Guide to MS033 Trost and Trost Architects Collection

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Trost and Trost Architects collection

1911 – 2013 Span Dates,
1926 – 1985 Bulk Dates,
10 inches (linear)

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Biography or Historical Sketch

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Henry Charles Trost (1860-1933) was an architect who designed hundreds of buildings and residences in El Paso, Albuquerque, Tucson, and other southwestern cities. Trost moved to El Paso, Texas in 1903 after living in Tucson, Arizona and forming the firm of Trost and Rust there. After Robert Rust’s death in 1905, Henry Trost established the Trost and Trost architectural firm in El Paso with his brother, Gustavus Adolphus Trost, also an architect. In 1908 Gustavus’s twin brother, Adolphus Gustavus Trost, joined the firm and worked as a structural engineer.

During the early twentieth century, Trost designed buildings in several architectural styles including: Art Deco, Mission Revival, Prairie, and Pueblo Revival. Additionally, he designed several buildings for the Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy (now the University of Texas at El Paso) in the Bhutanese Dzong style. He was influenced by Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright and also became known for his ornamental metal work and designs. Henry Trost created buildings specifically for what he termed “arid America.”


List of Buildings in El Paso Attributed to Trost and Trost Architects:

- Abdou Building | Commercial
- Alves Building | Commercial
- Bassett Building | Commercial
- Bell Telephone Building | Commercial
- Bray & Company Warehouse | Commercial
- Buckler Building / W. T. Grant Company | Commercial
- El Paso – Chamber of Commerce | Commercial
- Columbia Furniture – Globe Emporium & Hotel Lenox | Commercial
- Commercial National Bank Building | Commercial
- Crane & O’Fallon Building | Commercial
- Crosby Building | Commercial
- DeGroff Building | Commercial
- El Paso International Building | Commercial
- Firestone Building | Commercial
- American National Bank | Commercial
- Haymon Krupp & Company | Commercial
- Hoyt Furniture Company | Commercial
- J. J. Newberry Company | Commercial
- Krakauer, Zork & Moye Building Addition | Commercial
- Leavell Building | Commercial
- Little Caples Building | Commercial
- Manuel Schwartz Commercial Building | Commercial
- Mills Building | Commercial
- Momsen, Dunnegan & Ryan | Commercial
- Mortgage Investment Co. Building | Commercial
- O.T. Basset Tower | Commercial
- Office and Bank Building Plans El Paso | Commercial
- Richard Caples Building | Commercial
- Rio Grande Valley Auto Painting Company | Commercial
- Roberts Banner Building | Commercial
- Sam Abraham's Market | Commercial
- Samaniego Building | Commercial
- Shelton Payne Arms Company | Commercial
- Singer Sewing Machine Company | Commercial
- Woolworth-Spence Building | Commercial
- State National Bank Building | Commercial
- Stevens Office Building | Commercial
- Doctor Will Rogers Store Building | Commercial
- The Dieter Building | Commercial
- The Herald Building | Commercial
- The New Bazaar and Addition | Commercial
- Popular Dry Goods Company | Commercial
- Union Bank and Trust Company | Commercial
- W. S. Hills Building | Commercial
- Wells Fargo Express Company offices and stables | Commercial
- White House Department Store and Hotel McCoy | Commercial
- S.W. Portland Cement Plant Office/Rooming Buildings | Commercial
- Carter White Building | Commercial
- J.Y. Russek Auto Salesroom | Commercial
- Velvet Ice Cream Company Annex | Commercial
- Gus Momsen Building Remodeled | Commercial
- Becker & McDougall Building | Commercial
- Casner Chevrolet Building | Commercial
- O'Fallon Building 1908 | Commercial
- Howard-Rankin- O'Fallon Building 1916 | Commercial
- Caruso Warehouse | Commercial
- Consumers' Ice Company Office Building | Commercial
- Fessinger Building | Commercial
- Clardy Building | Commercial
- Texas Store Annex | Commercial
- Aronstein & Stevens Building | Commercial
- City Steam Bakery Plant and Salesroom | Commercial
- El Paso Storage Warehouse | Commercial
- Harry Mitchell Brewery | Commercial
- J.H. Nations Meat & Supply Company Abattoir | Commercial
- El Paso Natural Gas Buildings | Commercial
• Packard Auto Building | Commercial
• El Paso City County Hospital | Medical
• Masonic Sanatorium El Paso | Medical
• Proposed Sisters Sanatorium El Paso | Medical
• Proposed Sanatorium El Paso | Medical
• St. Joseph’s Sanatorium – Baldwin | Medical
• Proposed El Paso Home for Aged Gentlefolk | Medical
• Schuster Residence | Domestic
• 4 Room Apartments El Paso | Domestic
• Abraham Apartments | Domestic
