

Objects: Architectural fragments from the Boston Public Library's McKim Building, designed by Charles McKim and completed in 1895.

- 1 -3 pieces of Venetian Terrazzo with individually set small stones to form a border
- 2 -3 roof tiles from earlier iterations of tile roof [2 bricks, 1 curved terracotta tile]
- 3 -Core taken through the Guastavino tile system
- 4 -4 decorative metal elements from the Roman cross window fenestration system
- 5 -2 pieces of terrazzo inlaid with square white stones
- 6 -Chunk of terrazzo with varying shades of purple stones
- 7 -Small piece of terrazzo with black stones
- 8 -2 pieces of terrazzo with yellow and white stones
- 9 -Chunk of pink and black granite stamped "BPL" ✓
- 10 -Chunk of white stone marked "BPL courtyard"
- 11 -Small piece of sandstone marked "BPL Entry Hall Stone"
- 12 -Grooved stone tile? marked "BPL Science Ref. ceiling 12 Mar. 93"
- 13 -Small metal roller pulley
- 14 -Brick
- 15 -Piece of wood moulding marked "BPL Rm #214 Moulding @ window"
- 16 -Rectangular piece of stone with finished front edge and cement residue on top and bottom
- 17 -Small piece of copper with tag "BPL 2856 ARCADE Vert. Copper pin at cap stone bed. (This one cut during dismantling)"
- 18 -Small chunk of purple marble with tag "BPL-McKim Marble (Levanto) from Blagden St. Exterior Panel 7/11/94"
- 19 -Small piece of finished green leather with tag "BPL-McKim Leather from existing door between Microtext and Microtext storage"
- 20 -Small piece of fabric backed maroon leather? with tag "BPL-McKim 'Leather' door at Bates Hall balcony"
- 21 -Finished piece of white marble-square 13 ½" x 13 ½" x 1"
- 22 -Piece of plaster with painted brown stripe design
- 23 -Mock up of 'Insituform' "Insitupipe liner sample Insituform of New England, Inc. John De Rienzo Waterville, ME BPL SBRA #2330"
- 24 -Orange and black plastic strip labeled "BPL samafil pull test example 2330"

History: The pieces document the architectural decoration and tile systems on the 1895, Italianate structure of the Boston Public Library. The pieces were obtained in the 1990s by the firm of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson, and Abbott during a building renovation and expansion.

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