

Finding aid for the Roger Patterson photographs Collection 392

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Patterson, Roger
Title	Roger Patterson photographs
Date [inclusive]	1885-1980s
Extent	1.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The collection consists of images owned by librarian Roger Patterson who worked in the Grand Rapids Public library from the 1960s through the 1980s. The presence of descriptive tags for some of the photos as well as construction paper lettering imply the images were used in displays in branches of the Grand Rapids Public Library. The images are primarily of Grand Rapid's West Side and include churches, parks, bridges, and private and public buildings.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Leroy Roger Patterson, commonly known as Roger Patterson, worked for the Grand Rapids Public Library during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. He is remembered for his work in the History and Music section at the main library and particularly for his promotion of children's books and programs and storytelling at the Burton branch, West Side branch and Ottawa Hills branch where he was the librarian for many years.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of reproduced images, mostly on card-stock, notes describing some of the images, and alphabetical characters made from black construction paper that spell "West Side Story." The images are primarily of Grand Rapid's West Side and were possibly used in displays in the Grand Rapids Public Library. Many of the reproductions are from images from the Grand Rapids Illustrated publication. Subjects include churches, parks, bridges, and private and public buildings.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department September 2012

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Leroy Roger Patterson estate, accession number 2012.056.

Processing Information note

The images are arranged randomly and are numbered sequentially as they were received in several manila envelopes.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Collection #91 Grand Rapids Illustrated Collection

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- photographs

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History -- Photographs
- West Side (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
1. 1904 flood. Stocking and Bridge St. looking South down Jefferson (now Lexington). Old Watson house at left. Old police signal booth on the corner tipped over and lying between telephone poles next to Riechel's drugstore. Includes display tags.	1	1
2. 1907 John Ball Park. Early automobile with three male passengers.	1	1
3. Grand Rapids School Furniture building.	1	1
4. Large gathering at John Ball Park. Horse and carriages and early automobiles.	1	1
5. Sanctuary and altar of St. Adalbert Basilica.	1	2
6. Lincoln Park Pavilion.	1	2
7. View of Grand Rapids taken opposite West End 3rd St. Pine street school center. Beyond is St. James church old parish school this side of it. St. Mary's faintly to the left and back.	1	2
8. Foot Bridge viewed from Pearl street bridge; St. Mary's visible in distance.	1	2

9. Scrip Labor. Broadway 30 inch sewer. Webster to Richmond. Includes display tag.	1	3
10. Scrip Labor. Richmond Park swimming pool.	1	4
11. John Ball Park Bandstand.	2	1
12. Circus grounds at John Ball Park 1905	2	1
13. John Ball statue at John Ball Park.	2	1
14. John Ball Park. Looking East to zoo entrance.	2	1
15. Monkey eating.	2	1
16. John Ball Park looking Northwest from upper grotto toward eagle house.	2	1
17. Monkey habitat with monkeys lounging on rocks and children behind.	2	2
18. Jungle foliage.	2	2
19. Reed's Lake—Suburbs of Grand Rapids. Retouched image of rowboats. Appears to be cut from magazine.	2	2
20. Looking west down West Bridge from Pine in front of Riechels drug store. Watson homestead at top of hill.	2	2

21. Looking West down I-196 from Hastings st. at night. 131 and St. Mary's visible in distance.	2	2
22. Stained glass windows St. James church.	2	2
23. "The Steps" 1888	2	3
24. West Side branch of GRPL	2	3
25. Stocking street with two horse and wagon teams at left.	2	3
26. Grand Rapids Fire Department building, 500 Bridge st nw, with motorcycle outside.	2	3
27. Widdicomb Street School. Seventh Reformed Church.	2	3
28. John Ball Park from pavilion with snowfall.	2	3
29. Looking North along John Ball Park Drive from West end of Fulton St. Streetcar at right.	2	3
30. Looking North along John Ball Park Drive from West end of Fulton St. Streetcar at right; as above.	2	3
31. Straight Street School 1888	2	4
32. West Bridge st. looking East from Pine during winter. Child on sled with dog.	2	4

