

Finding aid for the Thomas R. Wilson graphics collection Collection 359

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator:	Wilson, Thomas R
Title:	Thomas R. Wilson graphics collection
ID:	Collection 359
Date [inclusive]:	2006-
Physical Description:	2.2 Linear Feet Two boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Thomas R. Wilson graphics collection focuses primarily on the reproduction graphics or photographs created by Wilson and given to the library. Tom currently operates a home business creating poster art from historical travel literature and ephemera. Wilson and his wife, M. Christine Byron, are authors of several Michigan travel books.

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Biographical / Historical

Tom currently operates a home business creating poster art from historical travel literature and ephemera, an endeavor he has pursued since retiring from Sears. Wilson and his wife, M. Christine Byron, are authors of several Michigan travel books, many of which include postcard images from their extensive collection. Chris retired from her position as a Librarian in the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections department at the Grand Rapids Public Library. Both are frequent donors of a variety of maps and ephemera to the Library's collections, many of which have been processed into other GRPL archival collections.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Thomas Wilson, accession number 2006.036.

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Related Materials

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Coll. 224, GRPL Art & Graphics Collections. This collection includes some graphic items given by Tom Wilson before the creation of this separate collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

- photographs
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Wilson, Thomas R

Collection Inventory

Series I. Digital Images

Subseries A. Digital files

Title/Description	Instances
Monroe Ave., Downtown, Grand Rapids, 2006	Box 1

Scope and Contents

One CD with JPEG digital image files; no written identification of the images available. CD includes possibly three different versions of numerous images listed in folders "Data", "Modified" and "Original", for Rolls 063, 118 & 119. Each roll has numerous images.

Roll/Folder 063 includes images numbers: DSC00514-DSC00524; 26-30; 32-50; 52; 54; 60-61; 63-69; 71-82; 84-86

Roll/Folder 118 includes image numbers: DSC00556-DSC00565; 567-584; DSC00680-DSC00682

Roll/Folder 119 includes image numbers: DSC00596-DSC00604; 607; 620-624

Select images used in the Monroe Ave. wall exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Library, 2007 to April 2009, primarily to show the "Now" image, compared to the earlier "Then" images from the archival collections.

Subseries B. Photographic prints

Title/Description	Instances
D.A. Blodgett Home for Children, Cherry St. between Eastern & Diamond, March 2006	Box 1

Scope and Contents

Depicts the renovation of the Blodgett building, to demolition of later facade. 2006.036.

Michigan National Bank. Detail Sculpture on building exterior. 2007.004.1	Box 1
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Sears, Roebuck and Co., 11 Commerce NW., ca. 1928. Includes Rowlinson Printing, Ghysels & Larson Furriers. 2006.002j, 1928	Box 1
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Series II. Reproduction Graphics

Scope and Contents

These items previously processed as part of Coll. 224 and need to be moved to this collection. Some recent are just unprocessed. 00.[5618].2-5 At 280/224-20 9/16/2008

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