

Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

A Finding Aid for  
Architectural Drawings and Photographs,  
1909-1971 (bulk 1937-1963),

in

The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings and Photographs, 1909-1971 (bulk 1937-1963).
- Coll. ID: 042
- Origin: Savery, Scheetz, & Gilmour, Architects.
- Extent: Architectural drawings: 834 sheets (790 originals, 44 photomechanical prints)  
Photographs: 65 photoprints.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania  
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- Abstract: The Savery, Scheetz, & Gilmour Collection comprises 834 architectural drawings and 65 photoprints documenting 53 projects 1909 to 1971. The collection includes the work of the architectural firm of Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour, and work of the predecessor firms, Savery, Scheetz & Savery, Architects and Savery & Scheetz, Architects, and of the successor firm, William Cramp Scheetz, Jr., Architect.
- 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://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-A2.

## **Biographical/Historical Sketch**

The firm of Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour traced its beginnings to the practice of Addison Hutton (1834-1916), established in 1870, but the name of the firm was derived from the association of William Cramp Scheetz (1872-1945) and Albert H. Savery (1871-1939), first formed in 1899. By 1904, Hutton formed a partnership with his nephews Albert and Addison Hutton Savery (ca. 1872-1931) in a firm called Savery, Scheetz & Savery. By 1915, the name had been shortened to Savery & Scheetz. In 1927, Douglas Wilkinson Gilmour (1902-1969) joined the firm and was made a partner in 1937. That same year, William Cramp Scheetz, Jr. (1911-1996) joined the practice. It is not certain when he was made a full partner, but this may have taken place around the time of the elder Scheetz's death in 1945, since he joined the national A.I.A. in 1946. Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour continued until 1958, when Douglas Gilmour left to establish a separate firm with Fred Fretz Martin. William Cramp Scheetz remained in practice until he retired in 1980.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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The Savery, Scheetz, & Gilmour collection is arranged in two series:

Series I comprises architectural drawings, photomechanical prints and oversized photographic prints.

Series II comprises smaller photographic prints.

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

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

Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour.

Savery, Addison Hutton, ca. 1872-1931.

Savery, Albert Henry, 1871-1939.

Scheetz, William Cramp, 1872-1945.

Scheetz, William Cramp, 1911-1996.

Gilmour, Douglas Wilkinson, 1902-1969.

Savery, Scheetz & Savery.

Savery & Scheetz.

Architects--Archives.

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

Architectural drawing--United States.

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

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

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

Architectural drawings--American.

Photographs.

**Administrative Information**

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

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## Container list

### Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Extent: 834 architectural drawings (790 originals, 44 prints); 2 oversized photoprints.

Arrangement: Arranged in alphabetical order by client name.

Call#	Descriptive Title
042.1	Alan Wood Steel Company, 64 original architectural drawings, 14 prints
042.2	Bakotel House; 16 original architectural drawings Bavington House; 7 architectural drawings; 4 prints Beta Theta Pi Fraternity; 1 print
042.3	Bristol Township Junior High School; 33 architectural drawings, 1 oversized photograph Camden Trust Company; 12 architectural drawings (construction documents)
042.4	Cottages for Camp Tecumseh; 5 original architectural drawings Pagodas for Camp Tecumseh; 4 original architectural drawings Playhouse for Camp Tecumseh; 11 original architectural drawings, 2 prints
042.5	Carter House, "Neshannock Valley Farm"; 30 original architectural drawings Carter House; 13 architectural drawings
042.6	Crew House; 5 original architectural drawings DeHuff House; 1 original architectural drawing Fellowship House of Conshohocken; 13 architectural drawings Frazier House; 2 original architectural drawings, 2 prints
042.7	Furnival House; 14 original architectural drawings Gerhard House; 11 architectural drawings Glomar Farm; 7 original architectural drawings Gravdahl House; 19 original architectural drawings
042.8	Hall House, "Shady Side Farm"; 10 original architectural drawings Hopkinson House; 8 original architectural drawings John Clark Memorial Lodge; 3 original architectural drawings Joos House; 2 original architectural drawings Kipp House; 11 architectural drawings Long House; 5 architectural drawings Lott House; 8 architectural drawings
042.9	Cafeteria Building, Lower Merion School District; 47 original architectural drawings

