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A Guide to the Fuller and Wheeler Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Fuller and Wheeler Papers

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Abstract: Small collection of late 19th century records of Fuller and Wheeler, architects, located in Albany, NY.

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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 the 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 Richardsonsque 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.)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

Albany Institute and Historical and Art Society

James McCredie house

Public School #6

Bender Laboratory

Dudley Observatory

Public Bath #3

School #12

School #24

St. Agnes School

Centennial Hall

Masonic Temple

YMCA

RR YMCA

DeGraaf Building

Home Savings Bank

Albany County Bank

Trinity Methodist Church (original)

4th Precinct Police Station

Washington Ave and Dove St

1 Northern Blvd

Second St

S. Lake Ave

S. Lake Ave

unknown

Robin and Washington

Madison Ave

Elk St

Lodge and Pine Sts

Maiden Lane

N. Pearl and Steuben St

Broadway

Beaver and Williams Sts

13 N. Pearl St

S. Pearl and State Sts

Lark and Lancaster Sts (original)

Madison Ave

Hudson River Telephone Building	Chapel and Maiden Ln
Albany Safe Deposit and Storage	Lodge and Maiden Ln
Houses of William J. Walker & Charles Gibson	State St
Albany Hospital (original)	New Scotland Ave
Apartment House	Central Ave, Robin St, and Braford St
Apartment House	140 State St
House of George W. VanSlyke	756 Madison Ave
House of Edward N. McKinney	391 State St
House of Horace G. Young	425 State St
For Orange Club House (remodeling)	Washington Ave
House of Andrew S. Draper	129 S. Lake Ave
House of Alden Chester	139 S. Lake Ave

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

Brown, T. Robins. Albany Architects: The Present Look at the Past. Albany, NY: Historic Albany Foundation, Fall 1978: p. 16-17. (AIHA Library call number 720.974743 HIS)

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)

Waite, Diana S. (Ed.) Albany Architecture: A Guide to the City. Albany, NY: Matthew Bender IV- Mount Ida Press Partnership, 1993. (AIHA Library call number 974.743 ALB 1993)

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

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series #: Series Title:

Box #	Folder #	Date. Title / Description
1	1	1893-4. Correspondence, receipt, and architectural drawing from designers and suppliers for Masonic Temple (Albany NY); Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau
1	2	1892-6. Correspondence to and from J. Henry Johnson of a personal nature to A.W. Reynolds and regarding YMCA (Hartford, CT)
1	3	1892. Architectural specifications and receipt for New York State Normal School (Cortland, NY)
1	4	1891-3. Proposal, estimates, and specifications from General Electric for installation of light plant at YMCA (Hartford, CT)
1	5	1894. Correspondence, specifications, drawing (on linen) for New York State Normal School (Cortland, NY)
1	6	n.d. Specifications for Albany Theater; renovation drawing for Union School (Bainbridge, NY)
1	7	n.d. Fuller and Wheeler proposals, specifications, and other blank forms
1	8	n.d. Architectural outfitting catalogs
1	9	n.d. Architectural sales cards and brochures
1	10	n.d. School floor plan (unidentified)