

Pierson & Co. photographs of Seattle apartment buildings, circa 1900s-1910s

Overview of the Collection

Title	Pierson & Co. photographs of Seattle apartment buildings
Dates	circa 1900s-1910s (inclusive) 1900 1910
Quantity	15 photographic prints (1 folder) ; 8 x 10 in.
Collection Number	PH1170
Summary	Photographs of apartment buildings in Seattle
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Additional Reference	
Guides	
Languages	English

Content Description

Photographs of apartment buildings in Seattle. Four of the photographs have drawings of the layout of the buildings on the backs of the photographs. The photographs were taken by Pierson and Co. Photographers.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Transferred from the Seattle Subject file, 2012

Bibliography

James, Diana E. 2012. Shared walls: Seattle apartment buildings, 1900-1939. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co.

Processing Note

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Capitol Hill Apartment Buildings

The large number of streetcar routes connecting the rest of Seattle to Capital Hill made it a prime destination for apartment renters and investors. By 1901 there was a streetcar running along Broadway named the City Park Line connecting the residences and small businesses in the neighborhood.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	1a-b	Adrian Court Apartments [view] The Adrian Court apartments were built around 1906 by Stephen Austin Jennings and were located at 911-913 Summit Avenue and Madison Street, located where Swedish Hospital is today. Verso has drawing of building layout.	undated
1	2	The Buckingham [view] The Buckingham was built in 1905 and is located at 1220 Boyleston Avenue.	undated
1	3	Chester Field Apartments [view] Located at 1804 East Republican Street	undated
1	4	Coolidge Apartment building [view]	undated

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		The Coolidge apartments were located at 903-07 Boylston Ave. Written on verso: John Davis and Co.	
1	5	The Lorrimer [view] The Lorimer was built in 1915 at 1914 E. Republican and holds seven living units. Sign in window reads: For Rent John Davis and Co.	circa 1915
1	6	St. Paul Apartment Building [view] The St. Paul Apartment building is a mid-rise apartment located on Seneca and Summit Avenue. It was designed in 1901 by the architectural firm Spalding and Russel and was built in the same year by Edwin C. Burke. The original building had eighteen apartments with spacious rooms and loggias that included speaking tubes, electric bells and porches that exited into a large central courtyard.	undated

Denny Regrade-Belltown Apartment Buildings

The Denny Regrade area of Seattle between Stewart and Mercer Streets originally housed a large hill between 2nd and 5th Avenue, named Denny Hill and was removed in the early 20th century by Seattle engineer, Reginald Heber Thomson.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	7	Grant Apartment building [view] The Grant Apartments were located at 2020 5th Ave.	circa 1909

First Hill Apartments

First Hill originally interested wealthy homeowners in the 1880s and by 1904 many investors had bought land to build apartments and boarding houses. By 1910 individual family homes were no longer a building priority.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	8a-b	Old Colony Apartment [view] The Old Colony building was built in 1909 at 615 Boren Avenue and was used as a hotel and apartment complex. It was built for E.B. Burwell of the Seattle Hardware Company by Frank P. Allen, known for his work with	circa 1909

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The Old Colony originally had 28 units and was known for its upscale luxurious environment. Verso has drawing of building layout.	
1	9	San Marco Apartments [view] The San Marco building is located at 1205-1209 Spring Street Seattle, WA and was completed October of 1905 and had 118 rooms.	undated

Queen Anne Apartment Buildings

The Queen Anne neighborhood was a prime location for the quickly growing number of apartments due to its proximity to downtown Seattle and its multiple streetcar connections.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	10a-b	The Lorely Apartments [view] The Lorely Apartments were built in 1912 at 203 West Comstock Street. Verso has drawing of building layout.	circa 1912
1	11	The Tanglewood [view] The Tanglewood apartments were built in 1914 at 1511 11th Avenue West. Sign in window reads: For Rent John Davis and Co.	circa 1914

University District Apartment Buildings

After 1909 and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Seattle had expanded its public transportation to the University of Washington which had relocated away from downtown Seattle in 1891. This allowed for the expansion of the surrounding area and the increase in apartment buildings.

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	12	Adelaide Apartments [view] Located at 1315 East 47th Avenue. Store front for Paysse Hardware Co. and Re-nu-it Cleaners and Tailors visible.	circa 1919

Other Seattle Areas and Unknown locations

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Folder	Item		
1	13	The Theresia Apartments[view] Verso has drawing of building layout.	undated
1	14	Two buildings with address 2016[view]	undated
1	15	Weir Apartments[view] Located at 1303 E 41st Street which is now in today's Laurelhurst neighborhood.Pencil drawing on verso.	undated

Names and Subjects

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