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Guide to the Charles Coolidge Haight (1841-1917)
Architectural Drawings and Photographs, circa 1860-1917

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Biographical Note:

Born in New York City in 1841, Haight received his bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1861 and enlisted in the Union Army in the following year. After his discharge, Haight returned to New York to work for Emlyn Little, a fellow soldier. Haight opened his private practice in New York in 1867. Haight received numerous commissions for residential and institutional work, and was the principal architect of the mid-town campus of Columbia College in the 1870s and 1880s. He was also the primary architect for the Trinity Corporation, designing warehouses and apartment houses throughout New York City. Much of Haight's work was in the Collegiate Gothic idiom, which served well for commissions for Union Theological Seminary in New York City; St. Stephen's College (now Bard College) in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; Keney Memorial Tower in Hartford, Connecticut; and the Vanderbilt Dormitory at Yale University. Haight retired from practice in the 1910s and died at his home in Garrison, New York, in 1917.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains architectural drawings by various delineators and photographs of completed buildings designed by Charles Coolidge Haight. These projects include General Theological Seminary; the School of Mines at Columbia University; Christ Church, built in 1860; St. Ignatius Chapel, built in 1902; and Trinity School--all in New York City. Also included are the Chapel of Saint Cornelius the Centurion on Governors Island, New York; buildings at Yale University; and miscellaneous and unidentified projects. Additionally found in the collection are a contract and specifications from 1881 for a hospital for contagious diseases to be built for the New York City Health Department on North Brother Island in New York City, as well as reproductions of architectural drawings for this hospital.

Arrangement and Organization:

This collection is arranged in two series: Series I: Architectural Drawings and Series II: Photographs. Materials in Series I are organized geographically by state and city, then alphabetically by project name, and then by view type. Materials in Series II are organized alphabetically by project name and then by view type.

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