

Appendix 1

Minnesota Historical Society/Museum Collections-Furniture

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1990.53.1

Minnesota State Capitol armchair.

1905 (Cleveland, Ohio : Marble and Shattuck Chair Co.).

Physical Details

1 item : wood, leather ; 97 x 53 x 46 cm.

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1988.250.9 1

Title

Chair from Minnesota State Capitol.

Publisher

1905.

Physical Details

1 item.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02C

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1988.250.17 7-9, 19

Title

Armchairs from Minnesota State Capitol.

Publisher

1905.

Physical Details

4 items.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02C

Location/Available

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 70.151

Title

Slant-front desk.

Publisher

1905.

Physical Details

1 item ; maple ; 88 (h) x 76 x 62 cm.

Summary

Small maple desk used by the Minnesota state legislature has a leather writing surface, rear gallery, and post and ball decoration. Two drawers below the desk top. Base has four turned wood legs and a low shelf with railing.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02F

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1978.49**Title**

Mahogany kneehole desk.

Publisher

[1905]

Physical Details

1 item ; mahogany, brass ; 80 (h) x 92 x 168 cm.

Summary

Mahogany kneehole desk used by governor's Executive Office Aide, W.F. "Billy" Williams in the Governor's Reception Room, Minnesota State Capitol, 1905-1957. Symmetrical desk has a tier of four drawers on each pedestal with carved handles, and a sliding wood tray with a brass pull above each tier. Center drawer above kneehole has carved ornament and a brass keyhole rosette. Drawer interiors are notched for insert dividers. Desk has a plinth base and plain exterior sides.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02F

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1981.5.2**Author**

Gilbert, Cass, 1859-1934, designer.

Title

Leather and mahogany desk chair.

Publisher

1904.

Physical Details

1 item : mahogany, leather ; 106 (h) x 66 x 52 cm.

Summary

Brown leather and mahogany desk chair has a leather upholstered back and seat and eagle's head arm ends. The swivel base is cross shaped with claw feet on casters. Chair is one of the original furnishing pieces of the Minnesota State Capitol, designed by Cass Gilbert. A small brass tag under the right arm is marked "#584".

Local Note

Classification no. FU02C

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1992.150.1 A-E

Title

Cabinet and bookcase from state office.

Publisher

[ca. 1900]

Physical Details

1 item with 5 units : oak, glass ; approx. 199 x 43 x 107 cm.

Summary

Cabinet or bookcase of quarter-sawn oak consists of five stacking units: bottom three are hinged double door cabinets with handles at center with holders for labels, top two sections are glass-front barrister's bookshelves. The latter have "STATE OF MINNESOTA" and "Shaw-Walker" labels, also "1569" in white ink inside one door. Unit has a "376519" state property tag. Used in the secretary of state's office but not an original example of Cass Gilbert furniture.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02J

Minnesota Historical Society Museum Object Call #: 1990.200.1

Title

Wooton desk from Governor's Reception Room in Minnesota State Capitol.

Publisher

[early 20th century] (Indianapolis, Ind. : Wooten Desk Co.).

Physical Details

1 item : wood ; 79 x 142 x 85 cm.

Summary

Double pedestal desk of unidentified wood made by the Wooton Desk Company, Indianapolis,

Ind., early 20th century. Desk top is molded and now has an inset replacement; skirt sides are plain. Desk has a center drawer at front flanked by two smaller drawers, each drawer has two ornate brass drop handles. Desk was used in the Governor's Reception Room, Minnesota State Capitol Building, Saint Paul, Minn.

Local Note

Classification no. FU02F

Appendix 2

List of Contractors on the Capitol Construction, 1896-1905
 From Minnesota State Capitol Commissioner's Board/Minnesota Historical Society Library

In chronological order

Call # 113.C.1.8F

Date	Category	Note
	Architect	Contract with Cass Gilbert
August 1896	Excavation and Foundation	Contract with George Grant Co.
January 1897	Structural Iron and Steel for basement floor	Universal Construction Co.
August 1897	General Construction	Butler-Ryan Co./final statement of general construction
Aug-Oct 1897	Concreting: Sub basement	Lauer Brothers.
March 1900-Dec 1902	Dome construction	Butler-Ryan Co.
July 1901-Nov 1905	Steps and terraces	Butler-Ryan Co.

Call # 113.C.1.9B

Aug 8-10, 1901	Marble carving	Purdy & Hutchinson
Sept 1901-May 1904	Roofing and skylights	Butler Bros.
Oct 1901-Dec 1905	Mechanical equipment -elevators -boiler plant -power house and tunnel -plumbing -electrical generation plant -electrical wiring -call bell -telephone and conduit -heating and ventilation	WI Gray Co.
Nov 1901-Aug 1904	Timbrel arches	Guastavino Co.
Feb 1902-Dec 1903	Fireproofing, metal furring, lathing, and timbrel arches	Butler-Ryan Co.

