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Finding Aid for the Thomas glass plate negatives Collection 136

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids History Center
Creator:	Thomas
Title:	Thomas glass plate negatives
ID:	Collection 136
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1900-1910
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Thomas glass plate negatives contain 269 historical glass negative images from the first decade of the twentieth century, plus one original photo. The plates seem to have been taken by Mr. Thomas and his daughter. The images depict Thomas family members, houses, house interiors and various Grand Rapids views such as the flood of 1904, the Grand River, John Ball Park and workers. Also included are views from Holland, Grand Haven and Muskegon, Michigan.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- photographs
- photographs
- Muskegon (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
- Holland (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
- Floods -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Grand Haven (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs

Photo index

Beaches: Box 2, Folder 60

Boat race: Box 6, Folder 170

Candy factory workers: Box 6, Folder 171-2

Cemteries: Box 1, Folder 1

Christmas decorations: Box 6, Folder 173-6

Cooper's Union. Parade: Box 6, Folder 178

Farms: Box 7, Folder 225

Floods. 1904: Box 1, Folder 6-7; Box 6, Folder 179-192

Gardens: Box 1, Folder 8; Box 6, Folder 193

Grand Haven (Mich.) Railroad Depot: Box 8, Folder 270

Grand Rapids Gas Co. works: Box 1, Folder 11

Grand Rapids views: Box 6, Folder 194-5

Grand River views: Box 6, Folder 196-201, Box 7, Folder 202-3, Box 1, Folder 8-11

Holland (Mich.). Lake Macatawa: Box 2, Folder 43-50

Houses: Box 1, Folder 12-26, Box 6, Folder 194-201, Box 7, Folder 202-215

Houses. Interiors: Box 1, Folder 27-31, Box 6, Folder 173-6, Box 7, Folder 216-7

Hunters: Box 7, Folder 218

Interurbans: Box 2, Folder 32-34

Jenison (Mich.): Box 7, Folder 219

John Ball Park: Box 2, Folder 35-36, Box 7, Folder 220-2

Monroe Center views: Box 2, Folder 37-38

Muskegon (Mich): Box 2, Folder 54-59

Parades: Box 6, Folder 178

Parks: Box 2, Folder 35-36

Post office: Box 2, Folder 61

Railroad depots: Box 8, Folder 270

Schools: Box 7, Folder 226

Statues: Box 2, Folder 62

Steam engines: Box 2, Folder 63

Steamboat. Grand: Box 7, Folder 227

Steamboat. May Graham: Box 1, Folder 10

Tolford Court: Box 7, Folder 228-9

Trains: Box 2, Folder 42

Wealthy Street Railroad Bridge: Box 7, Folder 231

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Collection Inventory

Series I. 4"x5" Plates

New Box 1

Title/Description	Instances	
Cemetery.	Box 1	Folder 1
Copy negatives	Box 1	Folder 1
Family.	Box 1	Folder 2
Two men.	Box 1	Folder 3
Woman.	Box 1	Folder 4
Two people.	Box 1	Folder 5
Flood, [1904].	Box 1	Folder 6
Flood, [1904].	Box 1	Folder 7
Garden.	Box 1	Folder 8
Grand River	Box 1	Folder 8
Showing city from southwest.	Box 1	Folder 9
May Graham steaming.	Box 1	Folder 10
Showing Gas Works	Box 1	Folder 11
Houses.	Box 1	Folder 12-26
House interior. Christmas decorations.	Box 1	Folder 27
House interior. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas.	Box 1	Folder 28
House interiors.	Box 1	Folder 29
House interiors.	Box 1	Folder 30
House interiors.	Box 1	Folder 31

New Box 2

Title/Description	Instances	
Interurbans.	Box 2	Folder 32
Interurbans.	Box 2	Folder 33
Interurbans.	Box 2	Folder 34
John Ball Park.		

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	Box 2	Folder 35
John Ball Park.	Box 2	Folder 36
Monroe Center views.	Box 2	Folder 37
Monroe Center views.	Box 2	Folder 38
Streets.	Box 2	Folder 39
Streets.	Box 2	Folder 40
Butterworth Street.	Box 2	Folder 41
Train.	Box 2	Folder 42
Holland, Michigan	Box 2	Folder 42
Lake Macatawa.	Box 2	Folder 43-50
Holland - Macatawa.	Box 2	Folder 51-53
Streets.	Box 2	Folder 54-5
Goodrich Lines.	Box 2	Folder 56-7
Steamer on lake.	Box 2	Folder 58
Motorboat on lake.	Box 2	Folder 59
Location unknown	Box 2	Folder 59
Beach.	Box 2	Folder 60
Post Office.	Box 2	Folder 61
Statue.	Box 2	Folder 62
Steam engine.	Box 2	Folder 63
Street.	Box 2	Folder 64

People

Title/Description	Instances	
Thomas, Mr.	Box 2	Folder 65-6

New Box 3

Title/Description	Instances	
Thomas, Mr.	Box 3	Folder 67-69
Infant in prambulator.	Box 3	Folder 70
Infants.		

