

Guide to
MS 033
Trost and Trost Architects collection

1886 – 2013 Span Dates,
1926 – 1985 Bulk Dates,

1 foot 7 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."

[Sources: <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/ftr12>; Engelbrecht, Lloyd C. and June-Marie F., *Henry C. Trost, Architect of the Southwest*. El Paso, Texas: El Paso Public Library Association, 1981.]

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
- DeGross 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. Bassett 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
- Krakauer Residence | Domestic
- Krupp Residence | Domestic
- Laskin Residence | Domestic
- Laughlin Residence | Domestic
- Laurie Residence | Domestic
- Lawson Residence and Garage | Domestic
- Lea Residence | Domestic
- Lerner Residence | Domestic
- Malcolmson Residence | Domestic
- Mapel Residence | Domestic
- Mathias Residence | Domestic
- Maurice Schwartz Residence addition | Domestic
- May Residence | Domestic
- McLeod Residence | Domestic
- Miller Residence | Domestic
- Mission Revival House Project | Domestic
- Morse Residence | Domestic
- Nagley Apartments | Domestic
- Nagley Residence | Domestic
- Neff Residence | Domestic
- Nesom Residence | Domestic
- O'Connor Duplex | Domestic
- Paxton Residence | Domestic
- Pfaff Residence | Domestic
- Phillips Dwellings | Domestic
- Port Residence and Garage | Domestic
- Ravel Residence Remodeling | Domestic
- Richardson Residence | Domestic
- Rio Grande Apartments Eleven-Forty | Domestic
- Rogers Residence | Domestic
- Seargent Residence | Domestic
- Seeton Residence | Domestic
- Sharpe Residential Project | Domestic
- Simmons Residence | Domestic
- Slater House | Domestic
- Stevens Cottages | Domestic
- The Irvin Apartments | Domestic
- The Wright Apartments | Domestic
- Thomason Residence | Domestic
- Thurston Residential Remodeling | Domestic
- Tooley Residence and Garage | Domestic

- Turney Residence and Garage | Domestic
- Unknown House # 1 Ponsford 159 | Domestic
- Unknown House #2 Ponsford 160 | Domestic
- Unknown House # 3 Ponsford 161&162 | Domestic
- 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

- Texas State School of Mines and Metallurgy Assay Office | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Geology | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Worrell Hall | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Benedict Hall | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Graham Hall | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Quinn Hall | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Vowell Hall | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso Plan | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Old Main | Education
- University of Texas at El Paso – Holliday Hall | Education
- Vilas School | Education
- Zach White School | Education
- El Paso Country Club Repairs Plans – 1936 | Fraternal
- El Paso Country Club | Fraternal
- Elks Building (Proposed) | Fraternal
- Elks Club | Fraternal
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows | Fraternal
- Masonic Temple El Paso | Fraternal
- Scottish Rite Temple | Fraternal
- Young Men’s Christian Association Building | Fraternal
- Y.M.C.A Tower | Fraternal
- Young Women’s Christian Association | Fraternal
- Clubhouse for Electric Car Men | Fraternal
- El Paso City Club | Fraternal
- Mount Franklin Country Club Remodel | Fraternal
- Fire Station Number 3 | Government
- El Paso County Court House | Government
- Fire Station No 11 | Government
- Fire Station No 10 | Government
- Gateway Hotel Remodeling | Hotel
- Hotel Cortez | Hotel
- Hotel Oregon | Hotel
- Hotel Paso Del Norte | Hotel
- Hotel Worth | Hotel
- Mt. Franklin Rancho Club Resort | Hotel
- Plaza Motor Hotel (Hilton) | Hotel
- Proposed Business & Hotel Building | Hotel
- Sheldon Hotel Remodeling | Hotel
- Wieland Hotel | Hotel
- St Regis Hotel | Hotel
- Hotel Angelus Plans 1901 | Hotel
- Hotel Plans for Camp Grande | Hotel
- El Patio Roadside Inn | Hotel
- Wabash Hotel | Hotel
- African Methodist Episcopal Church | Religious
- Congregation B’Nai Zion | Religious

- First Church of Christ, Scientist | Religious
- First Presbyterian Church | Religious
- Proposed New Trinity Church El Paso | Religious
- St. George Orthodox Church | Religious
- St. Joseph's Parish Church & School & Rectory | Religious
- Temple Mount Sinai | Religious
- Temple San Ignacio de Loyola Addition | Religious
- Trinity Methodist Church Education Building | Religious
- Trinity Methodist Church Remodeling | Religious
- Austin Park Christian Church | Religious
- El Paso – Liberty Hall | Theater
- Palace Theatre – Alhambra Theatre | Theater
- Texas Grand Theatre Building | Theater
- The Wigwam Theatre | Theater

[Source: <http://www.henrytrost.org/texas-buildings/>]

Series Description or Arrangement

Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Content Notes

The Trost and Trost Architects collection dates 1886 – 2013, bulk 1926 – 1985. The collection is arranged chronologically. Types of records include correspondence, floor plans, clippings, articles, photographs, notes, historic preservation project plans, books, 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. This collection also includes 14 books donated by Maria Silva. These books were found in the former home of Adolphus Gustavus Trost.

