Weiss, Dreyfous, and Seiferth
Office Records

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Records include project drawings, specifications, photographs, and correspondence and a few additional miscellaneous items.

Weiss, Dreyfous, and Seiferth was one of the more important architectural offices in New Orleans during the second quarter of the 20th century, executing such large scale commissions as the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, the present Louisiana State Capitol building, and the buildings of the second phase of construction of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

PROVENANCE

Project drawings were given to Tulane University in two groups by Mrs. Solis Seiferth, one in 1978, and one in 1986. Other records were given to Tulane by the family of Leon Weiss in 1996.

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Project Drawings.
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St. Charles Avenue, 7836. Apartment Building, New Orleans, LA. 1919; includes alterations from 1946. Job No. 13. 8 sheets.
South Rampart Street, 529-531. Building, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1919. 2 sheets.
Dreyfous, Felix J. Apartment Building, location not given. Undated. 4 sheets.
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St. Charles Avenue, 7509. Residence, alterations, New Orleans, LA. Undated.
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Dauphine Street, 3060. Kirschman, Morris. Store, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1921-1922. 3 sheets.
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Bonart, Sam. Playground for Gift to City of New Orleans. 1926. Plan No. 647. 3 sheets.


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Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Greek Theater. 1932. Plan No. 807. 3 sheets.
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Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Plot Plan. 1932. 6 sheets.


Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. President’s Suite, Administration Building. 1935. Plan No. 876. 2 sheets.


Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Highland Road Entrance Gate. 1936. Plan No. 908. 2 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Field House, alterations. 1936. Plan No. 917. 7 sheets.


Baton Rouge, LA. Ware. Residence. 1938. Plan No. 964. 11 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Highland Hall. 1938. Plan No. 974. 2 sheets.

Louisiana State University. Medical Center, New Orleans, LA. 1938-1939. Plan No. 980. 19 sheets.

LaSalle Street, 1809. Ritz Theater. Building, alterations, New Orleans, LA. 1940. Plan No. 1053. 6 sheets.
Lake Charles, LA. Lake Charles State University Center and Municipal Auditorium. 1940. Plan No. 1035. 7 sheets.
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South Claiborne Avenue. Store Building, New Orleans, LA. 1956. 1 sheet.

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Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Faculty Residence No. 1. Undated. Theo C. Link, architect. 11 sheets.

Theo C. Link, architect. 12 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. George Peabody Hall. 1923. Theo C. Link, architect. 21 sheets.

Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Memorial Tower. 1923. Theo C. Link, architect. 4 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Agricultural Center and Exhibit Building and Horse and Stock Building. 1937. Office of Edward F. Neild, architect. 2 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Hill Memorial Library. 1925; 1933 Architect not given. 8 sheets.
Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana State University. Residence. 1931. Architect not given. 3 sheets.


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Settlement Record for Main Building, Charity Hospital, settlement record for main building, New Orleans, LA. George P. Rice, consulting engineer. 1940. 1 sheet.
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Project Specifications, Photographs, Correspondence, etc.
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   Undated.

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   unidentified. Undated.
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   Undated.
698. Versailles Boulevard (between Fontainbleau Drive and Pritchard Place). New Orleans,
721. Napoleon Avenue (corner S. Claiborne Avenue). New Orleans, LA. Building. Client
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958. New Orleans, LA. Building. Farm Credit Administration. 1938.

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981, 983-984. Lake Charles, LA. Furnishings, equipment, landscaping, etc. Police Jury of Calcasieu Parish, LA. 1939.

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Folder 4. Correspondence, sculptors, 1930 – 1931.

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Folder 6. Correspondence, Adolph Weinman, sculptor.

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Folder 8. Correspondence, Ulric Ellerhusen, sculptor.

Folder 9. Correspondence, Isidore Konti, sculptor.

Folder 10. Correspondence, Lee Lawrie, sculptor.

Folder 11. Correspondence, Lee Lawrie, sculptor.

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Folder 7. Sculptures; vault; Sevres vases.

Folder 8. Newspaper coverage.

Folder 9. Solis Seiferth, article about state capitol building.

**Box 12.** Correspondence.
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Folder 4. State Capitol, payments, general.

Folder 5. State Capitol, payments, general.

Folder 6. Shushan Airport description; Governor’s Mansion mantel.


Folder 8. Natchez, MS. Eola Hotel, lawsuit.
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Folder 10. Louisiana State University, compromise.

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Louisiana State Capitol, law library. Photograph.

Louisiana State Capitol, tower. Photograph.

Charity Hospital, nurses’ home. Photograph.

Charity Hospital. Photograph of rendering.

Governor’s Mansion. Photograph of rendering.

Ruston, LA. Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, administrative building. Photograph of rendering.

Sugar Bowl (proposed), New Orleans Lakefront. Photographs of renderings. 3 prints.

Natchez, MS. Natchez Hotel, alterations. 1926. Photograph.

**Box 18.**
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Scrapbook of sculptural work for Louisiana State Capitol. Volume 1.

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**Box 21.** Mounted project renderings (or copies of renderings).

Charity Hospital, nurses’ home, New Orleans, LA. Undated. Copy print mounted to illustration board. 1 sheet.

Charity Hospital, aerial view, New Orleans, LA. Undated. Copy print mounted to illustration board. 1 sheet.

Charity Hospital, main view, New Orleans, LA. Undated. Copy print mounted to illustration board. 1 sheet.

Charity Hospital, laundry, nurses’ home, ambulance house, and garage, New Orleans, LA. Undated. Copy print mounted to illustration board. 1 sheet.


Empire Furniture Store. Location unidentified. Undated. Pencil and charcoal on paper mounted to illustration board. 1 sheet.

**Oversized Rendering, framed.**