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

Primary Sources

*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.
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*Numerous blueprints of buildings and photographs, including those of Trumbauer*
HSP Digital Archives

(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)

*Free Library of Philadelphia [plans for] Horace Trumbauer, architect*
Call number: Wm*.79 vol.2

*The Free Library of Philadelphia. Horace Trumbauer, architect*
2 booklets containing plans. One dateless, and one for 1926.
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Glenside, Pa.
2 photoprints. Depicts two newly constructed buildings in Glenside, Pa.: the Glenside Trust Company and the Keswick Theatre. The theatre was designed by Horace Trumbauer.
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Secondary Sources

Grey Towers Castle: landmark celebration, October 5-12, 1985.
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Call number: UPA/PAM NA 737 .T75 P534 1983
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Call number: UPA/PAM NA 737 .T75 P5353 1988
Call number: UPA/PAM NA 737 .T75 P5359 1980
Horace Trumbauer (1868-1938) was one of the most influential residential architects in the country house era that lasted from the late 19th century to 1930. His restrained limestone palaces and townhouses for the super rich defined a new elegance in American cities and seaside resorts. A publicity-shy Philadelphian without social connections and only 10th grade education, Trumbauer opened his own practice, at the age of 21. Within just a few years he was on his way to becoming a leading practitioner of residential design on the grandest scale.

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