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Archival Collection Finding Aid

Name/Title:	Roger Allen & Associates Collection
Subject(s)	Architecture
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Abstract:

This collection consists of architectural drawings and photographs compiled by local architect, Roger Allen. The material contained in the collection is a good representative sampling of Mr. Allen's work, style, and product. Architectural renderings of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, as well as photographs of local schools, churches, and hospitals make up a majority of the work. Also included is a plat book of Kent County, an atlas of the City of Grand Rapids, a Building Code Book of the City of Grand Rapids, and miscellaneous specification books for general construction work for all trades. This collection dates from 1937 to 1976.

History:

Roger Allen was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 23, 1892. He was the son of Frank Payne Allen and Mary Frances (O'Connor) Allen. Roger was employed for two years in Detroit, Michigan by the architectural firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls. About 1921 he came to Grand Rapids to work in partnership with his father under the firm name, F.P.Allen & Son. Frank Payne Allen died in 1933. In 1936 Roger Allen, Architect is listed in the Grand Rapids city directory at 1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Building. The first directory listing for Roger Allen and Associates appears in 1951 with an address of 1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building. The final listing for the firm is in the 1976 directory, no at "B" McKay Tower, the former Grand Rapids National Bank Building.

Scope and Content:

There are three series in this collection; photographs, books and blueprints. The photographs have been broken into six sub series; Aquinas College, Places of Worship, Schools, Medical Related Facilities, Commercial Buildings, and miscellaneous structures. Most are public structures, the only private structure being the home of Roger Allen. There are photographs of architectural sketches for new buildings, photographs of new buildings and before and after photographs of remodeled buildings. The blueprints are of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids dating from 1937 to 1976. Books relate to the building industry.

Series Descriptions:

No.	Series Name	Description
I.	Photographs	There are 539 photographs organized in six sub series
I-A.	Aquinas College	61 photographs of 7 campus buildings, 17 negatives; span dates 1962 - 1969
I-B.	Places of Worship	81 photographs of Grand Rapids churches, temples, a seminary, one church in Dowagiac, Michigan; span dates 1952 - 1969
I-C.	Schools	160 photographs of Schools in the Greater Grand Rapids area, including church related schools, public schools, elementary schools, high schools and junio college, two negatives; span dates 1949 - 1972
I-D.	Medical Related Facilities	83 photographs of medical buildings in Ionia, Reed City and Grand Rapids, Michigan; span dates 1939 - 1969

I-E.	Commercial Buildings	73 photographs of restaurants, movie theaters, factories and stores; span dates 1950 - 1969
I-F.	Miscellaneous	81 photographs of mainly public buildings in Grand Rapids, including the museum, police station, veterans home, library branch, and the private residence of Roger Allen; span dates not available
II.	Books	6 total, included are building codes, building specifications, and plat books for Kent County and Grand Rapids; span dates 1924 - 1976
III.	Blueprints	87 blueprints of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids; span dates 1938 - 1976

Container List:

Photographs, Books, Blueprints of the Grand Rapids Public Museum

Container	Folder	Series	Description of Contents	Dates	Count
Sub Series 1					
Box 1	1	Photographs	Regina Hall Aquinas College	--	3
Box 1	2	Photographs	Wege Center " "	--	10
Box 1	2	Photographs	Wege Center negatives	--	3
Box 1	3	Photographs	Jarrett Hall " "	Jan 1966	12
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Box 1	4	Photographs	Phys Ed/Assembly Bldg.	Mar 1969	9
Box 1	5	Photographs	St. Joseph's Dorm	--	7
Box 1	6	Photographs	Albertus Mangus Science Bldg.	--	6
Box 1	7	Photographs	House of Studies, Aquinas	Sep 1962	14
Sub Series 2					
Box 1	8	Photographs	St. Thomas Catholic Church	May 1955	24
Box 1	9	Photographs	Holy Spirit Catholic Church	1954 - 55	3
Box 1	10	Photographs	St. Pious Catholic Church	Sep 1962	4
Box 1	11	Photographs	Temple Emmanuel	--	2
Box 1	12	Photographs	St. Paul Episcopal Church	Aug 1969	5
Box 1	13	Photographs	St. John Evangelical Church	Sep 1955	7
Box 1	14	Photographs	St. John Vianney Catholic Church	--	6
Box 1	15	Photographs	St. Mark's Episcopal Church	May 1955	4
Box 1	16	Photographs	St. Stephen's Catholic Church	1954 - 55	5
Box 1	17	Photographs	St. Paul the Apostle Church	Sep 1962	2
Box 1	18	Photographs	Church, Dowagiac, Michigan	Aug 1953	5
Box 1	19	Photographs	Villa Maria	Jun 1952	2
Box 1	20	Photographs	St. Joseph's Seminary	Apr 1967	1
Box 1	21	Photographs	Seminary Residence	--	11
Sub Series 3					
Box 1	22	Photographs	Alger Elementary School	Oct 1949	6
Box 1	23	Photographs	Grand Rapids Junior College	1971 - 72	17
Box 1	24	Photographs	St. Staninlaus School	1949	5
Box 1	25	Photographs	Blessed Sacrament School	Dec 1950	9
Box 1	26	Photographs	St. John Vianney School	--	8
Box 1	27	Photographs	Hudsonville High School	1950	15
Box 1	28	Photographs	Comstock Park School	--	1
Box 1	29	Photographs	Mulick Park Elementary School	1952 - 53	26

