

Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson Architectural Commissions Records

COLLECTION SUMMARY

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Minneapolis, MN 55404

Collection title: Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson, Architects

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Extent: 2 boxes, 0.9 linear feet

Creators: David J. Griswold, John G. Rauma, Robert G. Egge, Calvin M. Olson

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

This collection documents architectural commissions undertaken by the Minneapolis-based firm of Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson, Architects and by the earlier firms that employed principal architects John G. Rauma and David J. Griswold. The firm of Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson—known for the majority of its lifespan as Griswold & Rauma—were responsible for a range of structures, including businesses, churches, university classrooms, auditoriums, and dormitories, city and municipal buildings, and private homes. Most of these buildings are located in Minnesota, but the firm also took commissions in South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri.

The collection arrived at the Hennepin History Museum under the name of Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson. However, the firm was active under that name only in the second half of the 1980s. Previously, from its founding in 1963 through the mid-1980s, the firm was named Griswold & Rauma, Architects, Inc. As such, most commissions in collection B657 date from the firm's life as Griswold & Rauma. A small portion date from John Griswold's and David Rauma's early (pre-1963) work with other firms.

David Jackson Griswold (1918–2006), the firm's most senior architect, earned his B.Arch. from the University of Minnesota in 1941. He served in the Navy during World War II but returned to architecture in 1946, working in two Minneapolis firms before founding David J. Griswold and Associates, Inc. in 1952. David's brother Jackson W. Griswold also worked in the practice and followed David to Griswold & Rauma when it was founded in 1963. After leaving Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson in 1985, David Griswold continued to work as an architect both independently and in various firms around the Twin Cities.

John Gunnar Rauma (1926–2005) was the most celebrated of the architects in the firm. Like Griswold, Rauma spent time in the armed forces before making a permanent move to architecture. He earned his B.Arch. from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and M.Arch from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1952. He joined the firm of Thorshov & Cerny (later Cerny Associates) in 1954. While at Cerny, Rauma helped design the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture building, the Minneapolis First National Bank Building, and the Charles Lindbergh Terminal at the Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport, among other prominent commissions. Throughout his work with Cerny and later with Griswold, Rauma also taught at the University of Minnesota. In 1996, he was recognized by the University of Minnesota's School of Architecture with the Frederick Mann Award for Disciplinary Service.

Two younger architects joined Griswold & Rauma in the 1980s. Robert G. Egge (1940/41?–2012) started at Griswold & Rauma even before earning his B.Arch at the University of Minnesota. When Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson disbanded, Egge joined the Minneapolis-based firm of Setter Leach. He continued with Setter Leach (later Setter Leach & Lindstrom) for over a decade, rising to become CEO before the firm's 2003 merger with Leo A. Daly.

Calvin M. Olson (1937–2018) earned his B.Arch and M.Arch from the University of Minnesota. His early training included apprenticing with Frank Lloyd Wright and working with Louis Kahn. In Minnesota, he worked with Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson and Ellerbe Associates/Ellerbe Becket. After leaving Minnesota, Olson worked for firms in Washington, DC and Massachusetts.

David Griswold sold his share in Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson to the other partners in 1985, upon which John Rauma became president. The firm closed in 1989.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Griswold, Rauma, Egge & Olson collection contains still images and documents related to the firm's commissions, as well as several commissions executed by the principals John Rauma and David Griswold earlier in their careers.

The collection is arranged in a single series, composed of folders for individual building commissions, arranged alphabetically by the name of the building. In most (but not all) cases, the name was prefaced by the commission number. Where it can be determined, the location of the commission and the dates of the contents are noted in the collection inventory. However, in several cases, a commission number is absent; in others, no dates are evident, and even the originating firm may not be clear. As such, the alphabetical arrangement has been retained as the most complete option possible.

Images make up the bulk of the collection. These images chronicle every stage of the building process and include architectural renderings, images of three-dimensional models, prints, slides, and transparencies depicting planned buildings, snapshots of site locations, and photographs of construction in progress and completed projects. Types of visual media represented include photographs, slides, negatives, transparencies, and illustrations. The quantity of material available for each commission varies widely, with some buildings extensively documented and some represented by a single image. The collection is unlikely to represent every commission undertaken by the firm.

