

Peabody & Stearns
A Finding Aid for
Architectural Drawings for the Craig Biddle Residence,
1901-1930 (bulk 1901-1902),
in
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings for the Craig Biddle Residence, 1901-1930 (bulk 1901-1902).
- Coll. ID: 199
- Origin: Peabody & Stearns, architects.
- Extent: Architectural drawings 1 original, 24 prints.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
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- Abstract: The collection comprises one original architectural drawing and 24 prints for the Craig Biddle Residence in Wayne, Pennsylvania. The collection contains drawings, 1901-1902, for the original design of the house by Peabody and Stearns and for the landscape design by Olmsted Brothers. The collection also contains drawings for additions to the residence and landscape by Francis A. Gugert, architect, Ellen Biddle Shipman, landscape architect, and Robert B. Cridland, landscape architect, executed for Archibald Barklie between 1913 and 1930.
- 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-A32.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The estate house and gardens of Craig Biddle (1823-1910) was built ca. 1902 in Wayne, Radnor Township, Pennsylvania by the prominent Boston architectural firm of Peabody & Stearns in collaboration with Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects. The property was purchased ca. 1910 by Archibald Barklie who named the estate "Inverness House." Several additions to the house and alterations to the landscape were executed during Barklie's ownership of the property, including a garden fountain by Ellen Biddle Shipman, a prominent landscape architect and relative of Craig Biddle. Published sources indicate that Shipman had designed part of the original landscape. The house was purchased in the mid-20th century by the Neuman Family through whom the drawings came into the Archives collection. The house was demolished at an unknown date.

Scope and Content Note

The collection comprises one original architectural drawing and 24 prints for the Craig Biddle Residence. The collection contains 9 prints for the original design of the house by Peabody and Stearns and 11 prints for the landscape design by Olmsted Brothers. The collection also contains drawings for additions to the residence and landscape by Francis A. Gugert, architect, Ellen Biddle Shipman, landscape architect, and Robert B. Cridland, landscape architect, executed for Archibald Barklie between 1913 and 1930. The one original drawing is by Gugert, dated 1913. The collection contains no visual materials documenting Shipman's participation in the original (1901-1902) landscape design.

A summary of holdings for this project in this collection is found in Appendix A.

Access Points for Indexing

Peabody & Stearns (Boston Mass.)

Gugert, Francis A. (Francis Albert), 1873-1939.

Shipman, Ellen Biddle, 1869-1950.

Cridland, Robert B.

Olmsted Brothers.

Architects--Archives.

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

Architectural drawing--United States.

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

Architecture, Domestic--Philadelphia (Pa.) Suburban Area--Designs and plans.

Landscape architecture--20th century--United States--Designs and plans.

Architectural drawings--American.

Administrative Information

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

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Acquisition: Gift of Roger Neuman, 1999.

Processing: The collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by William Whitaker, Emily Cooperman, Laura Stroffolino and Nancy Thorne. Work was substantially completed in 2001, with additions and corrections in 2003.

Container list

Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Extent: 25 architectural drawings (1 original, 24 prints).

Arrangement: Arranged by project in chronological order.

Call#	Descriptive Title
[199.1]	Biddle Residence; construction drawings by Peabody and Stearns, undated (9 blueprints mounted on linen)
[199.2]	Biddle Residence; construction drawings by Olmsted Brothers, 1901-02 (11 blueprints mounted on linen)
[199.2]	Barklie Residence, horse stable addition; construction drawings by Francis A. Gugert, architect, dated 9/13/1913 (1 original, 1 blueline print).
[199.2]	Barklie Residence, garden fountain addition; construction drawing by Ellen [McGowan Biddle] Shipman, landscape architect, dated 11/1920 (1 print).
[199.2]	Barklie Residence, garden; construction drawings by Robert B. Cridland, landscape architect, dated 10/23/1930 (1 diazo print).
[199.2]	Barklie Residence; aerial photograph, undated (1 diazo print).

Appendix A

Project Index

Biddle Residence (later Barklie Residence, “Inverness House”)

Biddle, Craig (later Barklie, Archibald)

Goshen Road, Wayne, Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1901-1930

note/s: Built, ca. 1902, Peabody and Stearns, architects (Boston, Massachusetts) and Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects. Stable, designed 1913, Francis A. Gugert, architect (of Wayne, Pennsylvania).

Garden fountain addition, 1920, Ellen Biddle Shipman. Garden additions, 1930, Robert B. Cridland.

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[199.1] Biddle Residence; construction drawings by Peabody and Stearns, undated (9 blueprints mounted on linen)

[199.2] Biddle Residence; construction drawings by Olmsted Brothers, 1901-1902 (11 blueprints mounted on linen)

[199.2] Barklie Residence, horse stable addition; construction drawings by Francis A. Gugert, architect, dated 9/13/1913 (1 original, 1 blueline print).

[199.2] Barklie Residence, garden fountain addition; construction drawing by Ellen [McGowan Biddle] Shipman, landscape architect, dated 11/1920 (1 print).

[199.2] Barklie Residence, garden; construction drawings by Robert B. Cridland, landscape architect, dated 10/23/1930 (1 diazo print).

[199.2] Barklie Residence; aerial photograph, undated (1 diazo print).