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Summary Information

Repository:	Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library
Creator:	Withers, Frederick Clarke, 1828-1901
Creator:	Jones, Sullivan
Creator:	Plumbe, Rowland
Title:	Frederick Clarke Withers architectural drawings and papers
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Date [inclusive]:	1852-1890
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Biographical / Historical

Architect. Withers was born in England and emigrated to the United States in 1852.

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Summary

Included are 19 original architectural drawings and photographs and prints of drawings by Withers. Among these are designs for the Van Schaick Free Reading Room (now the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room), Bronx, N.Y.; reredos proposed for the Church of

the Transfiguration, New York City; Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Blackwells Island (now Roosevelt Island), N.Y.; a competition design for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City; St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover, N.H.); and drawings by others, including Sullivan Jones and Rowland Plumbe. This collection also includes manuscript copies of three letters from Withers to his mother written at sea in 1852 and describing his trip to America.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is available for use by appointment in the Department of Drawings & Archives, Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, Columbia University. For further information, please email avery-drawings@library.columbia.edu.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Various gifts. Accession number--1958.001 and 1999.008.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architecture -- United States -- Designs and plans
- Public libraries -- New York (State) -- New York
- Church buildings -- New York (State) -- New York
- Architecture -- New York (State) -- New York
- Architecture -- Competitions
- Photographic prints
- architectural drawings (visual works)
- Architects
- Cathedral of St. John the Divine (New York, N.Y.)
- Van Schaick Free Reading Room (Bronx, New York, N.Y.)
- Huntington Free Library
- Church of the Transfiguration (New York, N.Y.)

- Chapel of the Good Shepherd (New York, N.Y.)

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