Documents account for a very small portion of the collection and are primarily one- to two-page summary reports on completed buildings, written by the firm. The collection also includes a very small amount of correspondence between the firm and individual clients, and a certificate of commendation from the US Navy recognizing Griswold & Rauma's Reserve Training Center at Fort Snelling. Documents related to a commission are contained within the folder dedicated to that commission.

ACCESS

The collection is open to researchers and has no restrictions.

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RELATED MATERIAL

The Northwest Architectural Archives at the Elmer L. Anderson Library, University of Minnesota holds a collection of John G. Rauma papers (collection N211). Comprising five boxes and oversized materials, the collection contains “drawings for 28 structures designed by the architectural firm of Griswold and Rauma” and includes “original drawings and prints for residences, churches, educational and other buildings.” The buildings represented include several that are also documented in the Hennepin History Museum's collections.

The Minnesota Historical Society holds two copies of John G. Rauma's *Minnesota History Center Competition: Competition Conditions* (1986). This booklet outlines the conditions under which architects could submit proposals for the Minnesota History Center's new building. Rauma helped administer the competition in 1986.

ACQUISITION

Provenance or original donor of gift information is unknown at this time.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

NOTE: For commissions dating before the formation of Griswold & Rauma in 1963, the name of the originating firm is noted in italics, when known. These earlier firms are Thorshov & Cerny and Cerny Associates, Inc., where John Rauma was employed from 1954-1963, and David J. Griswold's firm, David J. Griswold & Associates, Inc., which he ran from 1952-1963.

<u>Box no.</u>	<u>Folder no.</u>	
1	1	476.8 – Advance Machine Company (Plymouth, MN), 1977
1	2	476 – Advance Machine Company Addition (Plymouth, MN), 1969

- 1 3 425 – Alpha Phi Sorority (Minneapolis, MN), 1966
- 1 4 53-43 – American Hardware Mutual Life Insurance (Minneapolis, MN), c. 1957
****Thorshov & Cerny, Inc.*
- 1 5 386 – Anoka Public Library (Anoka, MN), c. 1965
- 1 6 55-89 – Susan B. Anthony Junior/Senior High School Auditorium (Minneapolis, MN), 1961
****Cerny Associates, Inc.*
- 1 7 375 – Apartment Development Proposal (Mendota Heights, MN)
- 1 8 429 – Apartment Development, Watson Property, 1966
- 1 9 Archdiocese of St. Paul
- 1 10 213 – Armstrong’s
- 1 11 364 – Austin YMCA Building (Austin, MN), 1973
- 1 12 432.1 – Bellevue Racquets Club (Bellevue, MN), 1968
- 1 13 523 – Business Classroom Building, Bemidji State College [now University] (Bemidji, MN), 1973
- 1 14 587.1 – Deputy and Sanford Halls, Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN), 1976–81
- 1 15 587 – Hickory Hall, Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN), 1976–81
- 1 16 551 – Best & Flanagan, LLP (Minneapolis, MN)
- 1 17 434 – Biological Resources Center, Golden Valley Public Schools (Golden Valley, MN)
- 1 18 559 – Bracken-Crear-Hall, IDS Center, Wayzata State Bank (Minneapolis, MN)
- 1 19 Brown and Bigelow Proposed Building
- 1 20 291 – Central Research Laboratories (Red Wing, MN), 1962, 1966
- 1 21 532 – Church of the Risen Savior (Burnsville, MN), 1977–86
- 1 22 532 – Church of the Risen Savior (Burnsville, MN) – Negatives
- 1 23 553 – Condor Corporation, 1973
- 1 24 512 – Dayton-Hudson Properties (Coon Rapids, MN), 1970–71
- 1 25 514.2 – Dayton-Hudson Garden Store, Brookdale (Brooklyn Center, MN), 1971
- 1 26 512 – Dayton-Hudson “Minicenter,” 1971
- 1 27 219 – Donaldson’s, Chillicothe (Chillicothe, MO)
- 1 28 353 – Edina Public Works Building (Edina, MN), c. 1963–64

