

Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick

A Finding Aid for
Architectural Drawings for Two Houses for John C. Gilpin,
1927-1947 (bulk 1927-1933),
in
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

Archival Description

Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings for Two Houses for John C. Gilpin, 1927-1947
(bulk 1927-1933)
- Coll. ID: 213
- Origin: Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick, fl. 1919-1931, architects.
- Extent: Architectural drawings 20 sheets.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
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- Abstract: The collection comprises 20 sheets of architectural drawings documenting two houses for John C. Gilpin designed by the firm of Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick and its successor firm Thomas & Martin. The earlier of the two houses was designed in 1927 for a site in Northeast Harbor, Maine. The second project proposed an addition to a farmhouse in Sanatoga, Pennsylvania, designed in 1933.
- 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://www.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 PAUP02-A14.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

The architectural firm of Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick (fl. 1919-1931) was established when Walter H. Thomas (1876-1948) joined the established partnership of Sydney E. Martin (1883-1970) and Donald M. Kirkpatrick (1887-1966). Kirkpatrick left the firm in 1931 to pursue his interests in engraving. The firm continued as Thomas & Martin until Thomas retired in 1941. Martin then practiced independently until he formed a new partnership in 1954.

Scope and Content Note

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

Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick.

Thomas, Walter H. (Walter Horstmann), 1876-1948.

Martin, Sydney E. (Sydney Errington), 1883-1970.

Kirkpatrick, Donald M. (Donald Morris), 1887-1966.

Thomas & Martin.

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.

Architecture, Domestic--Maine--Designs and plans.

Architectural drawings--American.

Administrative Information

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

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Processing: The collection was processed and the finding aid prepared by William Whitaker, Emily Cooperman, Laura Stroffolino and Nancy Thorne. Work was substantially completed in 2001, with additions and corrections in 2003.

Container list

Series I. Architectural Drawings.

Extent: 20 architectural drawings (4 originals, 16 prints).

Arrangement: Arranged by project in chronological order.

Call#	Descriptive Title
[213.1]	Gilpin Residence (Maine); design, construction and site documentation drawings, dated 1927 (4 originals, 12 prints).
[213.1]	Gilpin Residence (Pennsylvania); design drawings, dated 1933 (2 prints).
[213.1]	Gilpin Farm Property (Pennsylvania); site documentation drawings, dated 1946-1947 (2 prints).

Appendix A

Chronological Project Index

Gilpin Residence

Gilpin, John C.

Somes Sound, Northeast Harbor, Maine

holdings dates: 1927

note/s: Thomas, Martin & Kirkpatrick. Design, construction and site documentation drawings, dated 1927.

holdings:

[213.1] 4 originals, 12 prints.

Gilpin Residence

Gilpin, John C.

Sanatoga, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1933

note/s: Alterations and additions, ca. 1933, Thomas & Martin. Design drawings, dated 1933.

holdings:

[213.1] 2 prints.

Gilpin Farm Property

Gilpin, John C.

Possum Hollow Road (probably S. Limerick Road) at [W.] Linfield Road, Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

holdings dates: 1946-1947

note/s: Site documentation drawings, dated 1946-1947.

holdings:

[213.1] 2 prints.