

**BUFFALO ARCHITECTURE RESEARCH:  
SELECTED SOURCES IN THE  
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**



**LAFAYETTE SQUARE, 1904**

**KEY**

- \* = Oversized book
- Buffalo = Buffalo Collection, Grosvenor Room
- Folio = A really oversized book!
- NON-FICT = Central Non-fiction, *can be borrowed*
- Media = Media Room, *can be borrowed*
- RBR = Rare Book Room
- Ref. = Reference book, *cannot be borrowed*
- Stacks = Closed Stacks, *may be borrowed*

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### GETTING STARTED

The Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library has a number of resources to help you research a factory, store, church, office building, or neighborhood in Buffalo.\*

While no single book or database exists that documents of all the buildings in Buffalo, there are multiple sources that will help you narrow down a building's age and identify at least some of its occupants. In some cases, you can identify the architect, the first owner, and the exact year of construction.

Unfortunately, we have relatively few sources for houses and buildings in the towns and villages of Erie County. To research buildings outside of the City of Buffalo, start by looking at town or village histories, which often include pictures or descriptions of major buildings. We also suggest contacting the appropriate town hall and asking about tax records and building permits.

\*For house research, please see the separate guide: *How To Research A Buffalo House: Selected Sources in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library*  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications>

## HOW-TO BOOKS: ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH

Since no one is born knowing how to research a building, we have some books that walk you through the process. See also "Selected websites" in this guide for more how-to information.

NON-FICT \*E159 .G69 1996

Greenberg, Gail

**Comprehensive Guide for Listing a Building in the National Register of Historic Places**

Sausalito, CA: Lucid Press, 1996

GRO Ref. \*E159 .O36 1991

O'Donnell, Eleanor

**Researching a Historic Property [National Register Bulletin #39]**

[Washington, D.C.] U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Interagency Resources Div., 1991

Online in full text at <https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb39/>

GRO Ref. HD2785 .K43 1990

Kerr, K. Austin

**Local Businesses: Exploring Their History**

Nashville, TN: American Association for State and Local History, ©1990

## BOOKS ABOUT LOCAL ARCHITECTS & BUILDERS

Very few local architects, contractors, and their work have been documented in book form.

Buffalo \*F129 .B8 B2925

**Architectural Portfolio of Some of the Buildings Erected by M. E. Beebe & Son, Architects...**

Buffalo, NY: The Wenborne-Sumner Co., 1895

Buffalo F129 .B853 R389 1996

Whitman, Roger

**The Rise and Fall of a Frontier Entrepreneur: Benjamin Rathbun, "Master Builder and Architect"**

Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press and Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, ©1996

Buffalo \*HD9715 .U54 C59

John W. Cowper Company

**Fifty Years in Construction**

Buffalo, NY: The Company, ©1965

STACKS NA54 .N7 A3

University of the State of New York

**Registered Architects**

[Albany, NY]

*A bi-annual directory of architects practicing in New York State. We have 1946-1972.*

Buffalo \*NA735 .B9 L68 1996

Wachadlo, Martin

**Louise Blanchard Bethune and Her Office: Partial List of Known Works, 1883-1897...**

[Blasdell, NY: Martin Wachadlo, 1996?]

GRO Ref. NA736 .W5

Withey, Henry & Elsie

**Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased)**

Los Angeles, CA: New Age Pub. Co., ©1956

*A good source for everyday architects rather than superstars; includes some Buffalonians*

## BOOKS ABOUT LOCAL ARCHITECTS & BUILDERS

Buffalo \*NA737 .C69 M56 2001

Mingus, Nancy

**John Hopper Coxhead: The Client Connections**

[Baltimore, MD: Goucher College], ©2001

Buffalo \*NA737 .G727 A4 1997

Mead, Gerald C., ed.

**E. B. Green: Buffalo's Architect**

[Buffalo, NY]: Buffalo State College Foundation, ©1997

Buffalo \*NA737 .K48 K25 1977

**The KSFL Partnership**

[Buffalo, NY:] Kideney, Smith, Fitzgerald, Laping, [1977]

Stacks \*NA Z5941 .C64

**Avery Obituary Index of Architects and Artists**

Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1963

*Includes some Buffalonians*

## BOOKS ABOUT LOCAL BUILDINGS

The following volumes are found in the Grosvenor Room and may not be borrowed. In a few cases, there are duplicate copies in the Humanities & Social Sciences Department, which you may borrow. This list is not exhaustive. For example, we have a separate handout for **Frank Lloyd Wright** and for the **New York Central Terminal**.

