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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Northern Pacific Railway Photoprints
Date:	1881-1949
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1067
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)
Creator:	Northern Pacific Railway Company (Sponsor)
Extent:	0.16 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection consists of photoprints documenting the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred from the Division of Civil and Mechanical Engineering (now called the Division of Work and Industry) to the Archives Center in 2007.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, 2018.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Founded in 1864, the Northern Pacific Railway originated in Minnesota and operated in the states bordering Canada, also serving cities in British Columbia and Manitoba.

Scope and Contents

Two hundred fifteen silver gelatin photoprints documenting the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway. Images depict the Takoma Shops, Marent Gulch Viaduct, Howe trusses, trestle work, iron Pratt trusses, plate girders, coal bunkers, the Stampede Tuunnel, Bozeman Tunnel, turntables, and the Bismarck, North Dakota Missouri River Bridge.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bridges
- Railroad bridges
- Railroads

Types of Materials:

Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin -- 19th-20th century

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

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Photographs, 1882-1897
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Box 1, Folder 2-3	Photographs, 1881-1949
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