

Series 15, Architectural Drawings and Plans, 1899–1915

Extent: 40 items, and approx. 51 additional plans

This series contains watercolor sketches, architectural drawings on linen and blueprints of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum made by the Boston architectural firm of Willard T. Sears.

Early conceptual drawings in watercolor for the museum and an unrealized outbuilding show stages of the design process. Linen drawings include overall elevations of the entire museum building, floorplans of four stories and the basement, as well as floor plans of individual galleries. Some gallery floorplans are annotated by Gardner and note specific locations for works of art. Plans show the first four floors as originally constructed in 1900, and also show the changes made during the 1914–1915 renovation. A plan for the iron supports for the atrium roof over the courtyard by Milliken Brothers of New York is also included. Architectural drawings and plans were removed from the Vaticino gallery in the early 1970's.

The series is divided into three subseries by media type. The drawings and plans are partially digitized. The lists below represents digitized material, and does not yet include the full listing of the series. A preliminary inventory is available from the archives.

15.1 Preparatory sketches, 1900–1903

Extent: 8 items

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| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Design for the Courtyard of Fenway Court, 1900. Pencil and watercolor on wove paper | P33s57 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Design for the Exterior of Fenway Court, East View, 1900. Watercolor, graphite, pen and ink on wove paper | P33s58 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Design for the Exterior of Fenway Court, Northeast View, 1900. Watercolor and graphite on wove paper | P33s59 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Design for the Exterior of Fenway Court, Northwest View, 1900. Watercolor and graphite on wove paper | P33s60 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Design for the Exterior of Fenway Court, Northwest View, 1900. Watercolor and graphite on wove paper | P33s61 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Fenway Court Gatehouse, about 1903. Watercolor and graphite on paper | P33s78.1 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Fenway Court Gatehouse, about 1903. Watercolor and graphite on paper | P33s78.2 |
| OS | Willard Thomas Sears, Fenway Court Gatehouse, about 1903. Watercolor and graphite on paper | P33s78.3 |

15.2 Drawings on Linen, 1900–1927

Extent: 19 items

Titles are inconsistent with the description of the floors of the building. Current floor names have been added in brackets for clarification. The numbers written in the upper corner in ink do not indicate chronological order and may have been added later.

Box	Title	
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Plan of First Museum Floor, 1900 (1914?). Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070001
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Plan of Ground Floor, [No. 12], 1900. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070002
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Plan of Second Museum Floor [Third Floor], No.11, 1900. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070004
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Section Thro' Music Room– Looking Toward Court, No.13, 1900. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070011
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. J. L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Upper Floor [Fourth Floor- Private Apartment], No.15. Ink on drafting linen, 1900.	GARDE0509070019
OS	Willard T. Sears, Plan of Large Room in Rear, First Museum Floor [Dutch Room], Plan 1938, 1900 [Ink on linen with annotations in pencil and ink by Isabella Stewart Gardner]	P33s62
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass. Plan of First Museum Floor [Second Floor], 1914. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070003
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Section Thro' Court and Tapestry Room, No.13, 1915. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070012
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Longitudinal Section Looking Toward Worthington St., No.3, 1915. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070013
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Section Through Court and Tapestry Room, Looking Toward Rear, No.2, 1915. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070014
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass., East Elevation, No.1, 1915. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070015
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Longitudinal Section Looking Toward Tapestry Room., No.5. Ink on drafting linen, 1915.	GARDE0509070016
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Section Through Tapestry Room and Gallery Under, and Section Through Tapestry Room and Rear Rooms Under, No.6. Ink on drafting linen, 1915.	GARDE0509070017
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Section Through "El Jaleo" Gallery, No.7. Ink on drafting linen, 1915.	GARDE0509070018
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Elevation on the Fenway, No.16. Ink on drafting linen, about 1915 (1917?).	GARDE0509070020
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Elevation on Worthington St., No.17. Ink on drafting linen, about 1915.	GARDE0509070021
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Rear Elevation, No.18. Ink on drafting linen, 1915.	GARDE0509070022

OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Plan of Ground Floor, No.9, December, 1927. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070005
OS	Willard T. Sears, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass. Plan of Basement, No.8, December, 1927. Ink on drafting linen	GARDE0509070006

15.3 Blueprints, 1900–1915

Extent: 12 items

Box	Title	
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. J.L. Gardner, Section Thro' Court and Music Room, Looking Toward Fenway, Plan no. 2229. Blueprint, 1900	1900 section through court N
OS	Willard T. Sears, Section Through Court and Music Room Looking Toward Fenway, plan no.2229. Blueprint, 1900	GARDE0509070008
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass., Elevation on Worthington St. Blueprint, 1900	GARDE0509070009
OS	Willard T. Sears, House for Mrs. John L. Gardner, Boston, Mass., Longitudinal Section Looking Toward Worthington St., plan 2227. Blueprint, 1900	GARDE0509070010
OS	Willard T. Sears, Section Thro' Two Rooms Under Present Stage Also New Gallery over Present Music Room East Room and Corridor. Blueprint, 1914	GARDE0509070023
OS	Willard T. Sears, Fenway Court, Boston, Mass. Section Thro' New Gallery (Looking Toward Rear). Blueprint, 1914(?)	GARDE0509070024
OS	Willard T. Sears, Fenway Court, Boston, Mass. Section Thro' "El Jaleo" Gallery. Blueprint, 1914(?)	GARDE0509070025
OS	Willard T. Sears, East Elevation. Blueprint, 1914	GARDE0509070026
OS	Willard T. Sears, Rear Elevation. Blueprint, 1914	GARDE0509070027
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass., Section Through Court and Tapestry Room Looking Toward Fenway. Blueprint, 1915	1914 section through court N
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass., Section Through Court and Tapestry Room Looking Toward Rear. Blueprint, 1915	1914 section through court S
OS	Willard T. Sears, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Mass., Section Thro' "El Jaleo" Gallery. Blueprint, 1915	GARDE0509070007