

William Macy Stanton, 1888-1969

A Finding Aid for

Architectural Drawings, 1925-1936

in

The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings, 1925-36
- Coll. ID: 004
- Creator: William Macy Stanton (1888-1969), Architect
- Extent: 241 architectural drawings, 36 blueprints
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
- Abstract: The collection comprises architectural drawings and blueprints documenting twenty-eight buildings and projects spanning the years 1925-1936.
- 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://PhiladelphiaBuilding.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 PAUP00-A3.

Biographical Sketch

William Macy Stanton (1888-1969) was born in Ohio. He received both bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 1912 and 1914 and was awarded 2nd place in the 1916 Rome Prize Competition. After four years of teaching architecture at the University of Illinois, he returned to Philadelphia in 1921 and established an independent practice. He was widely regarded for his hotel designs as well as for his restoration of Quaker Meeting houses.¹ In 1934 William Macy Stanton was appointed architect of, and later project manager for the Cumberland Homesteads, a government housing project for miners.

Scope and Content Note

The collection documents architectural works designed by William Macy Stanton between 1925 and 1936. Of the twenty-eight buildings and projects represented in the collection, the majority are multi-storied hotel or apartment buildings, many located in Atlantic City, New Jersey (e.g., The Lafayette and James Madison Hotels). In addition, drawings in the collection document Stanton's work for Cumberland Homesteads, a New Deal housing project for miners under the auspices of the Tennessee Valley Authority. The collection contains no records of his extensive work in the restoration of Quaker Meeting houses. No office files, photographs, or personal documents are found in the Architectural Archives, nor are any known to exist.

The collection is arranged in one series, chronologically, by job number. A full index to projects represented in this collection is found in Appendix A.

Administrative Information

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

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¹ Obituary, "William Stanton, Architect and Historian, Dies," *The Evening Bulletin*, Philadelphia, May 27, 1969.

Container List

Extent: 241 original architectural drawings, 36 blueprints

Arrangement: Chronologically by job number.

Call #	Job#	Descriptive Title
004.1	121	Proposed Apartment Building on Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA, 8 architectural drawings
004.1	137	Hotel Building for Mr. Arthur M. Towner, 4 architectural drawings
004.1	148	Proposed Hotel Building, Cape May, NJ, 4 architectural drawings
004.1	164	Proposed Apt. Bldg., Sovereign Ave., Atlantic City, NJ, 1 architectural drawing
004.2	170	Proposed Hotel Building, Atlantic City, NJ, 5 architectural drawings
004.2	177	Proposed Hotel Bldg., Henry Weisgerber, Atlantic City, 6 arch. drawings
004.2	209	20-Story Apt. Bldg., Iowa Ave., Atlantic City, 1 architectural drawing
004.2	216	Proposed Hotel Building, Atlantic City, 4 architectural drawings
004.2	227	Proposed Hotel Building, Cape May, 3 architectural drawings
004.3	241	Proposed Hotel Building, Wildwood, NJ, 11 architectural drawings
004.3	242	Proposed Hotel Building, Atlantic City, 8 architectural drawings
004.4	247	Proposed Hotel Bldg., B'walk & States, Atlantic City, 12 arch. drawings
004.4	258	Proposed Hotel Building, unlocated, 3 architectural drawings
004.4	260	Proposed Hotel Building, West Chester, PA, 3 architectural drawings
004.5	266	Proposed Hotel Building, S. Virginia Ave., Atlantic City, 5 arch. drawings
004.5	269	Morton House and Office, Philadelphia, 4 architectural drawings
004.5	271	Thompson House, Philadelphia, 1 architectural drawing
004.6	333	The Lafayette Hotel, Atlantic City, 14 architectural drawings
004.7	333	The Lafayette Hotel, Atlantic City, 46 architectural drawings
004.8	336	James Madison Hotel, Atlantic City, 12 architectural drawings

