



**FINDING AID TO
THE WILLIAM CHESTER HALSTEAD
PHOTOGRAPHS**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator Information	Halstead, William Chester
Title	William Chester Halstead photographs
Collection Identifier	MSA 262
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Abstract	Cyanotype photographs documenting Purdue buildings, students, faculty and Lafayette structures and citizens.
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Administrative Information

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Subjects and Genres

Persons

Halstead, William Chester

Organizations

Purdue University—Presidents

Purdue University—Buildings—Pictorial works

Form and Genre Types

Cyanotypes

Biography of William Chester Halstead

William Chester Halstead, originally from Kirkpatrick, IN, graduated from Purdue University in 1897 with a degree in Mathematics. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After graduation Halstead became a manager at the Brookston Grain Corporation in Brookston, Indiana.

Source(s):

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Collection Description

Scope

The William Chester Halstead photographs (circa 1890s; 0.2 cubic feet) document Purdue buildings, students, faculty, and staff during the 1890s. The photographs show a variety of buildings, such as the Science Hall, Art Hall, Experiment Station, Purdue Farm Barn, Locomotive Lab, Foundry, Engine Room and Dormitory. They also feature Purdue student groups, such as the cyclists, drum corps, and artillery. Photographs of note include the burned-out structure of Heavilon Hall and President Smart in his office. In addition, the collection also documents structures and people in the Lafayette area. Types of materials include: cyanotypes and a photo case.

Arrangement

Thirty of the cyanotypes have numbers in their bottom corners; 17 of them do not. The numbered cyanotypes have been arranged in numerical order, while the unnumbered cyanotypes retain their original order. The Photographs are organized into two folders: Numbered Cyanotypes and Unnumbered Cyanotypes.

Descriptive Rules Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Processing Information

All cyanotypes have been housed in polyester sleeves and acid-free folders, and an acid-free box.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

1 Box

Folder 1 *Numbered Cyanotypes, circa 1890s*

Item

1. Art Hall
2. Schenectady
3. Stand Pipe & Centrifugal Pump
4. Schenectady, Proff. Goss & Mech. Juniors Spring of '93, 1893
5. Green House
6. Miss Golden in Green House
7. Purdue Farm Barn
8. Chem. Lab. Art Hall & Univ. Hall. From farm
9. Experiment Station
10. Main St. Bridge (East End) Lafayette
11. John Purdue
12. Pres. Smart in Office
13. Purdue Gate in Winter
14. Science & Elec. Buildings
15. University & Art Halls from Exper. Station
16. Louis & Jenkins stoking boilers
17. Boiler Room and Pumps at Eng. House "Louis" & "Jenkins"
18. Art Hall
19. Scientific Boxing. Foot-ball players in front of Dorm
20. Purdue Cyclists in 93, 1893
21. Tennis Experiment Station
22. Purdue Drum Corps
23. Batillion
24. Campus from Univ. Hall. Military Drill
25. University Hall
26. Science Hall
27. Dormitory
28. Experiment Station
29. Engine Room
30. Purdue Artillery

Folder 2 *Unnumbered Cyanotypes, circa 1890s*

Item

- 1 Havelon [sic] Hall after fire; The Havelon Tower Burned – Jan. – 23 – '94 No. B-88, 1894
2. University Hall in Winter
3. Art Hall & University Hall
4. Electrical Laboratory

5. Foundry & Cupola
6. Machine Room
7. Baldwin Comp. Loco.
8. Engine Room Corliss Triple Expan. Meetinghouse Gas Eng.
9. Testing Machines
10. Trig.
11. Loco. Lab
12. Dynamometer Loco. Lab
13. Schenec.
14. Locomotive Lab
15. Wood Room
16. Purdue Farm from Experiment Station
17. Schenectady in Loco. Lab