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Leon Clemmer

Leon Clemmer Collection

(Collection 154)

Leon Clemmer, (b. 1926)

A Finding Aid for  
Leon Clemmer Collection, 1946-1991  
in  
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Leon Clemmer Collection, 1946-1991
- Coll. ID: 154
- Origin: Leon Clemmer, b. 1926, architect.
- Extent: 240 Architectural drawings, 1 photograph
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania  
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- Abstract: The Leon Clemmer Collection contains the architectural drawings of the work of Leon Clemmer from the 1962-1991. The materials are related to projects in and around Philadelphia as well as many projects associated with Ocean City, NJ. The collection also contains some of Clemmer's Student work as well as a set of drawings from Vincent Kling's office.
- 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 WorldCat, an international union catalogue of library and archival holdings. The record number for this collection is

## Biographical/Historical Sketch

A descendant of the Steele family of prominent Philadelphia builders, architect Leon Clemmer was born in the city, the son of medical doctor Leon and Mary Steele Clemmer. Clemmer attended the William Penn Charter School and graduated from Philadelphia's Central High School in 1941 before following the example of many members of his family and enrolling in the University of Pennsylvania. Clemmer studied in the Moore School of Electrical Engineering before earning a B. Arch. from the School of Fine Arts in 1951. Clemmer had served in the Pacific in World War II.

Before establishing his own firm, Clemmer worked in a number of Philadelphia offices. While still at Penn, he worked for [Wark & Company](#) (1947), [Howell Lewis Shay](#) (1948-9), and [Samuel I. Oshiver](#) (1950). After completing his degree, Clemmer joined the office of [Vincent G. Kling](#) in 1951, where he was made a project manager before his departure in 1956 for [Nolen & Swinburne](#), where he also managed projects. In 1957, Clemmer was made the office manager at [Gleeson & Mulrooney](#). He remained there until 1961, when he formed a partnership with [Edward L. Holland](#) which lasted only until 1962, when Clemmer opened his own office in Philadelphia. In 1968, he moved his practice to Jenkintown, PA.

Clemmer joined the national AIA in 1960 and served on its committee on justice in 1981. He has been active in the Philadelphia Chapter, serving as secretary in 1974 and a director from 1976 until 1981. Clemmer was a director of the Pennsylvania Society of Architects from 1980 until 1986, and chaired that organization's public affairs committee from 1984 to 1986. Clemmer has been active in a number of professional organizations as well: he was the president of the Young Engineers for the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia in 1957; and the president of Philadelphia's Carpenters Company in 1987. Clemmer also served as a director of Bartram's Gardens (1990-1994), a director of Historic Rittenhousetown (1986-1990), and as president of the Old York Road Historical Society (1995-1998). A member of the Union League, Clemmer served as a director (1986-1991) and has been involved on a number of committees of that organization. Clemmer was a member of the Abington Township (Montgomery County) planning commission from 1962 until 1980, and of the township's economic development committee from 1994-1998.

*Written by Emily T. Cooperman.*

## Scope and Content Note

The collection has been divided into three subseries reflecting the divisions of the work represented in the Leon Clemmer Collection. Series I.A contains Clemmer's student work as well as drawings related to his professional projects. Subseries I.B comprises all of the drawings that are found in the collection associated with Ocean City, NJ. Subseries I.C contains drawings in this collection that are the work of architects other than Leon Clemmer including a set by Vincent Kling.

## Series Overview

- I. Architectural Drawings.
  - A. Student Work and Professional Practice
  - B. Drawings Related to Ocean City, NJ
  - C. Drawings by Other Architects

A full index to projects represented in this collection is found in Appendix A.

## Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Clemmer, Leon (b. 1926)  
Kling, Vincent (b. 1916)

Ocean City, NJ

## Administrative Information

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

Preferred collection citation: Leon Clemmer Collection, The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania.

Acquisition: Gift of Leon Clemmer, 2000.

Processing: The collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by William Whitaker and Michael Shoriak. Work was substantially completed in November, 2010.

## Container list

### Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Extent: 240 architectural drawings.