Buffalo \*F120 .W28 1989

Wallace, David H.

**The Ansley Wilcox House and its Furnishings: Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, Buffalo, New York**

Harpers Ferry, WV: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, 1989

Buffalo \*F129 .B875 P593 2006

Brown, Christopher N.

**Historic Plymouth Avenue: A Survey of the History and Structures of Plymouth Avenue from Hudson Street to Porter Avenue in Buffalo, New York**

Buffalo, NY: Kleinhans Community Association, [©2006]

Buffalo F129 .B88 A25 2003

Levine, Linda R.

**Beautiful Buffalo: Preserving a City**

Buffalo, NY: Canisius College Press, ©2003

Buffalo \*F129 .B88 B74 1998

**An Architectural Profile: 1898-1998**

Buffalo, NY: M & T Bank, 1998

Buffalo \*F129 .B88 B76 1999

Brown, Chris

**Walking Tour February 20, 1999**

Buffalo, NY: Kleinhans Community Association, [1999]

*Symphony Circle area*

Buffalo F129 .B88 C93 1989

**Discovering Our Past, Designing Our Future : A History of the Buffalo Cyclorama Building**

[Buffalo, NY: Ciminelli Companies, 1989?]

## BOOKS ABOUT LOCAL BUILDINGS

Buffalo \*HN45 .B8 B8 1994

### **Historic Firehouses of Buffalo, N.Y.**

Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Fire Historical Society, 1994

GRO Ref. LD701 .B43 R87 1993

Rupley, Frances

### **A Walking Tour of the University at Buffalo & Other Area Architectural Treasures**

Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1993

Buffalo N525 .A8 1987

Sanford, John Douglas

### **The Gallery Architects: Edward B. Green and Gordon Bunshaft**

Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, ©1987

GRO \*NA730 .N42 E8

Fox, Austin, ed.

### **Erie County's Architectural Legacy**

Buffalo, NY: Erie County Preservation Board, ©1983

*A good source for significant buildings outside of Buffalo*

Buffalo NA735 .B83 B83

Kowsky, Francis, et al

### **Buffalo Architecture: A Guide**

Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, ©1981

Buffalo \*NA735 .B83 C52

Olenick, Andy

### **Classic Buffalo: A Heritage of Distinguished Architecture**

Buffalo, NY: Canisius College Press, ©1999

Buffalo NA735 .B9 B84 1997

Wachadlo, Martin, comp.

### **Buffalo Architects and Architecture as Noted in the "Building Intelligence" Section of *Sanitary Engineer/Engineering Record*, 1879-1897**

[Blasdell, NY: M. Wachadlo], ©1997

Buffalo NA735 .B9 B85 1996

Wachadlo, Martin, comp.

### **Buffalo Architects & Architecture in *The Architectural Era*, 1888-1891**

[Buffalo, NY: Martin Wachadlo, 1996]

GRO Ref \*NA735 .B9 H55

Hitchcock, Henry Russell

### **Buffalo Architecture 1816-1940 [Catalog of the] Exhibition, Buffalo, Albright Art Gallery...**

[Buffalo, NY: Albright Art Gallery, 1940?]

Buffalo \*NA735 .B9 R3

Randall, John D.

### **Buffalo and Western New York Architecture and Human Values**

Buffalo, NY: Artcraft-Burow, 1976

Buffalo \*NA958.5 .I58 B36 1986

Banham, Reyner

### **A Concrete Atlantis: U.S. Industrial Building and European Modern Architecture**

Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, ©1986

*Prominently features Buffalo's grain elevators*

Buffalo NA2440 .B9

American Institute of Architects. Buffalo Chapter

### **Catalogue of the 2nd Annual Architectural Exhibition, March 18 to 30**

[Buffalo, NY: Matthews-Northrup], 1895

## BOOKS ABOUT LOCAL BUILDINGS

Buffalo NA4433 .B9 C66 1993

Conlin, John H.

