

Finding aid for the Charles Vandervelde glass negatives and photos collection Collection 069

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator - Photographer	Vandervelde, Charles, 1867-1941
Title	Charles Vandervelde glass negatives and photos collection
Date [inclusive]	1895-1905
Extent	0.21 Linear feet One box
Language	English
Abstract	Charles Vandervelde (1867-1941) was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids (Mich.) and an amateur photographer. This collection contains 99 items, including several duplicate images, of the greater Grand Rapids area, circa 1895-1905. The images include a unique set of street views from the near northeast side of downtown, a Spanish-American War rally, the flood of 1904 and the water reservoir break. Also included are a few photographs each of Ada, Jenison and Plainfield (Mich.).

Biographical/Historical note

Charles Vandervelde (1867-1941) was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He worked as the treasurer of the Grand Rapids Builders and Trades Exchange. He was an amateur photographer and charter member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club. An image of Mr. Vandervelde himself is included in the collection.

Scope and Contents note

This collection provides visual documentation of the turn of the century circa 1900 (range circa 1895-1905), including images of some significant local events, such as a Spanish-American War rally in Campau Square, and the flood of 1904 (largest set, 17 items), which involved many of Grand Rapids citizens. The second largest set of 16 items includes street views for several central streets in the downtown area, while a set of 7 images documents the water reservoir break.

There are a total of 99 views, of which 40 appear to be duplications. The views include a unique set of street views from the near northeast side of downtown. Also included are views from three other Grand Rapids area communities, Jenison, Plainfield and Ada.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Unknown, accession number 1986.395

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Vandervelde, Charles, 1867-1941 -- Pictorial works

Added entry index

Bond Street View - folder 22

Bridge Street View - folder 8

Bridges - folders 2, 8

Broadway Street View - folder 8

Butcher - folder 19

Campau Square View - folder 21

Circuses - folder 19

City Hall - folder 22

City Mission - folder 22

Cook Wagon - folder 19

Covered Bridges - folders 2, 8

Crescent Street View - folder 22

Division Street View - folder 22

Ferries - folder 16

Fires - folder 20

Floods - folders 8, 23

Flour Mills - folder 5

Fountain Street View - folder 22

Hotels - folders 7, 22
Imperial Hotel - folder 22
Ionia Street View - folder 22
Leonard Street Covered Bridge - folder 8
Leonard Street View - folder 8
Logging - folder 10
Lumber Mills - folder 14
Lyon Street View - folder 22
Market Street View - folder 22
Mills - folders 5, 14
Monroe Center View - folder 22
North Park (Mich.) - folder 8
North Park Pavilion - folder 8
Ottawa Street View - folder 22
Pharmacies - folder 25
Swimming - folder 24
Taverns - folder 7
Trading Posts - folder 13
United States Federal Building - folder 6
Watson Street View - folder 8
West Michigan Fairgrounds - folder 8

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Ada (Mich.) (3 photos, June 2000)	1	1
Ada Covered Bridge (1)	1	2
Comstock Park (Mich.) (1)	1	3
County Building (2)	1	4
Crescent Mill (2)	1	5
Federal Building (1)	1	6
Fisk Lake House (1)	1	7
Flood, 1904 (17)	1	8
Grand Rapids View (4)	1	9
Grand River View (1)	1	10
Holland Interurban Construction. Worker Housing (4)	1	11
Houses (5)	1	12

Indian Trading Post (1)	1	13
Jenison (Mich.) (4)	1	14
People. Vandervelde, Charles (2)	1	15
Plainfield (Mich.) (3)	1	16
Railroad Swing Bridge (2)	1	17
Ramona Park (4)	1	18
Ringling Brothers Circus (4)	1	19
Second Reformed Church (6)	1	20
Spanish-American War Rally (4)	1	21
Street Views (16)	1	22
Water Reservoir Break (7)	1	23
West Side Power Canal (2)	1	24
West's Drug Store (2)	1	25