

Finding Aid to the Milton E. Beebe Collection

Beebe, Milton E., 1840-1922

Milton E. Beebe collection, 1899-1909

16 photographic prints

2 blueprints [6 sheets]

22 exhibit panels

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BIOGRAPHY

A grandson of one of the original settlers of Buffalo, New York, Milton Earl Beebe, born in 1840, started as a carpenter's assistant, served in the Civil War, and practiced and studied architecture in Buffalo and New York City until 1872. He then set up a very successful architectural practice in Buffalo, M. E. Beebe & Son. Beebe moved to Fargo, N.D. in 1898 and established a successful practice at the age of 58, active in Fargo until about 1911. He died in 1922.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Milton E. Beebe Collection has been organized into three series: **Blueprint**, **Exhibit**, and **Photographs**. The entire collection was collected by Ronald Ramsay of the NDSU Architecture Department.

The **Blueprint Series** spans the years 1900 to 1906. The series consists of five original blueprints and one photocopy of an original blueprint. The original blueprints are for the J.F. Walker building in Fargo, located at 621-623 Broadway and done in 1900-1902. The photocopy is of the Moorhead, Minn. Carnegie Library, done in 1906.

The **Exhibit Series** spans the years 1840, when Beebe was born, to 1909. The series was once part of an exhibit in the NDSU Architecture Department on Milton E. Beebe. It contains twenty-two separate sheets, separated into 2 folders. The original arrangement of the exhibit panels is unknown, so an attempt was made to arrange them in a logical exhibit order. The exhibit panels are filed with the blueprint series.

The **Photograph Series** spans the years 1840 to 1909. The series consists of sixteen prints and several photocopies. It is arranged topically by building type, which was taken from the arrangement within the architectural exhibit from which they originated. Buildings of interest include the Masonic Temple in Fargo, N.D. and the N.D. State Capitol in Bismarck, N.D. Some of the photographs within this series are from the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Separated and cataloged into the Institute publications collection is a photocopy of the portfolio *Architectural Portfolio of Some of the Building Erected by M.E. Beebe and Son, Architects, Buffalo, N.Y.* (Inst. Folio NA737.B412M42 1985)

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