- 042.10 Mayer House; 17 original architectural drawings, 2 prints  
McGlenn House; 4 original architectural drawings
- 042.11 Millersville State Teachers College; 49 original architectural drawings, 1 print
- 042.12 Muckle House, no. 1; 13 original architectural drawings 2 prints  
Muckle House, no. 2; 18 original architectural drawings  
Painter House; 29 architectural drawings
- 042.13 Philadelphia National Bank; 13 architectural drawings  
Prospect Methodist Church; 16 architectural drawings  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church; 6 original architectural drawings  
Sanford's Highway Sleepers; 11 original architectural drawings
- 042.14 Sutton House; 5 original architectural drawings  
Snowden House; 12 original architectural drawings  
Tabor House; 18 original architectural drawings
- 042.15 U. S. Naval Reserve Armories and Training Centers; 36 original architectural drawings  
U. S. Post Office; 3 original architectural drawings  
Vaux House; 21 original architectural drawings
- 042.16 War Housing Project; 54 original architectural drawings, 16 prints
- 042.17 Webb House (Beach Haven); 16 original architectural drawings  
Webb House (Bryn Mawr); 5 original architectural drawings  
Willits House (L.C.); 15 architectural drawings  
Willits House (William); 7 original architectural drawings  
Wilson House; 3 architectural drawings  
Wilson House; 8 architectural drawings
- 042.18 Wentz (?) House, "Curl Creek Farm"; 30 original architectural drawings
- 042.19 Unidentified House; 4 original architectural drawings  
Unidentified Development Houses; 13 original architectural drawings
- 042.20 Unidentified projects, 2 original architectural renderings on board
- 042.20 Lower Merion School District, 1 oversized photoprint mounted on board

**Series II. Photographs.**

Extent: 63 photoprints

Call#	Descriptive Title
042.21	Unidentified project, 2 photoprints Baketel House, 2 photoprints (house prior to alterations and additions) Houston Farm House, 1 photoprint (house prior to alterations and additions) Trumper House and Garage, 1 photoprint
042.22	Photograph album, 58 leaves: "Architecture of Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour...", 57 photoprints.  Trumper House and Garage, 2 photoprints (042.22.1-.2) Unidentified house, 4 photoprints (042.22.3-.6) Kennedy House and Garage, 1 photoprint (042.22.7) Unidentified garden, 1 photoprint (042.22.8) Unidentified house, 1 photoprint (042.22.9) Mayer House, 2 photoprints (042.22.10-.11) Painter House, 6 photoprints (042.22.12-.17) Willits House (Beach Haven, NJ), 4 photoprints (042.22.18-.21) Unidentified house, 4 photoprints (042.22.22-.25) Pugh House, 8 photoprints (042.22.26-.33) Pugh Guest House, 1 photoprint (042.22.34) "Curl Creek Farm," 8 photoprints (042.22.35-.42) Baketel House, 4 photoprints (042.22.43-.48) Houston Farm House, 2 photoprints (042.22.49-.50) Unidentified house, 4 photoprints (042.22.51-.54) Unidentified house, 3 photoprints (042.22.55-.57)

## Appendix A

### Alphabetical Project Index

Note: Arranged alphabetically by client name.

#### **Alan Wood Steel Company (additions)**

Conshohocken Road, Ivy Rock, PA

1910-18; 1956-7

note/s: Savery & Scheetz; Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.1: 64 original architectural drawings, 14 prints (design drawings, construction documents)

#### **Baketel House, alterations and additions**

Baketel, H. S., Jr.

Darby Road, Haverford, PA

1941

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.2: 16 original architectural drawings (presentation, construction documents)

042.21: 2 photoprints (house before alterations and additions)

042.22: 4 photoprints

#### **Bavington House**

Bavington, Wayne

Philadelphia, PA

1940

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.2: 7 architectural drawings; 4 prints (presentation drawings)

#### **Beta Theta Pi Fraternity (additions)**

3529-31 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA

1922

note/s: Savery & Scheetz

holdings:

042.2: 1 architectural drawings, prints (construction documents)



**Bristol Township Junior High School**

Bristol Township School District

Rodgers and State Roads, Bristol Township, Bucks County, PA

1940-41

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.3: 33 architectural drawings (design drawings; presentation; construction documents); 1 photoprint

**Camden Trust Company (additions)**

Market & Broadway, Camden, NJ

1955

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.3: 12 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Camp Tecumseh, Cottages**

Hires, P. W.

Center Harbor, NH

1955

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.4: 5 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Camp Tecumseh, Pagodas**

Hires, P. W.

