

**Finding aid for the Past Perfect
historic preservation records
Collection 245**

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Metz, Jennifer
Creator	Past Perfect, Inc.
Creator	Smith-Hoffmann, Rebecca
Title	Past Perfect historic preservation records
Date	no date
Extent	2.2 Linear feet Five boxes plus flat files
Language	English
Abstract	Past Perfect is a historic preservation consulting firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The records in this collection include original and copied materials created or used by the firm. The materials provide historical and architectural information on buildings throughout Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Biographical/Historical note

In 2007, the historic preservation firm Past Perfect, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, celebrated its tenth year. The firm's two principals, Rebecca Smith-Hoffman and Jennifer Metz, work in support of the preservation of Michigan historic buildings and sites, are active in historic organizations in the Grand Rapids and Michigan community, such as the Kent County Historic Preservation Commission and Kent County Council for Historic Preservation, and teach or present information on historic preservation and historic buildings.

Metz & Smith-Hoffman also have strong knowledge of and are contributors to the historical materials held in the book & periodical collections and other archival collections, at the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Department, Grand Rapids Public Library. Through their routine research of buildings and sites during their historic preservation work, and through their contribution of new publications which reflect their work, the history of Grand Rapids built environment continues to become more accessible.

Scope and Contents note

As an open collection to which materials will continue to be added, the scope of this collection will evolve. It is expected to continue to include, however, records which may focus on Grand Rapids, Michigan in particular, but also on the other Michigan projects which come to the firm.

It is expected that those records no longer needed by the firm, including architectural drawings and those other print, digital or visual files which don't easily fit normal book shelves, will make their way into this archival collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Rebecca Smith-Hoffman and Jennifer Metc, both of Past Perfect. Accession numbers 2001.043, 2001.043B, 2000.024, 1999.125, 2002.049, 2002.095 and 00.[5467].7 (2 copies)

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Documents representing the work of Ms. Smith-Hoffman and Ms. Metz may be found in the library book collections, periodical articles, and potentially in other collections within the archives.

See also Coll. 163, Kent County Council for Historic Preservation Oral History Project Collection and Ancillary Historic Preservation Files

Ms. Metz has also taught historic preservation as an adjunct instructor at Kendall College. Documents from student projects for her courses are usually processed for Coll. 254, Grand Rapids Buildings Collection.

As strong supporters of the department, they also contribute miscellaneous ephemera and publications about Grand Rapids area architecture and planning, which is most often added to Coll. 254, Grand Rapids Building Collection : Architects & Planners, Architecture & Planning, Historical Preservation, Landscape Architecture.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Buildings -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Historic buildings -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Historic preservation -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Series I. Firm Information.

Collection Inventory

Series I. Firm Information.	
	Box
Grand Rapids Press Prints/Clippings. 1. Jennifer Metz 2. Rebecca Smith-Hoffman	1
Web Site Pages Capture. Sept. 24, 2001	1
Christmas Cards and Advertising Cards	1
Series II. Historic Preservation Information	
Series III. Project Documents	
Berkey & Gay	
	Box
Berkey & Gay Company Furniture Factory Historic District Study Committee.	3
Final Report 2000 ... / prepared by Past Perfect, Inc. 2001.043B. See also an Aug. 2000 version of this report in Coll. 254 Box 1.	1

Boardwalk

FF-XIV-B

Berkey & Gay Building. New Offices of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones, PLC / Winkelmann Assoc., Architects. 2001. 2 sheets, entrance elevation. Architectural drawings. [2002.049, 4/16/2002]

Boardwalk**Box**

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The Boardwalk : uptown community living. Opening Gala Celebration packet. Includes 3 color photos, invitations, and information documents in a pocketed folder 2003.044

Cherry St.**Box**

FF-XIV-B

Cherry Street Landing / DesignPlus, 1998. 23 architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]

Downtown Development**Box**

3

Downtown Grand Rapids, Mi. Historical and Architectural Survey / City of GR, Central City Survey, Phase III. City of GR Planning Dept.; GR Downtown Development Authority. In Cooperation with Michigan Dept. of State. Survey Consultants: Past Perfect, Inc., July 2000. 2 CDs 1. Addresses A-R 2. Addresses S-Z [2001.043C] Feb. 12, 2002

3

Central City Survey, Phase III, Grand Rapids, Michigan / Past Perfect, Inc. July 2000 [oversized maps] 00.[5467].7 (2 copies) Second copy at FF-XIV-B

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Fairmount Square

NOTE: Published version of survey received from cataloging 10/27/2006, is shelved with the Local History Book Collection, and has the title: Central City Survey, Phase III. Downtown Building Survey, Grand Rapids, Michigan / Past Perfect, Inc. July 2000. M711.4.C333

Downtown Priorities : the report of the DDA Priorities Committee / GR Downtown Development Authority, Jan. 1996. In plastic report cover with black slide. Green highlighter used on some pages in the back. 2003.044

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Sharing ideas and plans for Downtown projects 7 initiatives / City of Grand Rapids. Feb. 9, 1996. Project overviews, including one on the Peck Building by RSH. Some color graphics included. 2003.044

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Frey Foundation : public art and city enhancement initiative / Community Advisory Committee. Apr. 23, 1996. Notes in ink on the back of one page. 2003.044