1	29	436 – Elwell Residence, 1967, 1970
1	30	298.1 – Executive Board Room, Pillsbury Company (Minneapolis, MN)
1	31	55-58 – Fairmont Federal Savings & Loan (Fairmont, MN), 1958
1	32	321 – Famous Foods, 1964
1	33	First National Bank (Minneapolis, MN) *** <i>Cerny Associates, Inc.</i>
1	34	394 – First National Bank Plaza (Minneapolis, MN)
1	35	11-55 – Dave Fischbein Company (Minneapolis, MN)
1	36	148.2 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Spring Park, MN)
1	37	57-95 – Grandview Junior High School (Mound, MN), c. 1959–61 *** <i>Thorshov & Cerny, Inc.</i>
1	38	388.2 – Grant Elementary School
1	39	328 – Heinrich Envelope Company (Minneapolis, MN)
1	40	575 – Hennepin County Library, 1979-80
1	41	468 – High-Rise Apartment (Minneapolis, MN), 1979–80
1	42	385 – Hormel Company Study
1	43	363 – House of Prayer Lutheran Church (Richfield, MN)
1	44	440 – Housing for the Elderly, Cedar High Extension (Minneapolis, MN), 1971
1	45	417 – Hubbard Milling Company [<i>Mankato, MN?</i>], 1967
1	46	458 – Interchemical Corp., 1967
1	47	455.1 – Jefferson Transport Company Bus Depot (Mason City, IA), 1968
1	48	11-54 – Jordan-Marsh, 1958
1	49	499 – Justus Lumber Company (Hopkins, MN)
1	50	642 – Kenwood School Rehabilitation (Minneapolis, MN)
1	51	500 – Lechmere Store (Springfield, MA), 1970
1	52	505 – Lindquist & Venum (Minneapolis, MN), 1972, 1974
1	53	Lyndale Housing Project (Minneapolis, MN), c. 1960
1	54	450 – Medical Office Building (Edina, MN), 1969–70
1	55	Miscellaneous – State Submission Photographs
1	56	368 – Minneapolis Electric Steel Castings Company Offices (Minneapolis, MN)

1	57	422.2 – Minneapolis Ob. Gyn. Associates, Ltd. (Minneapolis, MN)
1	58	Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport Passenger Terminal, 1962, 1970 *** <i>Cerny Associates, Inc.</i>
1	59	312 – Minneapolis Traffic Maintenance, 1964
1	60	616 – Minneapolis War Memorial Blood Bank Feasibility Study
1	61	232 – Munsingwear (Montgomery, MN)
1	62	486 – Murn-Swenson Professional Building/Brookpark Dental Clinic (Brooklyn Center, MN)
1	63	438 – Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Training Center (Fort Snelling, MN), 1966, 1970
1	64	New Prague Public Library (New Prague, MN)
1	65	54-64 – Northeast Junior High School (Minneapolis, MN)
2	1	279 – Northwestern National Bank (Minneapolis, MN), 1964, 1971
2	2	452 – Olson Apartments
2	3	257 – Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, 1964
2	4	238 – Pako Corporation (Golden Valley, MN) *** <i>David J. Griswold & Associates, Inc.</i>
2	5	522 – Pathfinder Village (Hinckley, MN), c. 1974
2	6	323 – People’s Savings & Loan (Albert Lea, MN), 1973
2	7	323.1 – People’s Savings & Loan (Albert Lea, MN), 1972
2	8	573 – People’s Savings & Loan, Prior Lake Branch (Prior Lake, MN), 1976
2	9	298.1 – Executive Board Room, Pillsbury Company (Minneapolis, MN), 1964
2	10	487 – Residence Remodeling, Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Wikman, 1969
2	11	432.2 – Rochester Racquets Tennis Club (Rochester, MN), 1967
2	12	12-53 – Reinhard Brothers Co. (St. Louis Park, MN), c. 1955
2	13	575 – Ridgedale Library (Minnetonka, MN) [opened 1982]
2	14	15-55 – Ben F. Rogers Residence (White Bear Lake, MN) *** <i>David J. Griswold & Associates, Inc.</i>
2	15	306.5 – S&B Holding Company, 1969-70
2	16	513 – St. Cloud Orthopedic Associates (St. Cloud, MN), 1973

