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Guide to the Penn Station, New York, Photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Penn Station, New York, Photographs
Date:	ca. 1903-1910.
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1048
Creator:	Pennsylvania Railroad. (Creator)
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Work and Industry (Collector) National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (Collector)
Extent:	3.6 Cubic feet (14 boxes) On paper and glass, silver gelatin.
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Penn Station, New York, Photographs

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was assembled by staff of the Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering as a reference collection. The stereographs were purchased from a dealer in 1979.

Provenance

Transferred from the Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering (now Division of Work and Industry).

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Named for the Pennsylvania Railroad, which built the station, Penn Station is the most heavily used train station in America. Plans for the station, and for the PRR's intention to enter New York City by tunnel, were announced in 1901. It was built between 1905 and 1910. It was demolished and rebuilt in the 1960s.

Scope and Contents

Glass plate negatives and stereographs relating to the construction of Penn Station and the Pennsylvania Railroad's work in New York City, including the Station foundations and the East and Hudson River tunnels.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Railroad stations
- Railroads
- Railroads -- 20th century
- Tunnels -- New York

Types of Materials:

- Photographs -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- 20th century
- Stereographs -- 1900-1910

Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of History of Technology
- 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
- Pennsylvania Station