Horace Trumbauer

- Established his architecture firm in 1890
- Designed many private residences including "Grey Towers," "Chelton House," and "Lynnewood Hall"
- Moved into commercial and public buildings midway through career
- Designed Philadelphia Museum of Art, parts of the Free Library of Philadelphia, buildings for Jefferson and Hahnemann Hospitals, much of Duke University's campus and Harvard University's Widener Library.
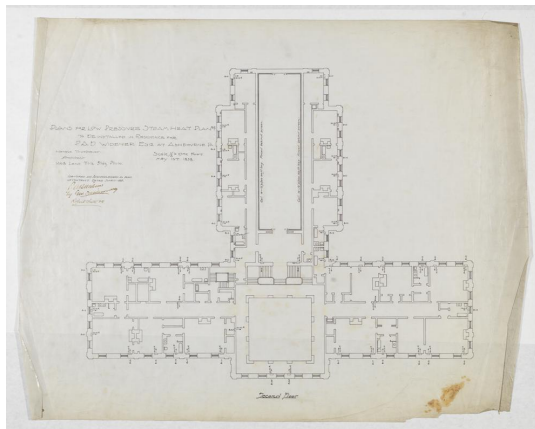
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Horace Trumbauer architectural drawings circa 1898- circa 1947
This collection contains architectural drawings and blueprints, including floorplans, elevations, sections and details for dwellings, estates and other buildings located in and around Philadelphia, Pa., New Jersey, New York, Washington, D.C., and Rhode Island. Some are for buildings that were never built, like the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station that was supposed to be at 24th and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There are also some photographs, prints, and negatives. Two boxes pertain to Duke University.
Collection #V36

Numerous blueprints of buildings and photographs, including those of Trumbauer
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(Blueprints of Lynnewood Hall, Ashbourne, PA residence of Peter A.B. Widener, designed by Horace Trumbauer. Construction on the mansion began in 1897 and was completed in 1900. Digital Archive item #11882)

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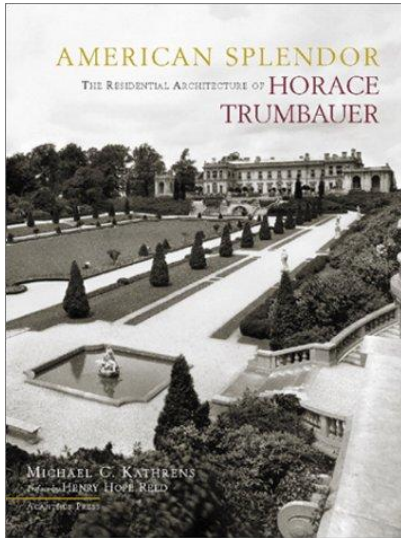Call number: UPA/PAM NA 737 .T75 P5359 1980
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