- 2 17 373 – St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church (Minneapolis, MN),
c. 1964
- 2 18 St. Olaf College Dormitory (Northfield, MN) [*Ellingson Hall?*]
- 2 19 307 – Sears, Roebuck & Co. Warehouse (Minneapolis, MN)
c. 1964-65
- 2 20 498 – Shakopee Medical Center (Shakopee, MN), 1970
- 2 21 613 – Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (Edina, MN)
- 2 22 Sheraton Hotel/Center (Minneapolis, MN)
****Cerny Associates, Inc.*
- 2 23 503 – Win Stephens Classic Cars, 1970
- 2 24 Dr. and Mrs. William B. Stromme (Edina, MN)
- 2 25 444 – Superior Plating Company (Minneapolis, MN), 1967
- 2 26 563 – TCI, New Offices (Maple Plain, MN), 1974
- 2 27 546 – CM – TCI (Yankton, SD), 1973-74
- 2 28 435.2 – Treasure Island Building Addition, 1966-67
- 2 29 516 – Tyler Corporate Industries (Benson, MN), 1971
- 2 30 382 – United Parcel Service Co. [UPS] (Minneapolis, MN), 1964
- 2 31 438 – Certificate of Commendation, United States Reserve
Training Center, Department of the Navy
- 2 32 University of Minnesota, Unidentified Locations
- 2 33 420 – University of Minnesota, Auditorium/Classroom Building
[Willey Hall], West Bank, 1973
- 2 34 460 – University of Minnesota, Classroom/Office Building [Ruttan
Hall], St. Paul Campus – Proposals and Plans, c. 1970-73
- 2 35 460 – University of Minnesota, Classroom/Office Building [Ruttan
Hall], St. Paul Campus, c. 1970-73 – Black and White
Photographs
- 2 36 460 – University of Minnesota, Classroom/Office Building [Ruttan
Hall], St. Paul Campus, c. 1970-73– Color Photographs
- 2 37 460 – University of Minnesota, Classroom/Office Building [Ruttan
Hall], St. Paul Campus, c. 1970-73 – Slides
- 2 38 460 – University of Minnesota, Classroom/Office Building [Ruttan
Hall], St. Paul Campus, c. 1970-73 – Negatives
- 2 39 478 – University of Minnesota, Coffman Union Cafeteria
Remodeling, 1971-74

2	40	365 – University of Minnesota, Library, West Campus [Proposal/Model], 1964
2	41	421 – University of Minnesota, Sanford Hall, East Campus, 1964
2	42	379 – University of Minnesota, Sanford Hall Addition, East Campus, 1964
2	43	401.1-2 – University of Minnesota, West Bank Dormitory Complex [Middlebrook Hall], c. 1970-71
2	44	401.1-2 – University of Minnesota, West Bank Dormitory Complex [Middlebrook Hall], c. 1970-71 – Slides
2	45	University of Minnesota, Social Science Tower, West Bank Campus
2	46	577 – University of Minnesota, West Bank Union, 1973-74, 1979
2	47	560 – United States Postal Service [USPS] Facility (Windom, MN), 1974-75
2	48	519 – Washburn Avenue Housing Project, Ora C. McLaughlin (Minneapolis, MN), 1971
2	49	217 – Waterloo Daily Courier (Waterloo, IA)
2	50	549 – WCCO Radio – Remodeling – Studios and Offices (Minneapolis, MN), 1974
2	51	416 – Winona State University, Sheehan Residence Hall (Winona, MN), 1967
2	52	364 – YMCA Building (Austin, MN), 1973
2	53	547 – YMCA Building, Northwest Family Branch (New Hope, MN)
2	54	170 – William H. Ziegler Company (Bloomington, MN), 1958 *** <i>David J. Griswold & Associates, Inc.</i>
2	55	Obituary – “John Rauma, 1926-2005”



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