

GUIDE Architectural Drawings & BLUE PRINTS at Cleveland Public Library as of June 2020

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.

CPL Property Research Guide pdf - <https://cpl.org/wp-content/uploads/Property-Research-Guide-for-Cleveland-Cuyahoga-County-05.08.17.pdf>

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/OCI0064.xml;query=howell%20thomas;brand=default>

Some of the homes designed by *Howell & Thomas* have been digitized by CPL and located in the Digital Gallery

<http://cplorg.cdmhost.com/digital/collection/p4014coll14/search/searchterm/Howell%20and%20Thomas%20Architectural%20Drawings%20Collection/field/relati/mode/exact/conn/and/order/title>

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>
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

Bond Store by Walker & Weeks - illustration in Special Collections

[https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD_ILS:197259/one](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:197259/one)

Cleveland Main Library Architectural Drawings by Walker & Weeks located in Archives <https://cdm16014.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll13/id/612/rec/31>

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)

Arthur Nelson Oviatt Collection of Architectural Plans (1866-1960)

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.

[https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD_ILS:5398640/one?qu=Arthur+Nelson+Oviatt+Collection+of+Architectural+Plans](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:5398640/one?qu=Arthur+Nelson+Oviatt+Collection+of+Architectural+Plans)

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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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](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.

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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.)

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Cuyahoga County Detention Home and Juvenile Court Building by Frank W. Bail Co. Architects
6 technical drawings : linen

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Doctors Hospital by Laurie and Teare Weinberg, Laurie, and Teare 1940s

6 technical drawings : blueprint ; 61 x 77 cm.

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Radic Apartments by Daniel Geitz 2 technical drawings : b&w ; 61 x 137 cm.
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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](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:7704566/one)
images in Digital Gallery
<https://cdm16014.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4014coll14/id/767/rec/25>

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.
[https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD_ILS:1587144/one?qu=Blueprints+for+Van+Sweringen](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1587144/one?qu=Blueprints+for+Van+Sweringen)

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](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 [https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD_ILS:6660187/one](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:6660187/one)

West Side Market technical drawings by Hubbell & Benes Co. in MAP COLLECTION [https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD_ILS:6123689/one](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:6123689/one)

CLEVELAND DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Online access to some works by architects Clarence Mack (1888-1982), Arthur Nelson Oviatt (1866-1960), Charles Frederick Schweinfurth (1856-1919), Walker & Weeks, Howell & Thomas. Journal articles from the *Ohio Architect and Builder* (1903-1910) and the *Ohio Architect, Engineer and Builder* (1910-1919).

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](https://search.clevnet.org/client/en_US/cpl-main/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1434979/one)

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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 lists 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/arch/architects.php>