**Buffalo City Hall: Americanesque Masterpiece**

Buffalo, NY: Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier, ©1993

Buffalo NA4483 .B8 B38 2001

Baltes, Warren

**Connecticut Street Armory Centennial**

Buffalo, NY: [The Author?], 2001

GRO Ref. NA5230 .N72 E75 1994

Fox, Austin M.

**Church Tales of the Niagara Frontier**

Buffalo, NY: Western New York Wares, ©1994

Buffalo NA5235 .B8 A7

Armstrong, Elizabeth

**The Building of a Church: An Architectural Study, 1889-1973**

Buffalo, NY: First Presbyterian Church, [1974]

Buffalo \*NA5235 .B8 E34 2003

Ederer, Martin F.

**Buffalo's Catholic Churches: Ethnic Communities and the Architectural Legacy**

Buffalo, NY: Bates Jackson, ©2003

GRO Ref. \*NA5235 .B8 N37 1995

Napora, James

**Houses of Worship: A Guide to the Religious Architecture of Buffalo, New York**

Thesis (M.Arch.)--State University of New York at Buffalo, 1995

Buffalo \*NA6835 .B9 S5 1994

**Shea's Buffalo Theatre: Buffalo Performing Arts Center, Buffalo, New York**

Elmhurst, Ill: Theatre Historical Society of America, ©1994

Buffalo NA7238 .A44 M3 1987

McMillan, Louise

**A Field Guide to the Architecture and History of Allentown**

Buffalo, NY: Allentown Association, 1987

Buffalo \*RC445 .N73 B84 1982

**Historic Structures Report and Re-Use Feasibility Study of the H.H. Richardson Designed Complex, Buffalo State Hospital Buildings**

[Buffalo, NY: Foit-Albert & Associates Architects, 1982]

Buffalo \*TH1610 .L665 1999

Longiaru, Christine M.

**A History of Architectural Cast Iron in Buffalo, New York: 1850-1900**

Thesis (M.A.)--State University of New York at Buffalo, 1999

Buffalo \*TH4461 .L47 1998, 3 vols.

Leary, Thomas E.

**Historic American Engineering Record: Buffalo Grain Elevators**

[Buffalo, NY?]: ©1998

Buffalo \*TR647 .E54 B84 1997

Engel, Gerrit

**Buffalo Grain Elevators**

[Munchen?] G. Engel, ©1997

## ARCHITECTURAL PLANS, DRAWINGS & BLUEPRINTS

Unfortunately, architectural drawings and blueprints for local buildings are very rare. The Library does not possess drawings or blueprints for buildings other than some of our libraries.

Drawings and floor plans for a few major Buffalo buildings have been published in architectural journals. Those articles can be found in the *Vertical File* and are cited in the *Local History File*.

Buffalo City Hall has a collection of 20<sup>th</sup> century plans and drawings. See “*Where Else Can I Research Architecture?*” at the end of this handout.

## ATLASES

The following atlases show the diagrams or footprints of every building in Buffalo. These atlases help establish a time frame for the construction of your building.

The Grosvenor Room also owns *Sanborn Fire Insurance Atlases*. Besides showing streets and buildings, Sanborns include the number of stories, type of building material and for the larger commercial holdings, the business name. The Grosvenor Room has Sanborn maps for the City of Buffalo in hard copy 1880-1963 and on microfilm 1981-1986. *Sanborn maps for Buffalo and many other cities and towns in New York State can now also be accessed through the “Sanborn maps of New York 1867-1970” online database.*

Folio F129 .B8 H7 1872

**Atlas of the City of Buffalo, Erie Co., New York: From Actual Surveys & Official Records**  
Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, ©1872.

Folio F129 .B8 H7 1884

**Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York: From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys**  
Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, ©1884

Folio F129 .B8 H7 1891

**Atlas of the City of Buffalo, NY: From Official Records, Private Plans and Actual Surveys**  
Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1891

Folio F129 .B8 A54 1894, 3 vols.

**Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York**  
New York: American Atlas, 1894

*This atlas has been fully scanned online at [http://www.erie.gov/atlasses/buff\\_94/city\\_atlas.html](http://www.erie.gov/atlasses/buff_94/city_atlas.html)*

Folio F129.B8 N25, 3 vols.

**The New Century Atlas of Greater Buffalo**  
Philadelphia, PA: Century Atlas Co., 1915

## BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - PERMITS

These include building permits approved by the Common Council. Building permits were apparently required for wood frame buildings but not for masonry (brick or stone) ones. Permits provide a construction date and, in some cases, the original permit on file in City Hall supplies an architect's name.

