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Narrows Dam (Yadkin River, North Carolina) Photograph Album

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Narrows Dam (Yadkin River, North Carolina) Photograph Album
Date:	1916-1917
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1041
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Engineering and Industry
Creator:	Kemmer, Frank (Creator)
Extent:	0.33 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Photograph album showing all aspects of construction of the Narrows Dam on the Yadkin River in North Carolina.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Department of the History of Science and Technology, Division of Engineering and Industry by Frank Kemmer's granddaughter, Anne Wheelock, in 1990. It was transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

Separated Materials

Four lantern slides of electric furnace operation were placed in the Division of Work and Industry Lantern Slide Collection (NMAH.AC.1013) and received no numbers.

Related Materials

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Narrows Dam is located on the Yadkin River, one of the largest rivers in North Carolina. The dam and its hydroelectric station was constructed by the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa), to supply power for an aluminum production plant nearby.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of one album containing 101 photographs documenting the hydroelectric project and construction of the Narrows Dam on the Yadkin River near Badin, North Carolina. Frank Kemmer took the photographs from December 30, 1916 through April 25, 1917. Images include the trusses, piers, cranes and other equipment.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series.

Series 1, Photograph Album, 1916-1917

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dams -- North Carolina
Rivers -- North Carolina

Types of Materials:

Photograph albums -- 20th century
Photographs -- 1910-1920

Names:

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

Places:

North Carolina
Yadkin River (N.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1	Photograph album, 1916-1917
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