



# Donaldson & Meier Architects Records

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University Archives and Historical Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Donaldson & Meier Architects
<b>Title:</b>	Donaldson & Meier Architects records
<b>ID:</b>	UA.28.22
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1927-1932
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.1 Cubic Feet 4 folders
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The architectural firm Donaldson & Meier was founded in 1880 by John Donaldson and Henry Meier in Detroit, Michigan. John Donaldson was born on January 17, 1854, in Stirling, Scotland. His family came to the United States when he was two. He studied in Europe and returned to Detroit in 1874. Meier died in 1917 and Donaldson died on December 20, 1941 in Detroit.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of records from the architectural firm of Donaldson and Meier relating to the building of Beaumont Tower. The materials include original plans, structural calculations, drawings of plaques, a blueprint map of the circle area of campus, and photographs. The photographs include an image of laying the cornerstone, images of the tower in various stages of completion, Donaldson in front of the tower, dedication day, and dedication day with student body.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Architecture -- Designs and plans
- Buildings -- Repair and reconstruction
- Architectural drawings
- Michigan State University. Beaumont Tower

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Structural Calculations, May 1928	box LFD 6	folder 1
Photographs	box LFD 6	folder 2
Original plans, drawings of plaques, map	drawer 68	
Blueprints, June 11, 1928	drawer 68	

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