Buffalo JS662 .A2

### **Proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo**

Buffalo, NY: [various publishers], 1854-1996

From 1854 to 1887, permits are found in the Index by the owner's last name.

From 1887 to 1906, permits are found in the Index under *Permits*, then by the owner's last name.

From 1907 to 1950, permits are found in the Index under *Permits*, then by the address.

Original permits are on file at City Hall. See "Where Else Can I Research My House?" at the end of this handout.

**Alternate source: For a structure built in the 1920s**, including garages, building permits were also published in the Buffalo Evening News. Search the digital newspaper collection at

<http://fultonhistory.com>

Example BOOLEAN search: "123 Delaware" and "building permits" and "buffalo evening news"

## CENSUS RECORDS

The Grosvenor Room has Federal and New York State Census records from 1790 to 1930 on microfilm, with print indexes for 1790 to 1870, 1900, and 1910. Federal censuses provide a wealth of information on individuals, households, and families. Because they are arranged geographically, you do not need to know the names of occupants in order to find a house or household in census records.

A set of Buffalo Ward Maps are also available, which will help you pinpoint the correct roll of census microfilm.

Federal censuses can also be searched by personal name in *Ancestry Library* and *Heritage Quest*. See *Databases* for more information.



## CITY DIRECTORIES

The Grosvenor Room has Buffalo City Directories from 1828 to the present. The earliest list mostly men's names and addresses, but later editions include occupations, wives' or widows' names, and whether the person was a homeowner [h] or residing/renting [r] at the address.

**Suburbs:** The first suburban directories appeared in the late 1950s, also with address sections. There are very few town or village directories from before World War II.




### Lookup by address:

From 1929 to the present, Buffalo directories include an address section, which allows you to locate occupants when you know only the address. These pages are often pink or green and are found at the end of the directory.

**NEW!** Search by address using keyword search in **Ancestry database:** Buffalo directories, 1861-1960. Found in the "U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989" collection.

**NEW!:** Buffalo City Directories 1832-1913 are now digitized online:

<http://www.nyheritage.org/collections/buffalo-city-directories>

DATABASES		AVAILABILITY
<p>Researchers can browse Federal census records online in Ancestry Library and Heritage Quest. Learning the names of a building's occupants will help you turn up biographical information about previous residents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php">http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php</a></p>		
	<p>Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census between the years 1790 and 1930, plus immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records.</p>	<p>Available for walk-in use at every public library in Erie County, <b>no at-home access</b></p>
	<p>Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1930, family genealogies, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth, marriage and death records, and genealogical and local history serials from the Periodical Source Index (PERSI).</p>	<p>For walk-in use at every public library in Erie County or from home with a valid Buffalo &amp; Erie County Public Library card</p>
	<p>Sanborn fire insurance maps are detailed property and land-use records. Provides access to maps for towns and cities in New York state.</p>	<p>For use at any library or from home with a valid Buffalo &amp; Erie County Public Library card number.</p>

DEEDS & PROPERTY RECORDS	NOTES
<p>If you own the building in question, your search will go much faster if you have the abstract of title, a document which lists all previous owners of the parcel. Copies of deeds are available only at the Erie County Clerk's Office. See "Where Else Can I Research My House?" at the end of this handout.</p>	
<p>GRO Ref. F118 .L58 1991 Livsey, Karen E. <b>Western New York Land Transactions, 1804-1824: Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company</b> Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©1991</p>	<p>These two volumes index thousands of names of early settlers who purchased land from the Holland Land Company. A small number of the houses they built from this period survive today.</p>
<p>GRO Ref. F118 .L583 1996 Livsey, Karen E. <b>Western New York Land Transactions, 1825-1835: Extracted from the Archives of the Holland Land Company</b> Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©1996</p>	<p>Unfortunately, deeds do not record when buildings were erected or demolished on a parcel of land.</p>
<p>GRO Ref. F127 .E6 E73 1981 <b>Deed Tables...in the County of Erie, N.Y., as Sold by the Holland Land Company...</b> Knightstown, IN: The Bookmark, 1981</p>	<p>Originally published in 1859, reprinted in 1981.</p>

