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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Nathan W. Morgan Papers
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Language:	English

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Nathan W. Morgan to the National Museum of History and Technology (now the National Museum of American History), Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, in 1964.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center in 2007 from the Division of Work and Industry.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

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Biographical / Historical

Nathan W. Morgan, government civil engineer, worked for the American Bridge Company, 1916-1925, and for the Bureau of Public Roads, Bridge Division, 1925-1961.

Scope and Contents

These papers contain materials relating to the design and construction of highway bridges: scrapbooks of clippings compiled by Morgan on suspension, concrete arch, moveable, steel arch, timber, concrete, steel simple span, cantilever, and stone bridges; photographs of American bridges taken by Morgan, 1938; clippings, photographs, pamphlets, and books on bridge welding, 1909-1959; catalog histories, construction stories, and illustrated pamphlets, 1902-1959; drawings and articles on moveable bridges, 1924; reprints, brochures, technical reports, research reports, bridge authority reports and advertising for highway bridges, chiefly in New York and San Francisco, 1918-1959; unsorted clippings on highway bridges, bridge welding, and tunnels, 1954-1968; seven binders of bridge photographs, 1922-1937; and clippings and photographs of bridge construction design, 1969-1972.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bridges -- Design and construction
- Concrete bridges
- Iron and steel bridges
- Moveable bridges
- Tunnels
- welding

Types of Materials:

- Clippings -- 20th century
- Drawings -- 20th century
- Pamphlets -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Reports
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century
- Trade catalogs

Names:

- American Bridge Company
- Bureau of Public Roads

History of Technology, Division of, NMAH, SI
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Geographic Names:

California
New York
San Francisco (Calif.)