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Finding Aids for the

Charles Vandervelde Glass Negatives and Photos Collection

Collection # 069

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Abstract

The Charles Vandervelde Photo Collection contains 99 items, including several duplicate images, of the greater Grand Rapids, Michigan area from the turn of the 19th Century, ca. 1895 to ca. 1905. At least one view is included for Jenison, Plainfield and Ada, Michigan. For Grand Rapids, the images include a unique set of street views from the near northeast side of downtown, a Spanish-American War rally, and the flood of 1904. There are also 7 images of the Water Reservoir break. Vandervelde (1867-1941) was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, worked as the treasurer of the Grand Rapids Builders and Trades Exchange, and was a charter member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club. An image of Mr. Vandervelde is included in the collection.

Collection #: 069
Accession #: 1986.395
Donor: Unknown
Span dates: 1895-1905
Original archival processing date: May 1988
Size: .21 linear ft. (2.5 inches)

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
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Box Inventory 9/2009		
1	Photos	Slim

Related Collections

Coll. 139, Grand Rapids Camera Club Collection.

Biography

Charles Vandervelde (1867-1941) was a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He worked as the treasurer of the Grand Rapids Builders and Trades Exchange. He was an amateur photographer and charter member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club. An image of Mr. Vandervelde himself is included in the collection.

Scope and Content

This collection provides visual documentation of the turn of the century ca. 1900 (range ca. 1895-1905), including images of some significant local events, such as a Spanish-American War rally in Campau Square, and the flood of 1904 (largest set, 17 items), which involved many of Grand Rapids citizens. The second largest set of 16 items includes street views for several central streets in the downtown area, while a set of 7 images documents the water reservoir break, ca.

There are a total of 99 views, of which 40 appear to be duplications. The views include a unique set of street views from the near northeast side of downtown. Also included are views from three other Grand Rapids area communities, Jenison, Plainfield and Ada.

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