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Title Unknown Library, possibly New Haven

Date 1829-1836

Primary Maker Ithiel Town

Medium Architectural drawings, ink and watercolor on paper

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Description Section drawings for a gothic revival building, probably a library,

featuring a large central portion flanked by octagonal towers, with two smaller

butressed side portions. 1913.5.52 shows a large central nave with two smaller

side aisles. The central nave features a large open gallery space with an

ornamental fenced handrail and pendant drop oriel underlay which connects

the third floor space between the two side portions, below which a pointed arch

doorway features on the ground floor. The central nave also has a large

diamond paned lancet arch window, with cusped arch tracery, and details

suggesting stained glass. The two side aisles feature three floors in which

bookcases are shown along the side and end walls. The third floor of each aisle

features a pointed arch ceiling with implied stained glass skylights located on

the roof. 1913.5.53 shows a large central portion, with two smaller side aisles, of

which the central portion is divided into three bays. The middle bay of the central

portion features a large lancet arch window with cusped arch tracery, below

which a small open gallery with ornamental fenced handrail connects the two

side bays. The side bays of the central section feature three floors of bookcases

along the side and end walls, with wide open galleries, featuring similar

ornamental handrails, placed between floors and faced towards the middle bay

to let light in. The ground floor of the central section is over a space of two

stories, featuring a pointed arch entry door in the middle bay with single mullion

lancet windows above bookcases in the side bays. The two small side portions of

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the building feature single bays over two floor levels with the same open gallery and bookcase design as the central section, and end with skylights on the second floor level.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions: 13 x 18in. (33 x 45.7cm)