

Research Concerning Alumni Memorial Hall, Perlstein Hall, and Siegel Hall

Cataloged collections (as of May 26, 2010) which may contain photos or written descriptions of Perlstein Hall, Alumni Memorial Hall, or Siegel Hall to help determine the original construction or appearance of the building include the collections listed on page 2 below.¹

Omitted from this list are:

- Press releases (Acc. No. 1998.149) which may be worth searching if detailed descriptions of the buildings were made available to the press for groundbreaking and dedications ceremonies; these were routinely publicized by IIT. An index of press release titles from 1940-1999 is available as an electronic word-searchable document; contact the Archives if you are interested in receiving it.
- *Technology News* may also include descriptions; the online articles with index are available at: <http://archives.iit.edu/technews/>.
- Other serial titles published by IIT may also include information about these buildings; for a see list of titles and publication dates, see: http://archives.iit.edu/indexes/IITArchives_Indexes_RegisterSerialTitles.pdf

When researching these buildings, keep in mind the following points regarding building names:

1. All three of the buildings had alternate names when they were first announced:
 - Alumni Memorial Hall. Originally known as the “Navy Building” because it was built to house the campus NROTC program. Note also that references to “Alumni Hall” are incorrect; the building was dedicated as a MEMORIAL building to alumni who lost their lives in service – not to all IIT alumni.
 - Siegel Hall. Originally referred to as the Electrical Engineering and Physics Building. Prior to Siegel Hall’s construction, the Physics Department was housed in a section of the former Armour Flats (later renamed Chapin Hall), so references to “Physics Building” may indicate the Flats structure rather than Siegel Hall.
 - Perlstein Hall. Earliest documentation identifies this building as the Chemistry and Metallurgical (or Metallurgy) and Chemical Engineering Building. The Chemistry Department was not accommodated in this building, so the building became known as the Metallurgical (or Metallurgy) and Chemical Engineering Building during its construction period. (Note that I have also found an erroneous reference to this building as the *Mechanical* and Chemical Engineering Building.)
2. Various similarly-named buildings were constructed for Armour Research Foundation (later, IITRI); e.g. Chemistry Research Building. If the building name includes “Research,” it was an ARF laboratory building, not an IIT academic building.

List of Relevant Collections

1989.004 Campus Buildings - drawings	1998.010 Gilbert Force Papers, 1943-1948
1990.005 Office of Public Relations 35 mm color slides	1998.046 Ralph Owens Papers, 1936-1976
1990.006 Office of Public Relations 35 mm color slides	1998.049 Henry T. Heald Papers, IIT President 1940-1952
	1998.098 Film: “IIT 1958-1959”

1998.099 One-minute silent film	1998.267 Color transparencies
1998.130 Non-serial publication	1998.268 Lantern (glass) slides
1998.164 Photos	1998.276 4x5" prints
1998.184 J. T. Rettaliata Papers, IIT President 1952-1973	1999.027 Alumni Memorial Hall Collection
1998.199 Unprocessed Photos	1999.036 Henry Knepler Papers
1998.213 Board of Trustee Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes, 1943-1975	2000.013 Harold Bretz Slides
1998.291 Building Maintenance Files, 1958-70	2002.041 Building Space Use Reports, 1961-80
1998.263 35 mm slides	2003.009 Harold Bretz Photos
1998.264 35 mm slides	2003.010 35 mm slides
1998.266 35 mm slides	2006.018 Richard T. Smith Photos
	2007.025 Theodore Cable Slides
	2010.013 Naval ROTC Records

Detailed inventories of these collections are available as electronic documents; contact the IIT Archives if you would like them sent to you.

Additional materials related to IIT buildings and grounds (though not necessarily the buildings noted above) will be found in the following collections. Inventories are also available.

1998.009 Real estate materials	1998.213 Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes
1998.010 Gilbert Force Paper; Parduhn (Superintendent of B & G) files	1998.255 ARF photos
1998.019 Aerial views	1999.014 Alschuler/Caldwell materials
1999.030 CFO (M. Tract ?) papers	1999.026 IIT Challenge Campaign brochures
1998.042 Aerial views	1999.035 Plaques listing
1998.046 Ralph Owens Papers	1999.043 MMAE records (1 folder, 1984)
1998.049 H. T. Heald Papers	2000.103 Harold Bretz photos
1998.131 A. Alschuler plan materials	2002.058 Lohan Master Plan posters
1998.149f 1 item: James Clark, Superintendent of B & G	2003.049 Peter Lindsay Schaudt drawings
1998.199 Photos	2004.006 Lohan Master Plan posters
	2006.029 MTCC materials

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¹ Terms searched to identify relevant collections include the following:

- Alumni Memorial [Hall]; Navy Building
- Siegel [Hall]; Physics Building (references to Chapin Hall were excluded); Electrical Engineering [building]
- Perlstein [Hall]; Metallurgical [engineering building]; Chemical Engineering [building]
- Lobby
- Building(s) and Grounds

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