

**Finding aid for the Clemetsen family images
Collection 265
including glass and film negatives**

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Clemetsen, Betsy
Creator	Clemetsen, Harold
Title	Clemetsen family images
Date	no date
Extent	0.96 Linear feet Five boxes
Language	English
Abstract	The Clemetsen family images contains approximately 70 images which include views of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as well as other identified and unidentified people and locations. Most of the negatives are 5x7, with some 4x5 negatives.

Biographical/Historical note

Based upon U.S. Census records and a Citizens Historical Association biography located in departmental files, it appears that the images in this collection are from the Hans Clementsen (Clementson) family of Grand Rapids, Michigan, via his son Harold A. Clemetsen and his grandson, also Harold A. Clemetsen.

Hans Clemetsen (b. 1862) was born in Norway, immigrating to the United States in 1883 with his wife, Augusta Berg Clementsen (d. 1896). Initially, they lived, studied and worked in Chicago, where by 1904 Hans was employed by the Commercial Furniture Company. By 1906 they had moved to Grand Rapids, where Hans became Vice President of the Valley City Desk Company. He continued in the furniture industry of Grand Rapids throughout his life. The couple had six children.

Harold A. Clemetsen (1895-1937) was their sixth child. He served in World War I and was unwed at the time of registration. He died in 1937. He and his wife had two children, Harold and Harley.

Little is known about Harold A. Clemetsen, Jr. who, along with his wife Betsy, donated these images to the Grand Rapids Public Library. They were living in East Lansing, Michigan at the time of donation. Betsy died in March of 2001.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Harold and Betsy Clemetsen, accession number 1998.022.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- photographs

Geographic Name(s)

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

Biographical

Collection Inventory

Series I Biographical		
	Box	Folder
Biographical information on Clemetson Family	5	1
Series II Negatives		
Scope and Contents note		
An asterisk by the negative description indicates the presence of a print in Box 5.		
Subseries A Glass Negatives		
Grand Rapids Flood?, Grand River, possibly 1904. 5x7		
	Box	Folder
Houses in flood waters	1	1
Bridge, factories	1	2
Factories or power plant	1	3
Railroad Crossing, telephone poles in flood	1	4

4x5

Wagemaker Furniture Co.	1	5
Stone building, possibly a church, with Richardson Romanque type design and ogee arches on lower level. Flood continues?	1	6
Houses and out buildings in the flood	1	7
Railroad flooded? Men standing on raised railway bed looking down at flood conditions?	1	8
People in boats in front of houses	1	9
Flood damage or water over fencing along shoreline with buildings.	1	10
Reeds Lake or boat clubs on Grand River	1	11
4x5		
	Box	Folder
Two figures in foreground looking across water to building.	1	12
Holland? Express van, Milwaukee. Perhaps a moving van outside of a house.	1	13
Similar to 13 with men in the yard.	1	14
5x7		

	Box	Folder
People seated on the raised entrance steps to a small building with a double door entrance.	1	15
2 story house with people on raised entrance steps and upper porch	1	16
Same house with people on raised entrance steps	1	17
House number 106, street unknown, family in yard	1	18
Same House, another view, with family	2	19
Large house on corner? Lot, with people on porch and in front of picket fence. Fire hydrant?	2	20
Same house as folder 15	2	21
Same house and maybe view as folder 16	2	22
Brownstone type duplex	2	23
Mother with 5 children, on step/yard, before house obscured by tree	2	24
Modest 2 story house with wrap around porch, dirt road in front	2	25
Street scape	2	26
273? house number on stone house, with people on steps/porch	2	27

4x5

Large house with women on porch on one side, and another porch set back on opposite site under oval window.	2	28
Another view of folder 27?	2	29
Modest 2-story stone house, with people on steps/yard, entrance on upper level.	2	30
An empty sleeve at this location has: No. 15. Name ABonde House. Remarks. [none]		
4x5		
	Box	Folder
Jacket has: Neg. no. 29. Aug. 30, no year. Brand of Plate Hammer Special. Condition of light: Fair. Time of Day: 7 am. Lens: Ziez wide angel [sic angle]. Exposure 6 sec. Developer Hydroquinon. Dev. Paper Carlyko? Exposure: 5 min. Subject: Uncle Julius Clemetsen House.	2	0.31
Jacket has: Neg. no. 30. Date: Aug. 30, 02. Uncle Clemetsen's House.	2	0.32
4 x 5 Landscape	2	0.33
Black	2	0.34
Souvenir, 1904 St. Louis World's Fair	2	0.35
Decorative.	2	0.36

*Painting of Woman. M. Alten, 1907, upper right	3	0.37
*Landscape. M. Alten 1907? or 1917?.	3	0.38
Faded Landscape.	3	0.39
Landscape with frame clearly showing	3	0.4
Landscape in frame	3	0.41
Landscape with horses and wagon	3	0.42
Landscape with cows. Emulsion flaking off	3	0.43
Landscape	3	0.44
Landscape, texture of canvas visible	3	0.45
Darker copy of .36, see .36 for a clearer image	3	0.46
Unclear image	3	0.47
Unclear, faded?	3	0.48
Pier?, sky?	3	0.49
Woman standing on bank of river	3	0.5

Unclear	3	0.51
River, bank, ducks on river	3	0.52
Another view of woman on bank of river	3	0.53
Dark	3	0.54
Emulsion almost all gone	4	0.55
Rural scene with river?	4	0.56
Rural scene with river?	4	0.57
Man sitting by a tree in a hilly, woody scene	4	0.58
Path or road	4	0.59
2 decker boat	4	0.6
Interior, domestic?	4	0.61
Pocket watch	4	0.62
Dark. People on porch.	4	0.63
W.S. Davis Dry Good Grocery	4	0.64

Monument in City, as in Detroit or Indianapolis	4	0.65
Interior, parlor?	4	0.66
Street scene, with sign on building: The Gray Club	4	0.67
Interior with pot bellied stove	4	0.68
Desk, painting supplies apparent	4	0.69
*Bird's Eye view of Fulton Street Park, including Ryerson Building, YMCA, Fountain Street Church, cars parked by park, no leaves on trees.	4	0.7
*Bird's eye view of Fulton Street to the East. Masonic Temple, Methodist Church on left in background, Fulton Street Park not really visible, nice old houses shown on left are all demolished. Building in right foreground has The Burlson. Cars and some people on street, no leaves on trees.	4	0.71
*National Bank Building (later McKay Tower) in construction on Monroe, Campau Square. Dirt street, with rail tracks, people on street.	4	0.72
*View with the bank in construction from Monroe looking toward the Pantlind, also in construction. Street car 334, Lafayette/Stocking, on street, people on street, telephone lines, electric street lights.	4	0.73
*Grand River view?	4	0.74

Film negatives

Other negatives include dups. Of those above or other buildings and views not recognizable as Grand Rapids, but perhaps Lansing?

Subseries B Film negatives

Box **Folder**

Film negatives

5

x

Series III Prints made from the negatives.

Box **Folder**

Nos. 37-38. Mathias Alten paintings (2) with Kodak digital printer
1/5/2009

5

x

Nos. 70-74. Grand Rapids views, including Fulton Park area, Monroe Ave.
area.

5

x