

# **Finding aid for the Grand Rapids Public Library laser and digital images collection Collection 227**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
<b>Title</b>	Grand Rapids Public Library laser and digital images collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1837-present
<b>Extent</b>	1.2 Linear feet Two boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection includes reproductions of images produced on plain paper as a laser photocopy or a digital print. The images are reproductions of material loaned to the library or held in other collections. The images are generally limited to the geographic areas of Grand Rapids and Kent County, Michigan.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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These images have been collected primarily through the copying of images loaned to the library for reproduction purposes or lasers sent as gifts to the collection. Laser images have also been made as a cost saving alternative to a full print when a printed image is desired for a new or existing negatives. Because of extensive copying and recopying of originals over the years many of the images in this collection duplicate those in other collections currently in both the library and Grand Rapids Public Museum. Generally it is not possible to tell which image is closer to the original.

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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This collection contains reproductions of images added to the library's holdings in the 1990s. The images were made using color laser photocopy technology. Also included are images digitized by scanning, and then output to plain paper, using laser, and by exception, dot matrix printing. These types of reproductions are currently being kept separate from the photographic print collections, due to the different archival housing requirements of the photographic processes, but also to monitor the longevity of images produced on plain paper.

Not included here are those photographic prints made in the department using a Fuji Pictograph printer, or the Kodak thermal photo printer. Those higher quality digital photos on photo paper, are housed in other GRPL archival image collections.

While laser reproduction technology suggests the general time period when the reproduction was created, the image content depicted may be for any time period in Grand Rapids history. As with the Grand Rapids Public Library Photo Collection, the topics are generally limited to the geographic region of Grand Rapids, Kent County, and counties contiguous to Kent County, with occasional items of broader scope.

Photos with no known provenance or donations of only a few images for which no separate collection affiliation is appropriate, are included in this collection. The images here may be digital originals but are often copies of items existing in other GRPL Collections or still held by a donor. Several of the images in this collection are taken from postcards, rather than photographs.

Laser copy and digital print images also exist in other GRPL collection for information purposes.

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Publication Information**

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

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Genre(s)**

- photographs

### **Geographic Name(s)**

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

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
B.A. Dise & Son Grocery, 704 Madison Ave. (2) Includes Bernardus A. Dise, Jeannette Dise, Henry Dise	1	1
City of Grand Rapids, Dunkirk & Buffalo Line, in Dunkirk (Canada?) Harbor, ca. 1908 (2 copy prints on heavy non-photo paper). [Boat, steamer] 1999.017.1-2	1	1.2
Freedom Train Locomotive, July 1977. Color. 2003.088	1	1.3
G.W. Gilmore Barber Shop, exterior and interior (2 copies of photos) 1999.034.1-2	1	1.5
Jefferson School 6th Grade Class of 1932/1933, with a textile map they created. [2000.075]	1	2
Jefferson School 6th Grade Class Alumni, June. 2000, with same textile map, given to GR Public Museum. [2000.075]	1	3
Joan Wolfe, Civil Rights advocate, with Jerry Ford, ca. 1975. b/w laser copy. 2006.016	1	3.5
Monroe Ave. looking toward Campau Square from Fulton St., G.R. 8A-H2354. 00.[1126]	1	4

National American Women Suffrage Association, 1894. Emily Burton Ketchum. [1999.055]	1	5
	<b>Collection</b>	<b>Box</b>
The New and Enlarged Ramona Gardens, Thurs., June 27 ... Charlie Spivak and his sensational orchestra. Copy fragments of a poster by Globe Poster Corp., Chicago. 00.[0236].1-6	224	14
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Park Church Choirs on steps of Ryerson Library, 1931. [Formerly 54-11-6]	1	6
Good Bros. Road Construction Co., Caledonia, Mi. (1) 1999.078	1	8
Seventh St. School (7th St. School) Room 4. Grades 2-1 and 2.2. Class photo, June 19, 1899. 2006.028	1	9
Union Station [Postcard repro.] Vanishing Vista, c. 1973, Lyman E. Cox.	1	14
Postcard Images (21 total) 1999.078.	1	15
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Lowell, including Show Boat (3), Church of the Nazarene (1), Washington St.(1), Factory District (1), City Hall (1), and West Ward School (1); Lumber Mill, Dutton, Mi. (1); White Bridge, Flat River, Lowell/Belding (1); Fallasburg Covered Bridge, Flat River (1); Fish Ponds, John Ball Park (1); Old Post Office and Federal Building, G.R. (1); Grand Rapids Public Museum, Gaslight Village Exhibit (2); Ada, Mi. (6)		
		<b>Box</b>