33. West Bridge st. looking East. Bell Conrad & Co's building on left.	2	4
34. Union High School	2	4
35. Reed's Lake Jumbo Postcard of passenger boat at dock.	2	4
36. Grand Rapids Street Railway Company West Side Car House at Scribner and Bowery.	2	4
37. John Ball Park—New Pavilion construction with laborer and wheelbarrows in front	2	5
38. Wolverine Bicycle Club at park 1895 posing with “Keep Off The Grass” sign.	2	5
39. View in John Ball Park, Looking South about 1897.	2	5
40. Balcony at rear of St. James Church.	2	5
41. Later Mt. Vernon Hotel 1886	2	5
42. Circus grounds 1905. West side of Valley ave at Fulton Street. Tent, wagons, cattle and camels.	2	5
43. View of St. James altar with banner to the right. Slightly blurry.	3	1
44. Interior of St. James 1906 showing ceiling and altar.	3	1

45. Scribner ave. Car barns. Automobiles and streetcar with wires overhead. "Red Top" sign right of center.	3	1
46. Wooden pavilion and stairway at picnic grounds John Ball Park.	3	1
47. St. James Catholic Church with drawn in figures of people.	3	1
48. Interior of St. Adalbert's Basilica; columns and stained glass windows.	3	2
49. Streetcar with "Scribner" sign/lettering. Two men examining lower portion of the car.	3	2
50. Women and bicycles in Fulton Park.	3	2
51. Building on Chatham by sibley school; 1970's; pre-school circa 2012	3	2
52. Flood. West Broadway (Now National) looking North from Catham to Bridge. Some houses from 1st street show in center distance. Third house on the left is old Shickell homestead. Includes display tag.	3	2
53. Arch in John Ball Park.	3	3
54. Ball Park Floral on corner of W. Fulton and Valley. Taken from John Ball Park.	3	3
55. View from Pearl street bridge looking West. Blackmore Manufacturing co./F.L. Furbish building and Star Mills building visible.	3	3

56. Front of St. Adalberts Basilica 1960's or 70's.	3	3
57. East Promenade of Lincoln Park Pavilion.	3	3
58. Sanctuary of St. Adalbert's Basilica 1960's or 70's.	3	3
59. Bridge st. corner Gold south side	3	3
60. Intersection of Plainfield and Coit Ave 1888	3	4
61. Reeds Lake. View of Lakeside Club and docked ferries with man in rowboat front and center.	3	4
62. Thomas White home, possibly 1888, at intersection of Washington and State streets and Jefferson ave.	3	4
63. Morton House.	3	4
64. Jefferson ave., South from East Fulton st.	3	4
65. Central High School.	3	4
66. Reed's Lake. Lakeside club with ferry.	3	4
67. Lincoln Park looking Southwest toward pavilion. Children in bottom right corner.	3	4
68. Turner Street School.	3	4

69. Construction of new Bridge st. bridge.	3	4
70. W. Bridge st. looking East from Straight ave. St. James Sister's Home and church, telephone company, and Adrian Home visible.	3	4
71. Seventh Reformed Church from building front.	4	1
72. Voss ice wagon at the Northeast corner of Bridge and Pine. Includes display tag.	4	1
73. West Bridge st. looking west from intersection of W. Bridge and Turner.	4	1
74. John Ball Park pond and foot bridge. Park name on side of hill.	4	1
75. John Ball Park hill with stairway.	4	1
76. John Ball Park path and picnic pavilion.	4	1
77. John Ball Park pond, pathways, bridge, and birdhouse on left.	4	1
78. St. Mary's church.	4	2
79. St. James church.	4	2
80. Building given free for library purposes by Michigan Bell.	4	2
81. New West Side Branch with four children in front.	4	2

82. Children's Room—West Side Branch.	4	3
83. Rademacher and daughter on site of West Side Branch. Gottfried Adrian's property.	4	3
84. American Bread Co. at 712 Bridge st 1960'-70's.	4	3
Tags with no matching images and alphabetical characters.	4	4