LOCAL HISTORY FILE
<p>The Local History File is primarily a card index for Buffalo newspapers and periodicals from the 1930s to the 1980s, with some earlier and later entries. Here you might locate articles about the owners and occupants of buildings. Try these headings:</p>
<p><i>[Name of Architect, e.g. Wright, Frank Lloyd]</i> <i>Apartment Houses</i> <i>Architects</i> <i>Architecture</i> <i>Buildings</i> <i>Churches</i> <i>Hospitals. State Hospital</i> <i>Hotels</i> <i>Stations. New York Central</i> <i>Streets – [name of street]</i></p>

PERIODICALS & INDEXES	NOTES
<p>Buffalo *F116 .L36 <b>The Landmarker</b> Buffalo, NY: Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier</p>	
<p>Buffalo *F129 .B8 W38 <b>Western New York Heritage Magazine</b> Buffalo, NY: Western New York Heritage Institute, 1997 to the present</p>	<p>A glossy, full-color quarterly magazine about people, places, things, and events in the history of Western New York. Often features notable buildings. Indexed in the <i>Local History File</i> and in PERSI (Periodical Source Index), a component of the <i>Heritage Quest</i> database.</p>

PERIODICALS & INDEXES	NOTES
Buffalo HD268 .B9 B9 <b>Buffalo Realtor</b> [Buffalo, NY]: Buffalo Real Estate Board, 1920-1921, 1929	Features real estate news in the Buffalo area.
Buffalo *NA1 .P74 <b>Buffalo Preservation Report</b> Buffalo, NY: Preservation Coalition of Erie County, 1991-1999	In-depth articles about Buffalo buildings, neighborhoods, history, and preservation battles. Indexed online in the <i>National Trust Index</i> (see <i>Selected Websites</i> ). Some articles are indexed in the <i>Local History File</i> .
Stacks *NA1 .S6 <b>Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians</b>	We have v.1 (1941) to v.60 (2001). Occasionally features local buildings.
Stacks *NA1 .S6 Index <b>Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians Index</b>	Indexes vols. 1-20, 1941-1961.
Stacks NA7207 .C85 1994 Culbertson, Margaret <b>American House Designs: An Index to Popular and Trade Periodicals, 1850-1915</b> Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, ©1994	A guide to house plans that were published in magazines and other periodicals in America
Stacks *NA Z5941 .C64, 12 vols. <b>Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals</b> Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1963	The Avery Index will help you find articles about Buffalo buildings published in architectural journals from before 1963. The Central Library has many of the journals indexed in it.
For a fairly comprehensive list of the journal and magazines owned by the Library relating to home design, building, engineering, and real estate in Buffalo and beyond, please see the separate guide titled <b>Architecture Periodicals</b> . <a href="https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications">https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications</a>	

PICTURES
<p>A small Picture File, shelved at the end of the Vertical File, offers mounted photographs of Buffalo buildings and streetscapes. They tend to show prominent buildings, mansions, and downtown scenes. The sources and dates of these pictures are mostly unrecorded. The Library has very few original photographs of average, individual houses.</p> <p>For additional pictures, see our related handout, <i>Buffalo Illustrations</i>, which goes into great detail about finding historic images of Buffalo buildings and streets primarily in books and other publications in our collection.</p> <p>The Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society has an extensive photograph collection. See “<i>Where Else Can I Research Architecture?</i>” at the end of this handout.</p>

## RARE BOOK ROOM (RBR)

RBR has a few collections by 19<sup>th</sup> century Buffalo photographers. These pictures tend to focus on downtown, parks, mansions, and the harbor. To see an index of available pictures, ask at the Grosvenor Room Reference Desk for desk guide #37, *Rare Book Room Index*.

Material in the Rare Book Room may be seen by appointment (716-858-8900). The following works are relevant for architectural researchers.

RBR MAG. \*B83 V.1

**Buffalo Real Estate News**

Buffalo, NY: Geo. M. Bailey, 1890-1891

RBR MSS. C37 1926

**George Cary, 1859-1945 Papers, 1885(ca.)-1926**

RBR WNYO 1884.W5

Wilson & Smith (Firm)

**Early Buffalo Land Records**

[Buffalo, NY: The Firm, 1884?]