	Box 3	Folder 71-72
Boys.	Box 3	Folder 73-76
Girls.	Box 3	Folder 77-83
Men.	Box 3	Folder 84-105

New Box 4

Title/Description	Instances	
Women.	Box 4	Folder 106-126
Groups.	Box 4	Folder 127-137

New Box 5

Title/Description	Instances	
Groups, continued. [Negative 147, broken]	Box 5	Folder 138-169

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Series II. 5" x 8" Plates

New Box 6

Title/Description	Instances	
Boat Race on Grand River.	Box 6	Folder 170
Candy factory workers.	Box 6	Folder 171-172
Christmas room at 458 Adams St.	Box 6	Folder 173
Christmas Trees.	Box 6	Folder 174-176
Cooper's Union group.	Box 6	Folder 177
Cooper's Union parade.	Box 6	Folder 178
Flood [1904].	Box 6	Folder 179-192
Garden.	Box 6	Folder 193
Grand Rapids view (from John Ball Park).	Box 6	Folder 194

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Grand Rapids view.	Box 6	Folder 195
Grand River. Boats.	Box 6	Folder 196
Grand River views.	Box 6	Folder 197-201

New Box 7

Title/Description	Instances	
Grand River views <u>Material Specific Details:</u> Neg 202 was discovered broken and was scanned by staff. See staff for digital image. Glass pieces have been moved to Box 9 but are unavailable for researcher use.	Box 7	Folder 202-203
Houses.	Box 7	Folder 204-213
House on Tolford Ct.	Box 7	Folder 214
House (LOOSE EMULSION!).	Box 7	Folder 215
Houses. Interiors.	Box 7	Folder 216-217
Hunters at Grand River.	Box 7	Folder 218
Jenison, Michigan house.	Box 7	Folder 219
John Ball Park.	Box 7	Folder 220-222
Joseph Salisbury in buggy.	Box 7	Folder 223
Men in front of factory.	Box 7	Folder 224
Nelson farm.	Box 7	Folder 225
Schoolhouse and teacher.	Box 7	Folder 226
Steamboat Grand under construction.	Box 7	Folder 227
Street. Tolford Ct.	Box 7	Folder 228
Street. Tolford Ct. under water.	Box 7	Folder 229
Town (unidentified).	Box 7	Folder 230
Wealthy St. Railroad Bridge.	Box 7	Folder 231

People

Title/Description	Instances	
Palmer, Mrs. L.	Box 7	Folder 232
VerSluis family.	Box 7	Folder 233
Pa, Ma & Belva.		

	Box 7	Folder 234
Ma & Pa.	Box 7	Folder 235
New Box 8		
Title/Description	Instances	
Thomas, William family.	Box 8	Folder 236
Family.	Box 8	Folder 237-42
Groups.	Box 8	Folder 243-56
Girls.	Box 8	Folder 257-260
Individuals.	Box 8	Folder 261-269

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Series III. Prints.

New Box 9		
Title/Description	Instances	
136-1-9. Showing city from southwest.	Box 9	
136-1-10. May Graham steaming.	Box 9	
136-1-28. House interior. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas.	Box 9	
136-1-30. House interiors.	Box 9	
136-1-31. House interiors.	Box 9	
136-2-34. Interurbans.	Box 9	
136-2-35. John Ball Park.	Box 9	
136-2-38. Monroe Center views.	Box 9	
136-2-60. Beach.	Box 9	
136-3-67. Thomas, Mr.	Box 9	
136-3-70. Infant in prambulator.	Box 9	
136-6-171. Candy factory workers.	Box 9	
136-6-177. Cooper's Union group.	Box 9	
136-6-196. Grand River. Boats.	Box 9	
136-6-197. Grand River views.	Box 9	

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136-7-215. House.	Box 9
136-7-223. Joseph Salisbury in buggy.	Box 9
136-7-227. Steamboat Grand under construction.	Box 9
136-8-257. Girls.	Box 9
136-8-262. Individuals.	Box 9

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