• Wheeling Street Residence Addition | Domestic
• Adolph Schwartz Residence | Domestic
• Adolphus Trost Residence | Domestic
• Ainsa Residence | Domestic
• Apartment Residence El Paso | Domestic
• Apartment House El Paso | Domestic
• Arnold Residence | Domestic
• Aronstein Residence | Domestic
• B.F. Stevens Residence | Domestic
• Ballard Apartments | Domestic
• Bennett Residence | Domestic
• Binkley Apartments | Domestic
• Botto Residence | Domestic
• Brady Residence | Domestic
• Brazos Apartments | Domestic
• Bruntinell Apartment | Domestic
• Sam Stark Apartments | Domestic
• Charles B. Stevens Residence | Domestic
• California Street Apartment House Project | Domestic
• Caples Residence | Domestic
• Carusso Apartments | Domestic
• Caruso Residence and Garage | Domestic
• Cohen Residence | Domestic
• Converse Residence | Domestic
• Edwards Residence | Domestic
• Flint McGregor Residence | Domestic
• Goldoft Apartments | Domestic
• Goggin Residence | Domestic
• Goldoft Flats | Domestic
• Goldstein Residence – 1912 | Domestic
• Goldstein Residence -1922 | Domestic
• Gray Residence | Domestic
• Gustavus A. Trost Residence | Domestic
• Hawkins Residence | Domestic
• Henry C. Trost Residence | Domestic
• Hoffecker Residence | Domestic
• House in Mundy Heights | Domestic
• House on Fewel Street | Domestic
• James Hamilton Smith Residence | Domestic
• Jackson Residence | Domestic
• Kohlberg Residence | Domestic
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• Malcolmson Residence | Domestic
• Mapel Residence | Domestic
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• May Residence | Domestic
• McLeod Residence | Domestic
• Miller Residence | Domestic
• Mission Revival House Project | Domestic
• Morse Residence | Domestic
• Nagley Apartments | Domestic
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• Nesom Residence | Domestic
• O’Connor Duplex | Domestic
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• Unknown House #1 Ponsford 159 | Domestic
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• Unknown House #4 Ponsford 164 | Domestic
• Vance Residence | Domestic
• Washburn Residence | Domestic
• Welch Residence | Domestic
• Williams Residence | Domestic
• Wilmarth Residence | Domestic
• Wingo Residence | Domestic
• Wood Residence | Domestic
• Zach White Residence and Carriage House | Domestic
• Zielonka Residence | Domestic
• Poe Residence – El Paso Guidance Center | Domestic
• Barnell Residence | Domestic
• Hitchcock Residence | Domestic
• Howland Residence | Domestic
• Staten Residence | Domestic
• Robert D Richey Residence | Domestic
• McNeil Residence | Domestic
• McCurdy Residence | Domestic
• Ervin H. Schwartz Residence | Domestic
• Cope Apartments | Domestic
• Stevens Apartments Remodeled | Domestic
• Hudspeth Residence | Domestic
• Norton Residence | Domestic
• Spanish Methodist Episcopal Apartments | Domestic
• South El Paso Housing Project | Domestic
• Alta Vista School El Paso | Education
• Coldwell School | Education
• Cooley School | Education
• El Paso Community College | Education
• El Paso High School | Education
• El Paso Military Institute Dormitory | Education
• El Paso Military Institute Main Building | Education
• Fire Escape Commission for Nine Schools | Education
• Hotel Dieu School of Nursing | Education
• Houston School | Education
• Loretto Academy El Paso | Education
• Lydia Patterson Institute | Education
• Mitchell Industrial Complex | Education
• Morehead School Addition | Education
• New Bowie High School | Education
• E.B. Jones School | Education
• St. Joseph’s Academy | Education
Series Description or Arrangement

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Notes

The Trost and Trost Architects collection dates 1911 – 2013, bulk 1926 – 1985. The collection is arranged chronologically. Types of records include correspondence, floor plans, clippings, articles, photographs, notes, historic preservation project plans, and other printed material. These records help document the history and renovation of the Hotel Cortez in El Paso. They also provide information about Henry Trost and the Trost and Trost architectural firm.

Provenance Statement

Materials relating to the Hotel Cortez were donated by Gary Williams of the El Paso Community Foundation, November 7, 2013; some materials were donated by Blanche Groesbeek in 1971.

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None.
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Notes to the Researcher

See also:

J.E. Morgan and Sons photograph collection, PH020

Lloyd C. and June-Marie Engelbrecht collection of Trost research, MS600

Stout-Feldman Studio photograph collection, PH074

UTEP Collection, Architectural Drawings and Maps, MS001
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