Architects and private citizens will look for historical architectural plans for buildings and private homes. **Most architectural firms would not have saved these and usually gave them back to the clients who originally commissioned the design.** The blueprints & drawings are usually arranged by the NAME OF THE ORIGINAL CLIENT and not by the address. Not only are these difficult to find, but eventually thrown out if a firm or the client had nowhere to store them. Some city hall building departments, local archives, local libraries or a historical societies may not have saved the blueprints or drawings but worth inquiring about.

**Cleveland Public Library has a small selection of architectural drawings & blueprints** – It is advised to use the Library’s **Property Research Guide** to find other resources that may have blueprints to buildings or residences in Cleveland.


**VARIOUS Architectural drawings in CPL Collection:**

**Special Collections:**

*Howell & Thomas* -- link to the FINDING AID of architectural firm Howell & Thomas. The blueprints and drawings are in Special Collections  [http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/view?docId=ead/OCl0064.xml;query=howell%20thomas;brand=default](http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/view?docId=ead/OCl0064.xml;query=howell%20thomas;brand=default)


Book on the work of Frederic William Striebinger - no blueprints but photos of some Shaker homes he did  [https://cplorg.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll14/id/753/rec/1](https://cplorg.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll14/id/753/rec/1)

In Special Collections

*Blueprints by Charles F. Schweinfurth* - various ones in Special Collections search in the online catalog by AUTHOR; most are located in Special Collections

Books and documents of *architects Robert Gaede and Robert Little* - maybe some small drawings only - In Special Collections


*Unidentified school* (1921) in Cleveland by Walker & Weeks architectural drawing in Special Collections  [https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:177017/one](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:177017/one)
Includes elevations, renderings, floor plans and, landscape plans for residential structures, primarily in Ohio, but also includes items from Pennsylvania and Florida. Collection includes one photograph. Collection organized in folders by location.
172 items: some col. ill.  

Williamson Building  Seven blueprints were produced in the years 1946 or 1947 by Walker & Weeks in Special Collections  

Severance Hall by Walker & Weeks, book about in Special Collections  

Building for Hanna in Kirtland  by Walker & Weeks, circa 1928 [39] technical drawings: all ill.; 28 x 36 cm. in binder 30 x 37 cm.  

Midland Bank  by Walker & Weeks, 4 technical drawings: blueprint; ca. 91 x 111 cm.  

Bingham bldg.  by Walker & Weeks, 2 art originals: watercolor, pastel, and graphite on wove paper, 102 x 77 cm.-77 x 102 cm.  

Burnham Cuyahoga bldg  by Daniel Burnham 41 technical drawings: b&w and col.; 68 x 112 cm.-106 x 153 cm.  

Group Plan of the public buildings of the city of Cleveland  by Daniel Burnham 1 technical drawing: col.; 26 x 39 cm. watercolor  
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:2548331/one

Moreland Courts  by Alfred W. Harris 79 technical drawings: blueprint; 45 x 63 cm.-136 x 75 cm.  
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:2133806/one

Bulkley Building and Allen Theatre  by Howard C. Crane 2 technical drawings: blueprint; 63 x 94 cm. + 2 photographs (40 x 50 cm.) + 2 negatives (20 x 25 cm.)  

Cuyahoga County Detention Home and Juvenile Court Building  by Frank W. Bail Co. Architects 6 technical drawings: linen  
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:5882099/one

Doctors Hospital  by Laurie and Teare Weinberg, Laurie, and Teare 1940s 6 technical drawings: blueprint; 61 x 77 cm.  
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1278678/one
Radic Apartments by Daniel Geitz  2 technical drawings : b&w ; 61 x 137 cm.
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1311586/one

Cleveland Arcade by John Eisenmann 12 architectural drawings
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:7704566/one
images in Digital Gallery

Blueprints for Van Sweringen houses  by architects Reynold Hinsdale, James L. Cameron, Dwight James Baum, and John Kalsch  5 technical drawings : col. ; 49 x 65 cm.

G.S.H. apartment building  by Hubbell & Benes Co.  5 technical drawings : col. ; 49 x 65 cm.
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:2338922/one

FINE ARTS:
Oviatt Index – card index located in Fine Arts that indexes articles that appeared in the journal, Ohio Architect and Builder (1903-1910)

MAP COLLECTION architectural collections
Some Forest Hills residences but no finding aid was created yet -- in MAP COLLECTION

West Side Market technical drawings  by Hubbell & Benes Co.  in MAP COLLECTION

CLEVELAND DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
Cleveland Digital Public Library: Greater Cleveland and Ohio Architecture (plans, docs, photos)
https://cdm16014.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll14


Link to CPL’s digitized Atlases, Maps and Park Plans of Cleveland & Cuyahoga County
https://cdm16014.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll24
ARCHIVES

Cleveland Public Library 1924 Photos of Progress of Main Library by Walker & Weeks located in Archives  
https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1434979/one

Main Library Architectural Drawings by Walker & Weeks located in Archives  

Other Sources available in the Cleveland area:

Shaker Library and the Shaker Historical Society:  
The Shaker Library has a database to search for information on homes located in Shaker Hts.  
This includes many historical homes which may have access to blueprints on microfilm.  
https://shakerlibrary.org/local-history/research/homes/buildings/  
The SHAKER BUILDINGS DATABASE at  
http://shakerbuildings.com  
will list architects and other details of every building.  If a microfilm roll is listed for an address,  
they have either original blueprints (for buildings built in 1945 or later) and/or  
renovations/additions on microfilm. Patrons need to make an appointment with Meghan Hayes to  
obtain a digital scan.

Cleveland Historical website  
https://clevelandhistorical.org/  
“Cleveland Historical lets you explore the people, places, and moments that have shaped the  
city's history. Learn about the region through layered, map-based, multimedia presentations, use  
social media to share your stories, and experience curated historical tours of Northeast Ohio.”

Cuyahoga County Archives: Property Research  
https://cuyahogacounty.us/publicworks/operations-finance/archivesmain/property-research

Cleveland City Planning Commission:  Cleveland Architects Database  
http://planning.city.cleveland.oh.us/landmark/architects.php