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Wright Aeronautical Company, Paterson, New  
Jersey, Factory Construction Photographs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Wright Aeronautical Company, Paterson, New Jersey, Factory Construction Photographs
<b>Date:</b>	1927-1928
<b>Identifier:</b>	NASM.XXXX.0606
<b>Extent:</b>	0.25 Cubic feet ((1 flatbox))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Found in collection, 1/4/1999, unknown, unknown, XXXX-0606, unknown

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access

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## Biographical / Historical

This small album contains a series of 86 photographs depicting the construction by the John W. Ferguson Company of factory buildings at a site in Paterson, New Jersey, for the Wright Aeronautical Company. Photographs were taken by an unknown photographer during the period of December 4, 1927 through November 17, 1928, and are of excellent quality. The photographs are grouped sequentially and chronologically into four different 'contract' series; each series would appear to record the construction of a different building or subgroup of buildings on the site.

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## Scope and Contents

No aviation topics are illustrated in this collection. The photographs do give excellent views of construction techniques (such as reinforced concrete construction) and equipment in use in the 1927-1928 period, including numerous steam shovels and a very large stationary crane. The backgrounds of the photographs give very good views of the railroad lines running along one side of the site (many showing steam engines pulling trains) and of the Paterson neighborhoods surrounding the site. All photographs are exterior views, with the sole exception of photo no. 1095-16, which is an interior view.

## General

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Aircraft industry
- Construction equipment
- Construction industry

### Types of Materials:

- Albums
- Photographs

### Names:

- Wright Aeronautical Corp