Center Harbor, NH

1954

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.4: 4 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Camp Tecumseh, Playhouse**

Hires, P. W.

Center Harbor, NH

1957-60

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.4: 11 original architectural drawings, 2 prints (design drawings; construction documents)

**Carter House, "Neshannock Valley Farm"**

Carter, Joseph H.  
New Wilmington, PA  
1940-1

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.5: 30 original architectural drawings (presentation, construction documents)

**Carter House**

Carter, Joseph R.  
Shrewsbury, MA  
1950

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.5: 13 architectural drawings (presentation drawings; construction documents)

**Crew House**

Crew, F. D.  
Tunbridge Road, Haverford, PA  
1947

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.6: 5 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**DeHuff House**

DeHuff, Henry  
Bryn Mawr Avenue, Cynwyd, PA  
1909

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Savery

holdings:

042.6: 1 original architectural drawing, print (construction document)

**Fellowship House of Conshohocken**

Harry and Fifth Streets, Conshohocken, PA  
1953

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour; Ralph B. Bencker, associated architect

holdings:

042.6: 13 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Frazier House**

Frazier

Off Washington Lane, Rydal, Abington Township, PA

1937

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.6: 2 original architectural drawings, 2 prints (cartographic materials, construction documents)

**Furnival House**

Furnival, George E.

731 Woodleave Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1958-59

William Cramp Scheetz, Jr. &amp; Gilmour

holdings:

042.7: 14 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Gerhard House**

Gerhard, Stenger

Lesley Road, Ithan, PA

1951

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.7: 11 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Glomar Farm (interior alterations, garage, pool and kennel)**

Chester Springs, PA

1937

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.7: 7 original architectural drawings (design drawings, construction documents)

**Gravdahl House**

Gravdahl, R. Andrew

Waverly Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1955

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.7: 19 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Hall House, "Shady Side Farm"**

Hall, Thomas H., Jr.

Romansville, PA

1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.8: 10 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Hopkinson House**

Hopkinson, Francis

Underhill, VT

1964-65

note/s: William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.8: 8 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Houston House, farmhouse alterations and additions**

Houston, Howard H.

Chester, PA

1938

note/s: Savery & Scheetzholdings:

042.21: 1 photoprint (house before alterations and additions)

042.22.49-.50: 2 photoprints

**John Clark Memorial Lodge**

John Clark Memorial Committee

Green Lane, PA

1940

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.8: 3 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Joos House (alterations)**

Joos, William J.

6613 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA

1941

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.8: 2 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Kennedy House and Garage**

Kennedy, Jr., Frank G.

Bryn Mawr, PA

1928

note/s: Savery & Scheetz

holdings:

042.22.7: 1 photoprint.

**Kipp House**

Kipp, Wilson

Golf View Road, Moorestown, NJ

1955-56

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.8: 11 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Long House (additions)**

Long, William M.

Southampton, PA

1940

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.8: 5 architectural drawings (design, construction documents)

**Lott House**

Lott, Hunter H., Jr.

720 Waverly Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1951

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.8: 8 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Cafeteria Building**

Lower Merion School District

Montgomery Avenue and School House Lane, Ardmore, PA

1949

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour. Cafeteria Building added to existing complex (Lower Merion School District Administration Building and Lower Merion High School).

holdings:

042.9: 47 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

042.20: 1 photoprint

**Mayer House**

Mayer, John A.

Beech Road, Rosemont, PA

1937

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.10: 17 original architectural drawings, 2 prints (construction documents)

042.22: 2 photoprints

**McGlinn House (alterations and additions)**

McGlinn, Frank C. P.

976 Railroad Avenue, Haverford, PA

1950

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.10: 4 original architectural drawings (presentation, construction documents)

**Millersville State Teachers College Additions and Alterations**

George and Frederick Streets, Millersville, PA

1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour. Additions and alterations were made to Recitation Hall, the Power Plant, the Training School, and the Health Education Building as well as the addition of a Boys Dormitory Wing to the Administration Building and the installation of a new water system.holdings:

042.11: 49 original architectural drawings, 1 print (design drawings; construction documents)

**Muckle House, no. 1**

Muckle, Craig Wright, M.D.

Craig Lane, Haverford, PA

1951-52

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.12: 13 original architectural drawings 2 prints (cartographic materials; construction documents)

**Muckle House, no. 2**

Muckle, Craig Wright, M.D.