Arrangement: Arranged by project in chronological order.

#### A. Student Work and Professional Practice

Call #	Descriptive Title	
154.I.A.1	Student Work and Misc. Personal Materials	(1946-1988)
154.I.A.2	Register House	(11/17/1964-3/26/2965)
154.I.A.2	Trinity Office Building	(3/29/1965)
154.I.A.2	Lamott AME Church, Ats.	(8/4/1970)
154.I.A.3	Nuber Office Building	(7/18/1972)
154.I.A.3	Washington Mill	(1979)
154.I.A.3	Elkins Park Station, Alts.	(9/5/1985-4/23/1986)
154.I.A.3	Summit House	(1987)
154.I.A.3	Pennington Presbyterian Church, Alts.	(4/5/1990-6/5/1990)
154.I.A.4	Glenside Fire House	(ND)
154.I.A.4	Mann House	(ND)
154.I.A.4	Unidentified Residential Project	(1991)

**B. Drawings Related to Ocean City, NJ**

Call#	Descriptive Title	
154.I.B.1	Lewis Motel	(12/14/1962-6/11/1963)
154.I.B.1	Sausman Motel	(12/1/1962)
154.I.B.1	Zbikowski House	(2/22/1963)
154.I.B.2	Oeste House	(7/24/1963-9/17/1964)
154.I.B.2	Carr House	(10/23/1963)
154.I.B.2	Gillian House	(10/28/1963)
154.I.B.2	French House	(11/18/1963)
154.I.B.3	Ocean City Yacht Marina	(12/10/1963-12/4/1964)
154.I.B.3	Tomlinson Duplex	(4/17/1964-7/23/1964)
154.I.B.3	Wonderland	(1/15/1965-3/30/1968)
154.I.B.4	Sausman House	(3/12/1965-6/11/1965)
154.I.B.4	Port-O-Call	(5/12/1965-1966)
154.I.B.4	Multi Use Recreation Building	(10/14/1965)
154.I.B.4	Stan-Mar Apartments	(6/7/1966)
154.I.B.5	Bay Club Condos	(8/24/1963-6/3/1964)
154.I.B.5	Beck Duplex	(5/15/1974)
154.I.B.5	Dock Nine Restaurant	(10/18/1976)
154.I.B.6	Thompson Duplex	(9/17/1980)
154.I.B.6	Hildebrand Duplex	(12/1/1980)
154.I.B.6	Hopkin House	(4/15/1987)
154.I.B.6	Unidentified Project	(ND)

**C. Drawings by Other Architects**

Call#	Descriptive Title	
154.I.C.1	Laurel Soap Company	(11/15/1926)
154.I.C.1	Haag & d'Entrmont, Lamott Fire House	(11/18/1955)
154.I.C.1	Vincent Kling, Bachelor Officer Quarters	(11/21/1956)

## Appendix A

### Project Index

#### Bay Club Condos

Bay Club Condos

4<sup>th</sup> and Bay Street, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 8/24/1963-6/3/1964

Notes: Extant

Holdings:

154.I.B.5      Architectural Drawings

#### Beck Duplex

Raymond F. Beck Jr. and R.W. Schwertner

4040 Central Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 5/15/1974

Holdings:

154.I.B.5      Architectural Drawings

#### Carr House

S. J. Carr

861 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 10/23/1963

Holdings:

154.I.B.2      Architectural Drawings

#### Dock Nine Restaurant

Dock Nine Restaurant

9<sup>th</sup> Street and Palen Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 10/18/1976

Holdings:

154.I.B.5      Architectural Drawings

#### Elkins Park Station, Alts.

Lam and Buchsbaum Relators

160 Woodpecker Road, Jenkintown, PA

Holdings dates: 9/5/1985-4/23/1986

Notes: Extant

Holdings:

154.I.A.3      Architectural Drawings



**French House**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert French

Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 11/18/1963

Holdings:

154.I.B.2      Architectural Drawings

**Gillian House**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilliam

Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 10/28/1963)

Holdings:

154.I.B.2      Architectural Drawings

**Hildebrand Duplex**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hildebrand

52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Central Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 12/1/1980

Holdings:

154.I.B.6      Architectural Drawings

**Hopkin House**

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hopkin

North Point Road, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 4/15/1987

Notes: Extant

Holdings:

154.I.B.6      Architectural Drawings

**Lamott AME Church, Alts.**

Lamott AME Church

Cheltenham Avenue and School Lane, Cheltenham Township, PA.