1st Annual Furniture City Postal Clerks Union Picnic, Dutton Park, Aug. 2, 1959 / Chas. I. Harshberger no. II, photographer. 2001.015 2

GAR, Grand Army of the Republic, Reunion photo. "Watson Post, May 30th, 1914. Panoramic, in three parts. 2006.072 2

Post Folder / compliments of Heystek & Canfield Co. Publ. By Simplicity Co. 2

**Scope and Contents note**

Engraved and printed by James Bayne Co. [Fragile. Use postcard images instead, where available] 00.[1124].2 [7/13/2001]. Original, in Coll. 78, has postcard images printed on paper, accordion folded into a booklet/packet. It is fragile, and users should be directed to use these color copies instead.

Includes the following images: Grand River in 1830 – Cover; Grand River in 1910 – Cover; Grand Rapids Federal Building – Cover; Bathing Beach at Macatawa Park; Grand Rapids, Chicago Short Line Steamer at Macatawa Pier...; Herkimer Hotel; Otte Brother, American Laundry; Citizens Telephone Co. Long Distance Operator’s Room (2 images); Kent State Bank, Ottawa St. and Canal at Lyon (2 images); Heyster & Canfield, 3 images: 56-58 Ionia / 75-77 Monroe / 57-59 Commerce); Preferred Life Insurance Co. of America; Chas. E. Norton Co. – Interior; Henry Smith’s Florist Store – Interior; Gannon-Paine Co. – Interior; Marietta Stanley Co., 35-41 4th St.; Lily White Flour; G.J. Johnson Cigar Co.; Ramona Pavilion and Roof Garden, Reeds Lake; Simplicity Co.; Grand Rapids Electrotpe Co.; James Bayne Co.; Macey Co.; Macey Co.– Room Interior (ad); McLaughlin Business University; John Ball Park / Zoo; Locator map for each company listed

**Drawer**

Panoramic view of Ottawa Beach and Macatawa Resort, 1913. 2001.077. Either a duplicate or old location for this item at 54. IX-B-23 00.[612].1

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**Box**



**Jubilee Souvenir and Official Programme, 1893.[6 images from this booklet,...**

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Park Congregational Church. Interior. View toward organ and choir with flag draped in front. 1999.072.1

**Jubilee Souvenir and Official Programme, 1893.[6 images from this booklet, Coll. 94, Box 13]  
[2/16/2001]**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
.1 Kent County Fair Grounds / Valley City Eng. Co. [Bird's eye view] [pg. [10]	2	2
.2 Views of Grand Rapids. Union Station. (2 overlapping views) Pg. [16]	2	2
.3 Views of Grand Rapids [1] Blodgett Building. Cor. Ottawa and Louis Sts. [2] Cody Building. S.W. Cor. South Division and Fulton Sts. Pg. [26]	2	2
.4 Views of Grand Rapids. Council Chamber 1842 and City Hall 1893. (2 images overlapping) pg. [34]	2	2
.5 Views of Grand Rapids. County Court House 1838 and 1893. (2 images overlapping) pg. [36]	2	2
.6 Views of Grand Rapids Post Office 1841 and 1893 (2 images overlapping) pg. [36]	2	2
<b>Mixed images. Six postcards and 2 photos 2002.008</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1. Miller's Landing [from orig. photo]	1	7

**Then and Now images**

2. Grand Rapids ca. 1893-1900. Cop standing looking at camera in dirt street not yet identified.	1	7
3. John Ball Park	1	7
4. John Ball Park bridge in winter	1	7
5. Hackley Training School, Muskegon	1	7
6. YMCA	1	7
7. Manufacturers Building	1	7
8. Masonic Temple. Note: See Postcard collection for originals of most of the postcards above.	1	7

**Then and Now images****Scope and Contents note**

Done as a student project, by the donor Jesus Ramirez, for a business ethics class project at University of Phoenix, these folders contain laser copies of old photos from various GRPL archival collections. Added to these are Ramirez laser copies of photos or digital output, of the current 2001 view of the same site.  
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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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American Seating building. Copy of image at GRPL Postcard Coll. 78-1-5	1	10
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Then and Now images

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John Widdicomb building	Copy of photo at GRPL Photo Coll. 54-48-2	1	11
Sligh Furniture building	Copy of photo at Furniture Manufacturers Assoc. Coll. 84-21-5	1	12
Wolverine Brass building	Copy of photo at GRPL Photo Coll. 54-48-7	1	13