

# **Finding aid for the Gordon Van Smith postcards Collection 377**

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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>Creator - Collector</b>	Smith, Gordon Van
<b>Title</b>	Gordon Van Smith postcards
<b>Date</b>	1900s-1980s
<b>Extent</b>	0.66 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Gordon Van Smith posts contains over 250 postcards of the Grand Rapids area. The postcards range in date from the early 1900s through the 1980s. Many local landmarks are represented, as well as street views, river scenes and bridge views.

## Scope and Contents note

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Over 250 postcards of the Grand Rapids area, ranging from the early 1900s to the 1980s. The postcards are maintained in order as arranged by the donor.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department April 2011

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gordon Van Smith, accession number 1990.033.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- postcards

### Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

### Subject(s)

- Postcards -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

## Postcards

## Collection Inventory

<b>Postcards</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Antoine Campau Park (4)	1	1
John Ball Park (13)	1	2
Crescent Park (3)	1	3
Fulton Street Park (4)	1	4
Monument Park	1	5
Lookout Park	1	6
Highland Park (2)	1	7
<b>Grand Rapids Homecoming and 60th Anniversary Celebration, August 22-27, 1910 (8)</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Michigan Soldier's Home Grounds	1	8
New High School	1	8

## Grand Rapids Homecoming and 60th Anniversary Celebration, August 22-27, 19...

City Hall and New Federal Building	1	8
Union Depot	1	8
New Elks' Temple	1	8
Children's Home	1	8
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Kent County Airport (2)	1	9
City Centre	1	10
Civic Auditorium	1	11
Vandenberg Center	1	12
Hall of Justice, Police Department (3)	1	13
Veteran's Memorial Park	1	14
[Grand Rapids] Public Library	1	15
Gerald R. Ford Museum (4)	1	16
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel / Pantlind Hotel (6)	1	17

## Reproduction Postcards (Thornapple Press, 1967).

La Grande Vitesse / Calder (2)	1	18
Grand Center	1	19
Monroe Center (3)	1	20
Fish Ladder	1	21
Voigt House	1	22

**Reproduction Postcards (Thornapple Press, 1967).**

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Barrett side-wheeler	1	70
May Graham side-wheeler	1	70
Opening of New City Hall	1	70
Valley City Cable Cars	1	70
Morton House Livery	1	70
Wolverine Bicycle Club at John Ball Park	1	70
White & White's Ice Cream Soda	1	70

## Hotels

Patrol Team outside new (1892) Police Station	1	70
Sweet's on Campau Square	1	70
1904 Flood	1	70

## Hotels

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Pantlind Hotel (6)	1	23
Hotel Rowe (2)	1	23
Morton House (4)	1	23
Livingston Hotel (2)	1	23
Hermitage Hotel (1)	1	23
Cody Hotel (1)	1	23

## Schools

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Collins School (1)	1	24
Sigsbee Street School (1)	1	24



## Churches

Central High School (2)	1	24
Gymnasium adjoining High School (1)	1	24
South High School (1)	1	24
Union High School (1)	1	24
Calvin College (1)	1	24
Aquinas College, administration building (1)	1	24
St. Joseph Seminary (1)	1	24
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Museums [Grand Rapids Public Museum] (2)	1	25
<b>Churches</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
St. Andrew's Cathedral (2)	1	26
Fountain Street Baptist Church (2)	1	26
St. Mary's Church (2)	1	26
St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1)	1	26

## Furniture Industry Buildings

All Souls Church (1)	1	26
Christian Science Church (2)	1	26
First Methodist Church (2)	1	26
<b>Furniture Industry Buildings</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Manufacturers Furniture Exposition Building	1	27
Furniture Exhibit Building (2)	1	27
Furniture Temple (3)	1	27
Grand Rapids Furniture Museum (2)	1	27
Phoenix Furniture Co.	1	27
Luce Furniture Co.	1	27
American Seating Co.	1	27
Grand Rapids Chair Co. (3)	1	27
Oriel Cabinet Co. (2)	1	27

## Organization Buildings

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<b>Organization Buildings</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Peninsular Club	1	28
Pythian Temple	1	28
Y.M.C.A. (2)	1	28
Grand Rapids Boat and Canoe Club (4)	1	28
Elks' Temple / BPOE Building (4)	1	28
Masonic Temple (4)	1	28
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Police Headquarters	1	29
Post Office; Federal Building (3)	1	30
City Hall; Court House	1	31
The Evening Press; The Grand Rapids Press	1	32
Ryerson Public Library (2)	1	33
Fox Residence	1	34

## Hospitals

Civic Auditorium	1	35
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D.A. Blodgett Home for Children; Children's Home	1	36
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### Hospitals

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U.B.A. Hospital (2)	1	37
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Butterworth Hospital (2)	1	37
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St. Mary's Hospital (2)	1	37
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Grand River views (3): showing Citizens Telephone; Bissell Carpet Sweeper	1	38
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Bridge Street bridge (9)	1	39
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Leonard Street bridge (3)	1	40
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### Banks

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Grand Rapids Savings Bank (2)	1	41
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National Bank of Grand Rapids (2)	1	41
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## Bridges

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Pumping Station, Hydraulic Water Company; Filtration Plant; Pumping Station	1	42
Radio and TV Station WOOD	1	43
Grand Rapids Art Gallery	1	44
Manufacturers Building	1	45
Michigan National Guard Armory	1	46
St. Cecelia Building	1	47
Michigan Soldier's Home (4)	1	48
Michigan Trust Building	1	49
Herpolsheimer's Department Store	1	50
Little Sisters of the Poor	1	51
St. John's Orphans' Home	1	52
<b>Bridges</b>		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>

## Railroad Buildings

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Grand River at North Park	1	53
Interurban Bridge	1	53
Dean Memorial Bridge	1	53
Wealthy Ave Bridge	1	53
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Pearl Street Bridge (4)	1	54
Grand River Views (16)	1	55

### Scope and Contents note

Including Grand River above North Park; Canoe Landing, North Park;  
Below Grand Rapids; Dynamiting Six Feet of Ice, 1907; The Dam;  
Riverfront and Skyline (2)

## Railroad Buildings

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Union Depot (4)	1	56
Union Depot Train Shed (1)	1	56
A.R.C. Railway Canteen, Union Station (1)	1	56

**Boats**

Grand Trunk Depot (2)	1	56
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**Boats**

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Grand River Freight and Passenger Line	1	57
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W.H. Barrett side-wheeler	1	57
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Kent County Airport	1	58
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Street Views: Ottawa (3), Monroe (1)	1	59
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**General note**

Note: The Monroe street view lines up with one of the Ottawa street views

City Market (4)	1	60
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**Street Views: Monroe Avenue / Canal Street**

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Pearl & Monroe (2)	1	61
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Canal Street by Night (1)	1	61
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## Street Views: Monroe Avenue / Canal Street

Lower Monroe (2)	1	61
Monroe Avenue showing Herpolsheimer's (1)	1	61
Monroe and S. Division (1)	1	61
Monroe East from Campau Square (1)	1	61
North Monroe Ave at Night (1)	1	61
Monroe Avenue looking toward Campau Square from Fulton Street (1)	1	61
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Campau Square; Campau Square with Fourth National Bank Building	1	62
Street View: North Lafayette St	1	63
Street View: Pearl St	1	64
Madison Square	1	65
Street Views: Michigan Ave / Bridge St (4)	1	66
Street Views: State and Cherry St (2)	1	67
Street View: Robinson Road	1	68



**Street Views: Monroe Avenue / Canal Street**

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Street View: College Avenue

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