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Fairmount Square**Box**

Fairmount Square Historic District. Final Report of the study committee, Sept. 1999

2

Photo Album. Eastern St. area, ca. 1998

2

Heartside**Box**

Old Town/Heartside Opportunities / City of Grand Rapids. 8 pgs, including historic district and historic landmarks maps on inside back cover. 2003.044

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Peck Building

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	Box
Peck Building Renovation / Integrated Architecture, et al. 1998. 23 architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]	FF-XIV-B
Peck Building / True North Architecture, 1999. 3 architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]	FF-XIV-B
Peck Building Renovation / Integrated Architects. Sheets No. A5.1 (4 copies) 1997, 1999. 4 architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]	FF-XIV-B
+ transmittal sheet	2
Rathbone Renovation / Cornerstone Architects. Feb. 1, 1993. Existing Facilities Survey. 1 blackline sheet. Architectural drawing. [2002.049, 4/16/2002]	FF-XIV-B
Rails to Trails	
	Box
Historic Resources Inventory of Five Linear State Parks / Sponsored by Mich. Dept. of Natural Resources, parks and Recreation Bureau, State Park Stewardship Program, Michigan Historical Center, Michigan Dept. of History, Arts & Libraries. Oct. 2002. ; Report prepared by Past Perfect, Inc. Parks included: Lakeland Trail; White Pine Trail; Kal-Haven Trail; Van Buren Trail; Hart-Montague Trail	5
9 Sets of Railroad Right of Way drawings.	

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Station and right of way maps with common formal title elements: Grand Trunk Western R.R. Co. Operated by the Grand Trunk Western R.R. Co. Station x + x to Station x + X, June 30, 1917.... Toronto, Canada.

Box

[Set 1] [Hart to Montague] Set of 19 Blueline prints. VAL SEC 3F

RB6

[Set 2] [White Pine] Railroad Right-of-Way- Maps : Osceola County / Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Jan. 29, 1987. Sheet nos. 1-48, Comstock Park to Reeds City.

RB5

[Set 3] [White Pine Trail. Montcalm Co.] Railroad Right-of-Way- Maps : Montcalm County / Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Feb. 9, 1989. Sheets 1 to 23, Comstock Park to Reeds City”.

RB6

[Set 4] [White Pine. Mecosta] Railroad Right-of-Way- Maps : Wexford County / Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Dec. 1, 1987. Sheets nos. 1 to 13, Reeds City to Petoskey”.

RB5

[Set 5] [White Pine to Mecosta County] Railroad Right-of-Way- Maps : Mecosta / Michigan Dept. of Transportation. Nov. 30, 1988. Sheets nos. 1 to 47, Comstock Park to Reeds City”.

RB5

[Set 6] [White Pine to Kent County] Railroad Right-of-Way- Maps : Kent County / Michigan Dept. of Transportation. March 12, 1986. Sheets nos. 1 to 42, Comstock Park to Reeds City”.

RB5

[Set 7] [Lakeland Trail] Drawings evidently reproduced as 3 to 4 sheets, i.e. parts, of sheet nos. S18 to S25. Total sheets = 31.

RB6

St. Andrew's Cathedral

RB6

[Set 8] [Van Buren] No formal title sheet. South Haven area. 26 Sheets, with VAL SEC 4D labeling

RB5

[Set 9 [Kal-Haven] Right of Way and Track Map, Michigan Central Railroad Co., South Haven Branch, Dec. 28, 1917. V, 19-M, Sheets 1 to 19

St. Andrew's Cathedral**Box**

FF-XIV-A

Copies of set of drawings, 81 sheets. Cathedral of St. Andrew. Phase II, Renovation and Addition, Apr. 1999 / Quinn Evans Architects, Ann Arbor, et al

Wealthy Street Theatre**Box**

FF-XIV-B

Wealthy Street Theatre / Quinn Evans, Architects, Ann Arbor, Mich. 9 Blueline prints. N.d. Architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]

FF-XIV-B

Wealthy Street Theatre / Quinn Evans, Architects, Ann Arbor, Mich. Oct. 10, 1997. 2 Blueline prints. Architectural drawings. [2002.049, 4/16/2002]

FF-XIV-B

Wealthy Street Theatre / MHB Design Group, Inc. Oct. 10, 1997. 3 sheets. Architectural drawings [2002.049, 4/16/2002]

5

The "Raising the Curtain" Capital Campaign : case for Support / South East Economic Development (SEED), Wealthy Theatre Restoration Project. 6 sheets, plus covers. 2003.044

Series IV. Preservation Organizations

Wealthy Street Economic Development Plan / developed by South East Economic Development Ind., Nov. 27, 1990. 2003.044	5
Wealthy Theatre Restoration Project : Master Plan / SEED, Inc. ; Quinn Evans/Architects, MHB Design Group, Inc., Apr. 1995. Includes floor plans and construction information. 2003.044	5

Series IV. Preservation Organizations

A. Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

	Box	Folder
Conference InformationFlyer/Poster. 20th Annual Michigan Preservation Conference, May 4-6, 2000, Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids At-A-Glance	4	1

B. Kent County Council for Historic Preservation.

	Box	Folder
“Save City Hall” bumper sticker, 2003	4	2

C. Kent County Historic Preservation Commission. See Coll. 163