Craig Lane, Haverford, PA

1952

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.12: 18 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Painter House**

Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B.  
Glynn Wynne Road, Haverford, PA  
1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.12: 29 architectural drawings (29 construction documents)

042.22: 6 photoprints

**Philadelphia National Bank**

Fifth & Fayette Streets, Conshohocken, PA  
1955

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour; Schultz & Padlasky, structural engineers

holdings:

042.13: 13 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Prospect Methodist Church**

Lincoln Avenue & 8<sup>th</sup> Streets, Prospect Park Borough, Delaware County, PA  
1957-8

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour; William Cramp Scheetz, Jr., successor architect

holdings:

042.13: 16 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Pugh House**

Pugh, Joseph M.  
Easton, MD  
1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.22.26-.33: 8 photoprints

**Pugh Guest House**

Pugh, Joseph M.  
Easton, MD  
1933-34

note/s: Savery & Scheetz

holdings:

042.22.34: 1 photoprint

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

Louella and E. Lancaster Avenues, Wayne, PA

1956

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.13: 6 original architectural drawings (design drawings)

**Sanford's Highway Sleepers (prototype for roadside motel)**

Sanford, Henry R.

U.S.A.

1940-41

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.13: 11 original architectural drawings (design drawings)

**Sutton House (additions)**

Sutton, James A.

Caversham Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1958; 1966-7

note/s: William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.14: 5 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Snowden House**

Snowden, Henry C. and Marjorie

Bobbin Mill Road, Media, Delaware County, PA

1941

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.14: 12 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Tabor House**

Tabor, L. P.

Righter's Mill Road, Penn Valley, PA

1939-40

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.14: 18 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)



**Trumper House and Garage**

Trumper, Mrs. Jeanette

Bala Cynwyd, PA

1928-29

note/s: Savery & Scheetzholdings:

042.21: 1 photoprint

042.22: 2 photoprints

**U. S. Naval Reserve Armories and Training Centers**

Atlantic City, NJ; Allentown, PA; Bethlehem, PA; Chester, PA; Hazelton, PA; Scranton, PA; Wilkes-Barre, PA

1947-49

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.15: 36 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**U. S. Post Office**

Third and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA

1941

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.15: 3 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Vaux House**

Vaux, George, Jr.

Caversham Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1956-58, 1964

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour; William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.15: 21 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**War Housing Project**

National Housing Agency; Federal Public Housing Authority

Wanamaker and Powhatan Avenues, Tincum Township, PA

1942-43

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.16: 54 original architectural drawings, 16 prints (design, construction documents)

**Webb House**

Webb, William M.

Fairview Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ

1952-53

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.17: 16 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Webb House (alterations)**

Webb, William M.

314 Avon Road, Bryn Mawr, PA

1962

note/s: William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.17: 5 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Wentz (?) House and Estate Buildings, "Curl Creek Farm" (alterations and additions)**

Wentz(?), Mr. and Mrs. E.

Ridge Road, Pineville, Bucks County, PA

1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmourholdings:

042.18: 30 original architectural drawings (design and presentation drawings, construction documents)

042.22: 8 photoprints

**Willits House (alterations)**

Willits, Mrs. L. C.

Fairview &amp; Atlantic Ocean, Beach Haven, NJ

1938, 1956-1958

note/s: Savery, Scheetz, & Gilmour; William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.17: 15 architectural drawings (design drawings; presentation drawings; construction documents)

042.22: 4 photoprints

**Willits House (alterations)**

Willits, William C.

50 South Valley Road, Paoli, PA

1956-59

note/s: Savery, Scheetz, & Gilmour; William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.holdings:

042.17: 7 original architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Wilson House**

Wilson, Dorothy C.

Lot 16, 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Avalon, NJ

1963

note/s: William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.

holdings:

042.17: 3 architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Wilson House**

Wilson, Dorothy C.

Lot 46 Pelican Drive, Avalon, NJ

1971

note/s: William Cramp Scheetz, Jr.

holdings:

042.17: 8 architectural drawings (design drawings; construction documents)

**Unidentified House**

South East Farm, Church Hill, Queen Anne County, MD

1938

note/s: Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.19: 4 original architectural drawings (construction documents)

**Unidentified Development Houses**

Unlocated

1935-41

note/s: Douglas Gilmour; Savery, Scheetz & Gilmour

holdings:

042.19: 13 original architectural drawings (design and presentation drawings)

**Unidentified Projects**

holdings:

042.21: 3 photoprints

042.22: 36 photoprints