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A Guide to the Records of Gander, Gander, and Gander, Architects

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Gander, Gander, and Gander, Architects Records

Call Number: HE 80-03

Creator: unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1916-69.

Bulk Dates: 1931-36.

Abstract: Business records, correspondence, financial records, photograph reproductions, and scrapbooks of the firm.

Quantity: 4 boxes (1 document box and 3 oversize boxes)

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Gift of John A. Gardner on 22 January 22 1980.

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Index Term

Persons

Gander, Conrad J.
Gander, John P.
Gander, Joseph J.
Thatcher, John Boyd II (Mayor)

Organizations

Gander, Gander, and Gander, Architects
National Commercial Bank and Trust Company
Ogden & Gander, Architects

Subjects

Architectural firms
Architecture
Post Office Buildings

Places

New York – Albany

Document Types

Bank books
Letters
Newspaper clippings
Scrapbooks

Titles

none

Biography/History of the Firm and the Ganders

Gander, Gander, and Gander was a prominent architectural firm in Albany, NY. The Main Post Office and Courthouse Building, located at the southeast corner of Broadway and Maiden Lane, is one of the finest examples of their work. Additional work included institutional buildings, monasteries, convents, schools, and churches. Although centered mainly in New York State, the firm also carried out contracts in Carey, OH, New Haven, CT, and Washington, DC.

Joseph and Conrad Gander attended Columbia University and Provot's Atelier in New York City. Joseph began his career at the prominent NYC firm, Delano and Aldrich. Conrad, while still a student, was the winner of the 2nd Medal in the 1913 Beaux Arts National Competition. Conrad began his career at the NYC firm, Harry Allen Jacobs. John Gander attended Carnegie Institute of Technology and returned to Albany to practice with the well-known local architect Charles Ogden. Joseph and Conrad joined the firm soon after.

Scope and Contents of the Papers

The materials concentrate around the new Post Office Building designed by the firm. Business records, bank books, newspaper clippings, and scrapbooks dominate the collection.

Organization of the Papers

Due to the small size of the collection, there is no governing organization to the materials. Scrapbooks II through VII are located in the oversize area.

Related Material

Albany City Directories

Gander, John A. Albany Architects: The Present Looks at the Past. Albany, NY: Historic Albany Foundation, Fall 1978. p. 22-24. (AIHA Library call number 720.974743 HIS)

ms-379 – Correspondence accounts regarding alterations to City Hall Building (C.G. Ogden and J.N. Gander)

National Register of Historic Places (Main Post Office and Courthouse, Broadway and Maiden Lane, Albany NY)

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

Separated Materials

Scrapbook volumes II through VII are located in the three oversize boxes.

Other Finding Aids

A finding aid for this collections was made in December 1997 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 #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	1933-4. Correspondence with Mayor John Boyd Thatcher regarding the proposed plans for a plaza on the old Post Office site and the new Post Office Building
1	2	1931-6. Bank books for the Special Post Office Account
1	3	1936. Description of Post Office Building 1946. Letter describing exterior
1	4	n.d. Reproductions of photographs and floor plans of Albany City Hall
1	5	n.d. List of major contracts awarded to firm (original and 3 copies)
1	6	1931-6. Notes on the work performed on the Post Office Building
1	7	n.d. Scrapbook Volume I: Buildings of the architectural firm Ogden & Gander (Albany, NY) and miscellaneous newspaper clippings
2	1	1949-56. Scrapbook Volume II: Newspaper clippings. Buildings of Gander, Gander, & Gander, and others
2	2	1956-69. Scrapbook Volume III: Newspaper clippings. Buildings of Gander, Gander, & Gander, and others.
2	3	1937. Scrapbook Volume IV: "Through the Years with Albany"
3	1	1918-48. Scrapbook Volume V. Architecture in and around the Albany area, church architecture for Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany (indexed).
3	2	1930-8. Scrapbook Volume VI. Architecture in and around the Albany area.
4	1	1932-46. Scrapbook Volume VII. Architecture in and around the Albany area.