Holdings dates: 8/4/1970

Notes: Extant

Holdings:

154.I.A.2      Architectural Drawings

**Lewis Motel**

Lewis Motel

8<sup>th</sup> Street and Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 12/14/1962-6/11/1963Notes: ExtantHoldings:

154.I.B.1      Architectural Drawings

**Multi-Use Recreation Building**

Multi-Use Recreation Building

5<sup>th</sup> Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 10/14/1965Holdings:

154.I.B.4      Architectural Drawings

**Nuber Office Building**

N/A

16<sup>th</sup> and Race Streets, Philadelphia, PAHoldings dates: 7/18/1972Holdings:

154.I.A.3      Architectural Drawings

**Ocean City Yacht Marina**

Ocean City Yacht Marina

2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Bay Avenue, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 12/10/1963-12/4/1964Holdings:

154.I.B.3      Architectural Drawings

**Oeste House**

James Oeste

801 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 7/24/1963-9/17/1964Holdings:

154.I.B.2      Architectural Drawings

**Pennington Presbyterian Church, Alts.**

Reverend William McQuoid

Central Avenue and Myrtle Street, Cheltenham, PA

Holdings dates: 4/5/1990-6/5/1990Notes: ExtantHoldings:

154.I.A.3      Architectural Drawings

**Port-O-Call**

Port-O-Call

15<sup>th</sup> Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 5/12/1965-1966Notes: ExtantHoldings:

154.I.B.4      Architectural Drawings

**Register House**

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Register

Haverford Township, PA

Holdings dates: 11/17/1964-3/26/1965Notes: ExtantHoldings:

154.I.A.2      Architectural Drawings

**Sausman House**

Mr. and Mrs. Sausman

Ocean City, NJ

Holdings dates: 3/12/1965-6/11/1965Holdings:

154.I.B.4      Architectural Drawings

**Sausman Motel**

Mr. and Mrs. Sausman

Ocean Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 12/1/1962Holdings:154.I.B.1      Architectural Drawings Ocean Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocean City, NJ**Stan-Mar Apartments**

Stan-Mar Apartments

3<sup>rd</sup> and Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJHoldings dates: 6/7/1966Holdings:

154.I.B.4      Architectural Drawings

**Summit House**

Summit House

7804 Montgomery Avenue, Elkins Park, PA

Holdings dates: 1987Notes: ExtantHoldings:

154.I.A.3      Architectural Drawings

**Tomlinson Duplex**

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tomlinson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Westley Avenue, Ocean City, NJ  
Holdings dates: 4/17/1964-7/23/1964  
Holdings:

154.I.B.3      Architectural Drawings

**Thompson Duplex**

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Thompson  
5104 Haven Avenue, Ocean City, NJ  
Holdings dates: 9/17/1980  
Holdings:

154.I.B.6      Architectural Drawings

**Trinity Office Building**

Trinity Real Estate Investment Company  
239 East Lancaster Pike, Ardmore, PA  
Holdings dates: 3/29/1965  
Notes: Extant  
Holdings:

154.I.A.2      Architectural Drawings

**Washington Mill**

Lifecare Corporation of America, Inc.  
Abington, PA  
Holdings dates: 1979  
Holdings:

154.I.A.3      Architectural Drawings

**Wonderland**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilliam  
6<sup>th</sup> Street and Boardwalk, Ocean City, NJ  
Holdings dates: 1/15/1965-3/30/1968  
Notes: Extant  
Holdings:

154.I.B.3      Architectural Drawings

**Zbikowski House**

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zbikowski  
Ocean City, NJ  
Holdings dates: 2/22/1963  
Holdings:

154.I.B.1      Architectural Drawings