year and is now located in the control files.

Detailed Description of the Papers
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