Feb 1902-Sept 1905	Plastering	Butler-Ryan
March 1902-June 1906	Ornamental Iron Work	Flour City Ornamental Works
March 1902	Interior Woodwork	Butler Bros.
Oct 1902-Feb 1905	Interior stone and marble	Butler Bros.
April 1903-June 1905	Painting and glazing	Bazile & Partridge
May 1903-Sept 1905	Artist's contracts and bills of sale	Blashfield French Garnsey LaFarge Millet Pyle Simmons Volk Zogbaum
May 1903-Nov 1904	Elevators	Otis Elevator
June 1903-Feb 1905	Fireproof vault doors	Diebold Safe and Lock Co.
Aug 1903-April 1907	Metal shelves and cases	Van Dorn Iron Works

Call # 113.C.2.1B

Dec 1903-Feb 1905	Furniture, cabinet works, furnishings, draperies, carpets	Field Schlick & Co. Mannheimer Bros. Schuneman & Evans Herter Bros.
July 1904-April 1905	Electrical light fixtures and registers	Sterling Bronze Co. Mitchell Vance Co. Winston Bros.
Oct 1904	Asphalt roads and walkways	Barber Asphalt Co.
May 1905-1906	Sidewalks, curbs, and paving	Barber Asphalt Co.
	Metallic fixtures in governor's vault	Art Metal Construction Co.
June 1906-June 1907	Approaches and sidewalks	Butler Bros.

REFERENCE INFORMATION ON SELECTED COMPANIES

Flour City Ornamental Iron Works
Northwest Architectural Archives, Manuscripts Division
213 Elmer L. Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, 222 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis,
MN 55455

Guastavino Company
See Wikipedia entry for Guastavino tile and Rafael Guastavino
The records and drawings of the Guastavino Fireproof Construction Company are held by the
Department of Drawings & Archives in the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library at
Columbia University in New York City.

Bazile and Partridge
Bazille and Partridge, Incorporated -- Paints and Varnishes, 69-73 East Fifth, St. Paul.
Photographer: Charles P. Gibson
Photograph Collection 1920-1926
Location no. MR2.9 SP3.1B p46
Negative no. 1167-B

Field Schlick
Papers at Minnesota Historical Society
Call # P2473

Mannheimer Brothers/Schuneman's Inc., company records
Minnesota Historical Society
BC1.1/.S393

Herter Bros.
Papers at the The Winterthur Library
The Joseph Downs Collection of Manuscripts and Printed Ephemera
http://findingaid.winterthur.org/html/HTML_Finding_Aids/COL0093.htm

Mitchell, Vance Company

<http://books.google.com/books?id=ZJi9P1eCf3MC&pg=PA96&lpg=PA96#v=onepage&q&f=false>

Wooten Desk

Wooton Patent Desks: A Place for Everything & Everything in its Place J. Camille Showalter and Janice Driesbach, editors Minnesota History Center Library

Appendix 3: Capitol Construction Accidental Deaths

Information File Updated 2/5/2014

	Felix Arthur	John Beirsack	Albert Swanson	Alfred Magnuson	Florian Zauner	John Corrigan
Other Names	Phelix Arthur ⁱ	John Biessack John Prershek		L. Magnuson ⁱⁱ Alfred Magnuson ⁱⁱⁱ	Florane Zauner ¹	
Place of Birth	Nelson, GA ^{iv}	Barton, WI ? (Family lived there)	Sweden	Sweden, immigration year 1896 ^v	Germany	Minnesota (adopted by Patrick M. McMahon family)
Birth Year	1873	c. 1861	c. 1870	April 1877	April 1860	c. 1885
Parents	Charles Arthur Julia Beaver ^{vi}	Joseph & Anna Biersack				Natural Parents: Edward and Mary Corrigan Adopted Parents: Patrick and Molly McMahon
Ethnicity	white	white	white	white	white	white
Occupation	Stone polisher ^{vii}	Laborer	Mold caster ^{viii}	Stone mason ^{ix}	Laborer ^x	Laborer ^{xi}
Address	Minnesota Georgia: Pike County, GA	491 Wabasha Street, Saint Paul	3801 Fourth Street North, Minneapolis ^{xii}	607 Jackson St, Saint Paul, MN	686 West Water Street, St. Paul ^{xiii}	798 Park Avenue, St. Paul ^{xiv}

