Aquinas College Architectural Collection

**Abstract**

This is small collection of architectural material related to the buildings of Aquinas College. There have been buildings constructed as early as 1906 and as late as 2014. This collection includes architectural plans throughout the construction process for most of Aquinas College buildings.

Collection #: 4

Span Dates: 1906 - 2007

Size: Two Oversized Flat Boxes

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**History**

Aquinas College moved to its current campus, the former Lowe Estate, in 1945. The buildings on this campus were built almost exclusively on one of three eras: the turn of the century, around 1906, with the building of the Lowe Estate, the 1960’s when most of the dorms and academic buildings were constructed, and the 1990’s to the present with updates and additions throughout campus.

**Scope and Content**

This collection includes a variety of architectural materials pertaining to the building and grounds of Aquinas College. This includes blueprints, concept drawings, elevation maps, and topographical maps. The collection includes materials from most of the buildings on campus but some remain absent such as the Sturrus Center and the Ravine Apartments. Holmdene Manor, while being the most historically relevant building at Aquinas, is also the best represented building in this collection.

This collection primarily lacks depth. Holmdene Manor is the only building with materials of both significant quantity and quality, while other buildings are represented by only one or two concept drawings. In spite of this, the collection can provide the user with an adequate surface level view of the construction of the buildings at Aquinas College and possibly provide a gateway to further research.

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**Box Folder Description**

 **Academic Building**

1 5 Architectural Concept Drawing, D.A. Bohlen and Son, 1953

 **Albertus Magnus Hall**

1 7 Architectural Concept Drawing, Roger Allen & Associates, 1959

1 7 Architectural Concept Drawing, Roger Allen & Associates, 1960 (small)

2 X Architectural Concept Drawing, Roger Allen & Associates, 1960 (large)

2 1 Baldwin Observatory (Elevations, Details, Plans), Mark G Ruedy &

 Richard Sedlecky, 1993

 **Art and Music Center**

1 15 Architectural Concept Drawings, 1985 (six copies)

 **Bukowski Chapel**

1 16 Architectural Concept Drawing, Main Room, 1989 (eight copies)

1 16 Architectural Concept Drawing, Floor Plan, 1989 (five copies)

 **Grace Hauenstein Library**

1 13 Library Architectural Concept Drawing, 1966

1 14 New Library Architectural Concept Drawing, 1989 (six copies)

 **Grounds**

1 1 Design for Grounds of Mr. Edward Lowe, 1907

1 2 Topographic Map of Property, 1957 (two copies)

1 3 Plot Plan of Aquinas College, 1959

1 4 Library Mall Concept Drawing, 1989 (two copies)

 **Holmdene Manor**

2 X Blueprints (3 sheets; 1st & 2nd floor, basement), Winslow & Bigelow,

 1906

2 X Full Scale Photocopies of Blueprints (2 sheets; 1st & 2nd floor)

2 3-4 Planting Plan of Terrace Garden, Ellen Shipman,1922 (2 folders)

2 2 Shrub Planting Plan of Garden, Ellen Shipman, 1922

1 Flash Drive - digital copies of blueprints and planting plan

2 X Aquinas Convent Exhibit Sheets 1 & 2 (basement and 1st floor), 1980

2 X Conversion plans from Convent to Administration Building, 1980

2 X Blueprints of Original Building, 1904-1906

 **Hruby Hall**

1 8-9 House of Studies Architectural Concept Drawings, 1960 (two copies)

1 X House of Studies, View from North, 1960

1 X House of Studies, View of South, 1960

 **Jarecki - Lacks Center**

1 X East Elevation, School of Advanced Learning, Oct. 10, 1997

1 17 Architectural Concept Drawing, 1999

 **Performing Arts Center**

2 X Circle Theatre - Architectural Concept Drawing, Oct. 2000

2 X Circle Theatre, Architectural Concept Drawing, Apr. 20, 2001

 **Regina Hall**

1 11 Women's Dormitory Architectural Concept Drawing, 1959

1 10 Women’s Dormitory Architectural Concept Drawing, 1962

1 11 Photos of Women’s Dormitory Architectural Concept Drawing, 1962

 **Soccer Field**

1 18 Synthetic Turf Installation Field Rendering, 2007

 **St. Joseph the Worker Hall**

2 X Architectural Concept Drawing, 1964

1 12 Men’s Dormitory Architectural Concept Drawing, 1964

 **Sturrus Center**

1 6 Fieldhouse Architectural Concept Drawing, 1957

1 6 Physical Education Building Architectural Concept Building, 1966

**See Related Images**

**Location Contents**

1958 yearbook pg. 12-13 Campus of the Future, Aerial Perspective of Campus Development