RBR WNYO 1924.E39

**A Selection of Photographs Illustrating Work of Edw. B. Green & Sons, Architects, One Niagara Square, Buffalo**

Buffalo, NY: The Firm, 1924

RBR WNYO 1925.B53

**Selections from Work of Bley & Lyman, Architects**

Buffalo, NY: Architectural Catalog Co., [1925?]

RBR WNYO 1925.T2

**Sullivan's Book of Homes**

Buffalo, NY: T. Sullivan & Co., ©1925

RBR WNYO 1965.D9

Durston, Helen G.

**Early Landmarks of the Niagara Frontier: A Selection of Pencil Impressions**

[Buffalo, NY: Published by the Salisbury Club, with the permission of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 1965]

RBR \*HD251 .R25

**The Real Estate and Builders' Monthly: A Practical Journal Devoted to Improved and Unimproved Property in City and County**

Buffalo, NY: Haas & Klein

*RBR has scattered issues from 1884 to 1887*

RBR TH1655 .B9

Buffalo Eagle Iron Works Co., Buffalo, N.Y

**Catalogue of Architectural Designs of Window Caps and Sills, Door Caps, Columns, &c., for Stores, Public Buildings, &c.**

Buffalo, NY: Jewett, Thomas & Co., 1854

## SCRAPBOOKS

The Buffalo scrapbooks in GRO were compiled roughly from 1900 to 1960, and are comprised largely of local newspaper clippings and ephemera. All are indexed in the *Local History File*. The following volumes are of particular interest to architectural researchers:

\*BR560 .B85B8, 13 vols.

**Churches in Buffalo and Vicinity**

<b>SCRAPBOOKS</b>
*F129 .B8B855 <b>Churches of Buffalo, Clippings 1858-1934</b>
*F129 .B8B6922 <b>Buffalo Civic Stadium</b>
*F129 .B8B69242, 2 vols. <b>Buildings in Buffalo</b>
*F129 .B8B6926, 2 vols. <b>Hotel, Taverns, and Restaurants in Buffalo</b>
*F129 .B8B6929 <b>Public Buildings in Buffalo</b>
*F129 .B8B69292, 2 vols. <b>Public Buildings in Buffalo: The Courts and Jail</b>
*HD7304 .B9B89, 2 vols. <b>Housing in Buffalo and Vicinity</b>
*HE372 .B8B815, 3 vols. <b>Buffalo Streets</b>
*HF5472 .U7B9B88 <b>Buffalo Markets</b>
*LA339 .B9B93, 7 vols. <b>Schools of Buffalo</b>
*LA339 .B9B94, 2 vols. <b>Schools of Buffalo: Private and Parochial</b>
*LA339 .B9B95, 4 vols. <b>Schools of Buffalo: Colleges</b>
*PN2277 .B8B8, 3 vols. <b>Theater and Convention Halls in Buffalo</b>
*TL726.4 .B8B8 <b>Buffalo Airport</b>

<b>SELECTED WEBSITES</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<a href="http://www.buffaloah.com/">http://www.buffaloah.com/</a> <b>Buffalo Architecture and History</b>	An extensive, well-illustrated online encyclopedia of notable architects, buildings, houses, neighborhoods, and more in the Buffalo area
<a href="http://www.buffaloresearch.com/built.html">http://www.buffaloresearch.com/built.html</a> <b>Built in Buffalo: How to Research Buildings in Buffalo, NY</b>	A guide to online and offline sources for researching Buffalo houses and buildings
<a href="http://www.erie.gov/atlas/buff_94/city_atlas.html">http://www.erie.gov/atlas/buff_94/city_atlas.html</a> <b>City of Buffalo Atlas 1894</b>	All three volumes scanned online in full color. Shows individual buildings.
<a href="http://www2.erie.gov/clerk/index.php?q=land-records">http://www2.erie.gov/clerk/index.php?q=land-records</a> <b>Erie County Clerk Record Retrieval</b>	Property transactions from 1993 to the present are searchable here.
<a href="http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/index.html">http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/habs_haer/index.html</a> <b>Built in America: Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record</b> (HABS/HAER), 1933 to present	A few dozen major Buffalo buildings and structures are documented here with pictures and text