Box 1	30	Photographs	Michigan Oak School	1953	10
Box 1	31	Photographs	Hall Street Elementary School	1955	12
Box 1	31	Photographs	Negatives of Hall School	1955	2
Box 1	32	Photographs	St. James Lutheran School	Sep 1955	4
Box 1	33	Photographs	Holy Spirit School & Convent	Aug 1955	5
Box 1	34	Photographs	Shawnee Park School	--	17
Box 1	35	Photographs	Assumption of the BVM School	--	7
Box 1	36	Photographs	Lincoln School Campus	--	18
Sub Series 4					
Box 2	37	Photographs	Nurse/Intern Dorms Butterworth	--	17
Box 2	38	Photographs	Aquinta Hall/Marywood Infirmary	Sep 1969	12
Box 2	39	Photographs	St. Gertrude hall/ Mount Mercy	Sep 1962	7
Box 2	40	Photographs	Ionia County Hospital	--	1
Box 2	41	Photographs	Reed City Hospital	1939	4
Box 2	42	Photographs	St. Mary's Hospital/Laundry/Power	--	11
Box 2	43	Photographs	St. Mary's Hosp. Intern Residence	Aug 1960	13
Box 2	44	Photographs	St. Mary's Hosp. Xavier Hall	Oct 1961	18
Sub Series 5					
Box 2	45	Photographs	Cherie Inn	--	7
Box 2	46	Photographs	Theaters	--	25
Box 2	47	Photographs	Grand Rapids Steel & Supply	Mar 1965	4
Box 2	48	Photographs	MONY Building	Mar 1969	9
Box 2	49	Photographs	Meijer Supermarket	Aug 1955	1
Box 2	50	Photographs	Gregg Products Company	Dec 1952	1
Box 2	51	Photographs	Holly House Restaurant	--	13
Box 2	52	Photographs	The Federal Square Grill	--	3
Box 2	53	Photographs	Coca-Cola Bottling Plant	Aug 1950	10
Sub Series 6					
Box 2	54	Photographs	Hall of Justice/Police Station	--	2
Box 2	55	Photographs	Ottawa Hills Library	--	9
Box 2	56	Photographs	Michigan Veteran's Facility	--	11
Box 2	57	Photographs	Roger Allen Residence	--	7
Box 2	58	Photographs	Roger Allan Personal	--	27
Box 2	59	Photographs	Grand Rapids Public Museum	--	15
Box 2	59	Photographs	Museum brochure	--	9
Box 2	60	Photographs	unknown	--	1
Box 2		Books	Specifications for GRPM Pedestrian Bridge	1976	1
Box 2		Books	Specifications for GRPM Planetarium	1959	1
Box 2		Books	Grand Rapids Building Codes	1924	1
Box 2		Books	Plat Book of Kent County, Michigan	--	1
Box 2		Books	Plat Book of Grand Rapids, Michigan	--	1
Box 2		Books	Atlas of Grand Rapids, Michigan	1936	1

Oversize	Blueprints	Pedestrian Bridge	Feb 1978	1
Oversize	Blueprints	Gaslight Village	Oct 1963	9
Oversize	Blueprints	East Building Remodeling	Feb 1961 - 55	7
Oversize	Blueprints	Terrazzo Floor	Jun 1964	1
Oversize	Blueprints	Photograph Display Cabinets	Feb 1961	1
Oversize	Blueprints	Planetarium	Sep 1959	5
Oversize	Blueprints	Addition to Museum	Mar 1947 - 49	31
Oversize	Blueprints	Grand Rapids Public Museum	Nov 1937 - 38	31
Oversize	Blueprints	Steel Lentils & Beams	Nov 1937 - 38	1