



William Butterfield, *Detail, Temple Reading Room and Art Museum*, 1878, The Rugby School

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William Butterfield, 1814-1900

A Finding Aid for  
Architectural Drawings for the Temple Reading Room and  
Art Gallery, The Rugby School, Warwickshire, 1878-1879,  
in  
The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania

## Archival Description

### Descriptive Summary

- Title: Architectural Drawings for the Temple Reading Room and Art Museum, The Rugby School, Warwickshire, 1878-1879
- Coll. ID: 023
- Creator: William Butterfield (1814-1900), Architect
- Extent: 4 architectural drawings.
- Repository: The Architectural Archives, University of Pennsylvania
- Abstract: The collection documents Butterfield's design for the Temple Reading Room and Art Gallery at the Rugby School, Warwickshire, 1878-1879. Holdings include four contract drawings, signed by T.W. Jex-Blake (Headmaster 1874-1887) and John Parnell and Son (builders from Rugby who worked for Butterfield at the School).
- Cataloging: Collection-level records for materials in the Architectural Archives may be found in RLIN Eureka, the union catalogue of members of the Research Libraries Group. The record number for this collection is PAUP02-A1.
- Publications: *William Butterfield, 1814-1900 : pioneer of High Victorian Gothic Revival architecture : drawings and metalwork, March-April, 1982.* London: Fischer Fine Art Limited, [1982].

## Biographical/Historical Sketch

British architect William Butterfield (1814-1900) was among the earliest and best-known proponents of Ruskinian constructional polychromy. A devout member of the Church of England, he completed much of his work under the patronage of the Ecclesiological Society and its supporters. His major works include All Saints, Margaret Street (1850-1863) in London and Keble College at Oxford (1870-1877). Butterfield's work at the Rugby School, Warwickshire, was executed over a period of about twenty-six years beginning in 1858.

## Scope and Content Note

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Published photographs of the Temple Reading Room and Art Gallery may be found in:

Bradby, H. C. *Rugby*. London: G. Bell and Sons, 1900, pp. 143, 147.

Rowse, W. H. D. "Famous Public Schools." *Country Life* (20 May 1899): 616-618.

Thompson, Paul. *William Butterfield*. London: Routledge and K. Paul, 1971, (figs. 85, 289).

## Access Points for Indexing (Controlled Vocabulary)

Butterfield, William, 1814-1900.

Rugby School--Buildings--Design and construction.

Architects--Archives.

Architectural design--History--19th century--Sources.

Architectural drawing--England.

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Form/Genre:

Architectural drawings--English.

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**Container list****Series I. Architectural Drawings.**

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