



Finding Aid for

**LEWIS W. SIMPSON PAPERS, 1918-1944 (BULK 1918)  
Accession 419**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 419

**CREATOR:** Simpson, Lewis W., 1869-1971

**TITLE:** Lewis W. Simpson papers

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1918-1944

**BULK DATES:** 1918

**QUANTITY:** 1 folder

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English

**ABSTRACT:** Lewis W. Simpson, an architect, assisted in designing Fair Lane and also became known for designing many local churches. His papers include photolithographs of Dearborn buildings as well as blueprints and information on multiple Dearborn churches.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Born in Kent, England in 1869, Simpson spent five years in the London office of architect Sir Arthur W. Blomfield before joining the New York office of Ralph Adams Cram and Bertram Goodhue. Responding to a job advertisement, he became an assistant to W. H. Tine in the designing of Henry and Clara Ford's Fair Lane estate. Simpson remained in Dearborn, Michigan until retirement in 1954, becoming primarily known for church architecture.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers include photolithographs of Dearborn buildings, circa 1918, that Mrs. Simpson (Eva B. Simpson) had made into postcards; two architectural drawings of Christ Church, Dearborn; blueprint of old Christ Church of Dearborn; and a Trinity Lutheran Church pamphlet.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Simpson, Lewis W., 1869-1971  
Trinity Lutheran Church (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Christ Church (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Christ Episcopal Church (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Brady Street (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Military Avenue (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Methodist Church (Dearborn, Mich.)  
Dearborn State Bank

### Subjects

Architects--Michigan--Dearborn  
Schools--Michigan--Dearborn  
Church buildings--Michigan--Dearborn  
Architecture, Domestic--Michigan--Dearborn  
Roads--Michigan--Dearborn  
Buildings--Michigan--Dearborn  
Dwellings--Michigan--Dearborn  
Housing--Michigan--Dearborn

### Genre and Form

Photographs

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### **Folder 1**

Photolithographs of Dearborn homes and churches, 1918

A guide through the new Trinity Lutheran Church, Gratiot at Rivard, Detroit, Mich.

(small pamphlet; this church was built by Mr. C. Gauss who sold land to Henry Ford for Rouge Plant)

Tracing of Christ Church of Dearborn vestry, September 29, 1944

Tracing of Christ Church of Dearborn side elevation, September 29, 1944

Blueprint plan of old Christ Church of Dearborn