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Guide to the Rip Van Winkle Bridge Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Rip Van Winkle Bridge Photographs
Date:	1933-1935
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1027
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
Creator:	New York Department of Public Works
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Photographs that document the construction of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge in New York during various stages of construction, construction crews, and pier interiors.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was purchased by the National Museum of American History, Division of Engineering and Industry (now called the Division of Work and Industry), 1984.

Provenance

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

Related Materials

Holton Duncan Robinson Papers

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

The Rip Van Winkle Bridge spans the Hudson River between Hudson and Catskill, New York. It was built by the New York State Bridge Authority and opened July 2, 1935.

Scope and Contents

90 photographs, documenting construction of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge during various stages of construction, construction crews, and pier interiors.

The State of New York, Department of Public Works, Division of Engineering, created this collection to document the construction of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge over the Hudson River at Catskill, New York, between 1933 and 1934. Photographers represented are A.C. Dario, F.J. Hart, and A. McMahon. The collection includes ninety photographs, captioned with the State of New York photograph number, subject, camera location or point of view, date, and remarks.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series.

Series 1, Photographs, 1933-1935

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Bridges -- New York (State)

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- 1930-1940

Names:

National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry

Container Listing

Series 1: Photographs, 1933-1935

Box 1

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