¹ US Census 1900, Ramsey County, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Source of Accident Details	<i>St. Paul Globe</i> ^{xv} <i>Minneapolis Tribune</i> ^{xvi}	<i>Pioneer Press, Dispatch,</i> 10/21/1898 <i>St. Paul Globe,</i> 10/22/1898 <i>Warren Sheaf,</i> 10/27/1898	<i>St. Paul Globe</i> ^{xvii}	<i>St. Paul Globe</i> ^{xviii}	<i>St. Paul Globe</i> ^{xix}	<i>St. Paul Globe</i> ^{xx}
Death Date	May 5, 1898	October 20, 1898	April 27, 1900	June 30, 1900	August 4, 1900.	June 26, 1903
Death Place	State Capitol Construction Site, St. Paul, Ramsey Co. Minnesota	State Capitol Construction Site, Saint Paul, Ramsey Co., MN	State Capitol Construction Site, St. Paul, Ramsey Co. Minnesota	State Capitol Construction Site, St. Paul, Ramsey Co. Minnesota	State Capitol Construction Site, St. Paul, Ramsey Co. Minnesota	State Capitol Construction Site, St. Paul, Ramsey Co. Minnesota
Cause of Death	Internal injuries-caught in fly wheel of stone polishing machine	Skull Fracture suffered from a fall	Fractured Cervical vertebra ^{xxi}	Fractured skull ^{xxii}	Severe injuries from a fall	Skull fracture, Cervical vertebra fracture ^{xxiii}
Death Certificate			Death Certificate Card	Death Certificate Card	Death Certificate card	Coroner's Record Book
Grave location	Bethesda Baptist Church, Nelson, GA	Old Saint Mary's Cemetery, West Bend, Wisconsin	Minneapolis Pioneers and Memorial Cemetery Burial Date: 4/30/1900 Grave 4F-N 5R Lot 4 Block 3	unknown	unknown	St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Cherry Grove, Goodhue County, MN Section 59
Grave photo	Yes ^{xxiv}	No	Yes			No

ⁱ From US Census Records

ⁱⁱ From The Saint Paul Globe, Saturday, June 30, 1900

ⁱⁱⁱ From Minnesota Health Department Death Record Cards 1900, A-R, Roll 2

^{iv} Mimi Jo Butler, Marble Valley Historical Museum, Nelson, Georgia

^v From US Census 1990, Ramsey Co, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

^{vi} From US Census 1880 for Georgia, Pickens County. Family was enumerated in Grassy Knob District (GMD 1099) of Pickens County, Georgia. National Archives, Micro Publication, T9, Reel 161.

^{vii} From Mimi Jo Butler, Marble Valley Historical Museum, Nelson, Georgia

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- viii From St. Paul Globe, Saturday, April 18, 1900.
ix From US Census 1900, Ramsey Co, Saint Paul, Minnesota.
x From St. Paul Globe, Saturday, August 4, 1900, pg. 2.
xi From St. Paul Globe, Friday, June 26, 1903, pg. 7.
xii From St. Paul Globe, Saturday, April 28, 1900.
xiii From St. Paul Globe, Saturday August 4, 1900, pg 2.
xiv From The Saint Paul Globe, Friday, June 26, 1903
xv From St. Paul Globe, Friday, May 6, 1898.
xvi From Minneapolis Tribune, May 6, 1898.
xvii From St. Paul Globe, Saturday, April 28, 1900.
xviii From St. Paul Globe, Saturday, June 30, 1900, page 2.
xix From St. Paul Globe, Saturday August 4, 1900, pg 2.
xx From The Minneapolis Tribune, Friday, June 26, 1903, page 4.
xxi From Health Department Death Record Cards, 1900, St. Paul, S-Z Roll 13.
xxii From Health Department Death Record Cards, 1900, St. Paul, A-R, Roll 12.
xxiii From Coroner's Record Books, 1901-1975/Ramsey County, Record ID: 001735745.
xxiv From Mimi Jo Butler, Marble Valley Historical Museum, Nelson, Georgia

NOTE: The Minnesota State Capitol Commission and Cass Gilbert papers both report the accidental deaths of six workers on the Capitol construction. Another serious accident was a fall by Vernon Cole (aka William), whose 70-foot drop was reported on May 20 1899. The height of the fall and severity of skull and spinal injuries led a physician quoted in a newspaper article to say that William (Vernon) was unlikely to survive. There was no follow-up article and some may have counted him among the job's fatalities. However, he did live until 1950 at age 69 and was married.

Another death which may have been related to the Minnesota statehouse construction occurred offsite, but nearby. Michael McNierney, a teamster who was hauling sand for an unnamed construction project within a few blocks of the Capitol, was crushed to death when his load overturned. He died the same day as Cole's accident. The articles for both are "A Chapter of Accidents" and "His Life Crushed Out," *Minneapolis Tribune*, May 21, 1899, page 7.