SELECTED WEBSITES	NOTES
<a href="http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/">http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/</a> <b>National Register of Historic Places</b>	See what buildings in Erie County have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.
<a href="http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/project/buffalos-grain-elevators/">http://regional-institute.buffalo.edu/project/buffalos-grain-elevators/</a> <b>Rediscovering the Concrete Atlantis</b>	A collection of essays by some of the most important scholars in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls area. Online for free in full text.
<a href="http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb39/">http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb39/</a> <b>Researching a Historic Property</b>	A National Register Bulletin published by the National Park Service

VERTICAL FILE
The Grosvenor Room Vertical File contains articles and clippings on local architects, prominent buildings, and significant neighborhoods in the Buffalo area. See these headings:
<i>Architects</i> <i>Architecture</i> <i>Neighborhoods</i>

VIDEOS	NOTES
Ask for these videos in the Media Room. They may be borrowed.	
Media NA5235 .B8 B83 2002VC [DVD & VHS] May, Christy Anne, producer <b>Buffalo's Houses of Worship</b> Buffalo, NY: WNED, ©2002	A tour of twelve of Buffalo's sacred landmarks, buildings of exquisite style designed to inspire awe, preserving traditions and providing ties to the past. They are repositories for incredible artwork, and places to sing and pray.
Media NA5235 .B8 C6 1997V [VHS] <b>A Collection of Polish Churches in Buffalo &amp; Niagara Falls</b> [Buffalo, NY]: Permanent Chair of Polish Culture at Canisius College, ©1997	History and description of active and closed Polish churches in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York
Media NA6835 .B9 S49 2004V [DVD] Newberg, Rich <b>A Palace for Buffalo</b> Buffalo, NY: LIN Television Corp., [2005], ©2004	Documents the history of Shea's Buffalo theater, which opened in 1926 and was once one of the country's most elaborate movie palaces. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and experts, Shea's Buffalo has been restored to its original glory and now attracts national Broadway touring companies.

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WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE?	NOTES
<p><b>Architecture &amp; Planning Library</b>  University at Buffalo  176 Hayes Hall  3435 Main Street  Buffalo, New York 14214-3087  (716) 829-3505  <a href="http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/apl/">http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/apl/</a></p>	<p>Has the online version of the Avery Index of Architectural Periodicals, Digital Sanborn maps for NY State, plus a collection of Masters' theses dealing with buildings, neighborhoods, and city planning issues in Buffalo</p>
<p><b>Buffalo History Museum's Research Library</b>  1 Museum Court  Buffalo, NY 14216-3199  library@buffalohistory.org  716.873.9644 x 306  <a href="http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx">http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx</a></p>	<p>Has the records of the E.B. Green architectural firm, Sanborn maps &amp; other atlases, and a large collection of vintage house photographs.</p>
<p><b>Buffalo City Hall</b>  Department of Economic Development, Permit and Inspection Services  324 City Hall  Buffalo, NY 14202  (716) 851-4972  <a href="https://www.buffalony.gov/435/Permit-Inspection-Services">https://www.buffalony.gov/435/Permit-Inspection-Services</a></p>	<p>Have original building permits on file. Also have some Buffalo building plans, most for 20<sup>th</sup> century construction or additions. Builders were not required to submit plans until around 1908 or so.</p>
<p><b>City of Buffalo Inactive Records Center</b>  85 River Rock Drive, Suite 301  Buffalo, NY 14207  (716) 874-6401 or (716) 570-8721  <a href="https://www.buffalony.gov/296/Records-Management">https://www.buffalony.gov/296/Records-Management</a></p>	<p>Has Tax &amp; Assessment Roll Books, 1815-1997; Assessors Land Maps, 1855, 1870, 1912; Polk directories, incomplete set 1856-1985. Please call before arriving to verify staff is on site.</p>
<p><b>Erie County Clerk</b>  92 Franklin Street  Buffalo, New York 14202  (716) 858-8865  Fax (716) 858-6550  ErieCountyClerk@erie.gov  <a href="http://www2.erie.gov/clerk/index.php?q=our-records-2">http://www2.erie.gov/clerk/index.php?q=our-records-2</a></p>	<p>All deeds and property transactions in Erie County are recorded here. This is a self-serve facility. Deeds are filed chronologically, not by address.</p> <p><b>A deed grantee index, 1808-1897 is also online at <a href="http://www.familysearch.com">www.familysearch.com</a>; look for New York Land Records, 1630-1975 →Erie</b></p>