Finding Aid for the Grand Rapids Illustrated collection Collection 091

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Summary Information

Repository Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special

Collections Department

Title Grand Rapids Illustrated collection

Date [inclusive] 1888-1988

Extent 3.2 Linear feet Six boxes

Language English

Abstract The Grand Rapids Illustrated collection contains three pictorial

publications with images that depict Grand Rapids, Michigan. The views include buildings, streets, schools, parks, houses, hospitals and so forth. The three publications are: Grand Rapids Illustrated by E.B. Fisher, 1888; Art Work of Grand Rapids, Michigan by L.G. Stuart, 1896 and Grand Rapids Then and Now, 1988. Grand Rapids Then and Now presents sixty-two views from the 1888 Grand Rapids Illustrated compared with new views taken in 1988 by photographer Rex D. Larson, with text by local

historian James VanVulpen.

Biographical/Historical note

In 1888 publisher Ernest B. Fisher published seventy-eight photographs of the Grand Rapids area in a nine-part serial titled Grand Rapids Illustrated. The parts were also subsequently bound and sold as a single unit. A bound copy was added to this collection in 2004, from the Library of Morris B. Fisher. It is worn and has loose pages, and is not to be used for photocopying or scanning.

Eight years later Lewis G. Stuart took the same idea and published seventy-four images, also in a nine part serial titled Art Work of Grand Rapids, Michigan. No original bound version has been found. A bound version which was given a local title is cataloged in WorldCat, and is now part of the Dorothy Judd Collection. This is not the original state of publication.

Grand Rapids Then and Now, published by the Grand Rapids Historical Commission in 1988, compares sixty-two views from the Fisher 1888 title with the same views in the spring of 1988.

Scope and Contents note

Contains three publications, primarily illustrations depicting Grand Rapids, Michigan views. The views included buildings, streets, schools, parks, houses and hospitals. The three publications are:

Grand Rapids Illustrated, by Ernest B. Fisher. International Publishing Company, 1888

Art Work of Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1896 by Lewis G. Stuart

Grand Rapids Then and Now, 1988 text by James VanVulpen and contemporary photographs by Rex D. Larson.

Fisher's set is notable for its views of the Grand River and riverbanks. Stuart generally used different views, though in several cases he merely published different angles of the same buildings contained in the Fisher work. Stuart, unlike Fisher, presents a wide sampling of house views and streetscapes. "Then and Now" presents views from the 1888 work and the same views in 1988.

The publications in their original format are included as available. But, the working copies of the images from the two earlier publications (those that may be photocopied), are loose plates from worn copies that have been housed in individual folders. Extra copies of the plates have also be interfiled by general subject matter in Boxes 4-5.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department December 1988

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Library purchase, Grand Rapids Historical Commission; accession number 1988.039

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

photographs

Geographic Name(s)

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

Subject(s)

• Buildings -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- Photographs

Alphabetical Index

Key to symbols used in the alphabetical index:

"88-" = views in Grand Rapids Illustrated

"96-" = views in Art Work of Grand Rapids

"TN-" = views in Grand Rapids Then and Now

"f." = separated views from all three works placed in folders

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