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| 004.8 | 342 | Filbert Wholesale Building, Philadelphia, 11 architectural drawings |
| 004.9 | 352 | Eaton Apartment Buildings, Lansdowne, PA, 20 architectural drawings |
| 004.10 | 353 | Browning Road Apts., Browning Rd., Collingswood, NJ, 14 arch. drawings |
| 004.10 | 358 | Sovereign Manor Apartments, Atlantic City, 3 architectural drawings |
| 004.11 | 367 | The Hazel Apartments, Upper Darby, PA, 7 architectural drawings |
| 004.11 | 375 | The New Montpelier Tavern, Montpelier, VT, 12 architectural drawings |
| 004.12 | 376 | The Hillcrest Apartments, Drexel Hill, PA, 6 architectural drawings |
| 004.12 | 378 | Green Tree Company, West Chester, PA, 13 architectural drawings |
| 004.13 | --- | Cumberland Homesteads, 36 architectural drawings |

Appendix A

Chronological Project Index

note: The numbers to the left indicate the job numbers as assigned by Stanton's office.

- 121 **Proposed Apartment Building on Rittenhouse Square**
Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1927 - 1928
holdings: 8 architectural drawings
- 137 **Hotel Building for Mr. Arthur M. Towner**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1927
holdings: 4 architectural drawings
- 148 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Cape May, New Jersey, 1927
holdings: 4 architectural drawings
- 164 **Proposed Apartment Building**
Sovereign Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, [ca. 1930]
holdings: 1 architectural drawing
- 170 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1928
holdings: 5 architectural drawings
- 177 **Proposed Hotel Building for Mr. Henry E. Weisgerber**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1928
holdings: 6 architectural drawings
- 209 **Twenty-Story Apartment Building**
Iowa Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1929
holdings: 1 architectural drawing
- 216 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1929
holdings: 4 architectural drawings

- 227 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Cape May, New Jersey, 1929
holdings: 3 architectural drawings
- 241 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Wildwood, New Jersey, 1929 - 1930
holdings: 11 architectural drawings
- 242 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1930
holdings: 8 architectural drawings
- 247 **Proposed Hotel Building**
Boardwalk, Maryland and States Avenues, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1930
holdings: 12 architectural drawings
- 258 **Proposed Hotel Building**
unlocated, 1930
holdings: 3 architectural drawings
- 260 **Proposed Hotel Building**
West Chester, Pennsylvania, 1930
holdings: 3 architectural drawings
- 266 **Proposed Hotel Building**
South Virginia Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1930
holdings: 5 architectural drawings
- 269 **Property of Arthur V. Morton**
1342 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1931
holdings: 4 architectural drawings
- 271 **Residence for Walter S. Thompson**
1722 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1931
holdings: 1 architectural drawing
- 333 **The Lafayette Hotel**
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1925 - 1927
holdings: 60 architectural drawings

- 336 James Madison Hotel**
Virginia Avenue at Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1926 - 1930
holdings: 12 architectural drawings
- 342 Filbert Wholesale Building**
1202-10 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1927
holdings: 11 architectural drawings
- 352 Apartment Buildings for Mrs. Jane V. Eaton**
S. Lansdowne & Dudley Avenues, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, 1928 - 1929
holdings: 20 architectural drawings
- 353 Browning Road Apartments**
Browning Road, Collingswood, New Jersey, 1928 - 1930
holdings: 14 architectural drawings
- 358 Sovereign Manor Apartments**
Boardwalk at Sovereign Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1929
holdings: 3 architectural drawings
- 367 The Hazel Apartments**
Hazel Avenue & State Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, 1929
holdings: 7 architectural drawings
- 375 The New Montpelier Tavern**
Montpelier, Vermont, 1930
holdings: 12 architectural drawings
- 376 The Hillcrest Apartments**
Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, 1930
holdings: 6 architectural drawings
- 378 Green Tree Company, Store, Office and Apartment Building**
Gay and High Streets, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 1931
holdings: 13 architectural drawings

--- **Cumberland Homesteads**

Crossville, Tennessee, 1934 - 1936

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holdings: 36 architectural drawings