

Baker & Dallett

A Finding Aid for  
Architectural Drawings, ca. 1911,  
in  
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings, ca. 1911.
- Coll. ID: 128
- Origin: Baker & Dallett, fl. 1888-1912, architects.
- Extent: Architectural drawings: 2 sheets.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104-6311  
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- Abstract: The collection comprises three watercolor renderings (on two sheets) for two projects designed ca. 1911 by the firm of Baker & Dallett..
- Indexes: This collection is included in the Philadelphia Architects and Buildings Project, a searchable database of architectural research materials related to architects and architecture in Philadelphia and surrounding regions:  
<http://www.philadelphiabuildings.org>
- Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in RLIN Eureka, the union catalogue of members of the Research Libraries Group. The record number for this collection is PAUP01-A34.

**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

L. C. Baker, Jr. (1859-1915) began his architectural career in 1880 in the office of the Philadelphia architectural firm Furness & Evans, and in 1881 E. James Dallett (1861-1917) also joined the firm. Both were made partners in 1886 when Furness & Evans became Furness, Evans & Co. In 1888 the two men left to form their own firm based in Philadelphia.

Baker & Dallett designed a wide variety of buildings between 1888 and 1912 in Pennsylvania and Delaware (in Philadelphia and Wilmington and surrounding counties). In 1912, Baker established independent offices in Philadelphia and Dallett moved his practice to Wilmington.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)**

Baker & Dallett.

Baker, L. C. (Louis Carter), 1859-1915.

Dallett, E. James (Elijah James), 1861-1917.

Third National Bank (Philadelphia, Pa.)--Buildings.

Chester National Bank (Chester, Pa.)--Buildings.

Architects--Archives.

Architectural design--History--20th century--Sources.

Architectural drawing--United States.

Architecture, Modern--20th century--United States--Designs and plans.

Philadelphia (Pa.)--Buildings, structures, etc--History--Sources.

Chester (Pa.)--Buildings, structures, etc--History--Sources.

Form/Genre:

Architectural drawings--American.

Note: Baker was born Lewis Carter Baker, Jr. As an adult he preferred the spelling Louis.

### **Administrative Information**

Restrictions on access: This collection is available for research by appointment only.

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## Container list

Call#	Descriptive Title
[128.1]	Chester National Bank; presentation watercolor drawing, undated (1 original). [note: This sheet has two distinct elevations]
[128.1]	Third National Bank; presentation watercolor drawing, undated (1 original).

## Appendix A

### Project Index

#### **Chester National Bank**

Chester, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: undated

note/s: Baker & Dallett. Presentation watercolor drawings.

holdings:

[128.1] 1 sheet (2 presentation watercolor drawings).

#### **Third National Bank**

S.W. corner Broad and Market Sts., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: undated

note/s: Alterations and Additions, 1911, Baker & Dallett. Presentation watercolor drawing.

holdings:

[128.1] 1 sheet.