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. Books found in the former Adolphus Gustavus Trost home were donated by Maria Silva, 2017.

Restrictions

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

List of books donated by Maria Silva that were found in the former home of Adolphus Gustavus Trost (in Boxes 3 and 4):

TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLICATION DATE
Concrete Building Blocks	S. B. Newberry	
Strength of Beams Floors and Roofs	F. E. Kidder	1905
Engineers Handbook of Concrete Reinforcement	American Steel and Wire Co.	February 3, 1908
The Principles of Structural Mechanics	Percy J. Waldram	

Cement Age	Cement Age Co.	1909
Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers	American Society of Civil Engineers	1910
Architectural Iron and Steel	WM. H. Birkmire	1897
Encyclopedia of Applied Mechanics: A Dictionary of Mechanical Engineering and the Mechanical Arts.	Park Benjamin, PH.D., LL.B.	1886
Concrete Primer	F. R. McMillan	1928
Reinforced Concrete Design Handbook	American Concrete Institute	1940
Structural Engineering book two: Concrete	Edward Godfrey	1908
Design and Control of Concrete Mixtures	Portland Cement Association	1929

Everyday Uses of Portland Cement	The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers	1900
Concrete	The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers	1912

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Photographic copies of correspondence to Trost and Trost Architects; copy of letters from Anson Mills to Trost	1911 – 1927
1	2	Photographs of Trost buildings and homes – interiors and exteriors [copies with notes on back]	circa 1910s – 1920s
1	3	'About the Owner, Franklin Land and Resources'; Hotel Cortez materials, 1 of 3	1926, 1932 – 1935, circa 1986 – 2001
1	4	'About the Owner, Franklin Land and Resources'; Hotel Cortez materials, 2 of 3	1926, 1932 – 1935, circa 1986 – 2001
1	5	'About the Owner, Franklin Land and Resources'; Hotel Cortez materials, 3 of 3	1926, 1932 – 1935, circa 1986 – 2001
1	6	<i>A Castle of Old Spain on the Plaza of El Paso</i> by Norman Walker [copies]	1928
1	7	Copy of Henry C. Trost will and probate records; claims and list of property; probate notes?	1929 July 20; 1934 January 19
1	8	Hotel Cortez - articles, notes, floor plans, 1 of 2	circa 1952 – 1986
1	9	Hotel Cortez - articles, notes, floor plans, 2 of 2	circa 1952 – 1986
1	10	Articles, pamphlets, other printed material	1954; undated
1	11	<i>Henry Trost: The Prairie School in the Southwest</i> by Lloyd C. Engelbrecht [copy]	1969
2	1	Appraisal Report of the Hotel Cortez, the Hotel Paso del Norte, and the Paso del Norte Parking Garage	1981 January 7
2	2	Chronology of Events in Paso del Norte Construction and Project Plan	1982 – 1983
2	3	National Park Service, Historic Preservation Certification Application, Part 2, The Cortez Renovation	1983
2	4	Paso del Norte Hotel, Historical Summary, Renovation Plans	1983
2	5	Cortez, art information; G. Harris Shelton, 1 of 2	1983 – 1984

2	6	Cortez, art information; G. Harris Shelton, 2 of 2	1983 – 1984
2	7	Photographs of Hotel Cortez, downtown El Paso, 1 of 3	circa 1983 – 1985
2	8	Photographs of Hotel Cortez, downtown El Paso, 2 of 3	circa 1983 – 1985
2	9	Photographs of Hotel Cortez, downtown El Paso, 3 of 3	circa 1983 – 1985
2	10	Photographs, Hotel Cortez inventory	circa 1985
2	11	Photographs, Hotel Cortez inventory	1985 April – June
2	12	Articles about Trost	1994 – 2013
2	13	<i>A Toast to Trost</i> , calendar	2009
3		Books found in the former home of Adolphus Gustavus Trost [see notes to researcher for complete list]	1886 – 1940
4		Books found in the former home of Adolphus Gustavus Trost [see notes to researcher for complete list]	1886 – 1940