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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
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<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Papers document consulting engineer Morris Jacks and his work with the Empire State Building, Yankee Stadium, and the Third Avenue Transit Corporation.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

### Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work Industry, 2017.

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## Biographical / Historical

Morris Jacks was a practicing and consulting engineer who graduated from Washington University (St. Louis) in 1920. He supervised construction projects in Missouri and New York City and was president and chief engineer of Sola Engineering Corporation which worked on excavations and foundations. Jacks also conducted appraisals and the valuation of structural improvements (buildings, fixtures, machinery,

pipng, and wiring) working for the City of New York , Board of Taxes and Assessments He also acted as an expert witness, providing testimony in state and federal court for legal cases involving construction costs and depreciations of buildings and equipment.

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## Content Description

Papers document consulting engineer Morris Jacks and his work with the Empire State Building, Yankee Stadium, and the Third Avenue Transit Corporation. The collection consists of correspondence, appraisals, reports, blueprints, legal documents, and other notes about Jacks's work related to the valuation of structures.

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## Arrangement

The Collection is arranged into 4 series.

Series 1: Personal Materials, undated

Series 2: Empire State Building, 1929-1975

Series 3: Third Avenue Transit Corporation, 1949-1955

Series 4: Yankee Stadium, 1945-1976

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Cultures:

Appraisals  
Engineering -- 20th century  
Stadiums

Types of Materials:

Blueprints -- 20th century  
Color slides -- 20th century  
Correspondence  
Legal documents -- 20th century  
Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 1930-1950  
Reports

Names:

Empire State Building (New York, N.Y.)  
Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI  
Yankee Stadium (New York, N.Y. : 1923-2009)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Personal Materials, undated

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## Series 2: Empire State Building, 1929-1975

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Box 1, Folder 5	Appraisal, draft, 1968-03-1968-04
Box 1, Folder 6	Appraisal, structural steel, 1968-03-1968-04
Box 1, Folder 7	Appraisal, draft with index, 1968-05-07
Box 1, Folder 8	Appraisal, revisions and drafts, 1968
Box 1, Folder 9	Appraisal by Morris Jacks, 1968-05-15
Box 1, Folder 10	Appraisal-related correspondence, 1968-03-1968-08
Box 1, Folder 11	Appraisal, tenant additions, 1968-05
Box 2, Folder 1	Tenant improvements, 1968
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1968-1975
Box 6	Empire State, Engineering Department, air conditioning key , 1958-1967 <i>1 Volume (12 1/2" x 24 1/2")</i>
Map-folder 1	Appraisal-related documents, 1968-05-09
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**Series 3: Third Avenue Transit Corporation, 1949-1955**

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Box 2, Folder 7	Photographs and slides, 1954
Box 2, Folder 8	Trustees Report and Notice, 1951
Box 2, Folder 9	Condemnation proceedings, 1949
Box 2, Folder 10	New York Coliseum Building, bus repair notes, undated
Box 2, Folder 11	New York Coliseum Building, field notes and worksheets, 1955
Box 2, Folder 12	Car house #1, Boston Road, 1955
Box 2, Folder 13	West Farms Road and 172nd Street, 1955
Box 2, Folder 14	Property buildings and real estate, 1955 Includes information about the North third Avenue sub-station, bus garage, and West Farms car house.
Box 2, Folder 15	Third Avenue Railway, fixture claim, 1955
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Box 3, Folder 2	Bus garage and ex-power house, 1955
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Box 3, Folder 4	Bus garage, 126th Street-2nd Avenue, 1955
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## Series 4: Yankee Stadium, 1945-1976

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Box 4, Folder 1-2	Photographs, trade fixtures, 1970s
Box 4, Folder 3-4	Notes and costs about fixtures, 1972
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Box 4, Folder 6	John Doric, Inc. (electrical contractor), correspondence, 1963-1967
Box 4, Folder 7	Inventory of trade fixtures (condemnation proceedings), 1976
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Box 5, Folder 4	Trade fixture inventory, 1972
Box 5, Folder 5	Detailed list of fixtures, undated
Box 5, Folder 6	Trade fixtures, 1973
Box 5, Folder 7	Fixture claim, 1973
Box 5, Folder 8	Consolidated Edison Company of New York (history of electrical service at Yankee Stadium), 1974
Box 5, Folder 9	Valuation sheets, 1968-1974
Map-folder 1	Appraisal of fixtures and equipment, 1972-08-08 <i>2 copies</i>
Map-folder 1	New York Coliseum, repairs and plot diagrams, 1945-1946



- Box 5, Folder 10      Miscellaneous , undated  
Includes a Penn Refrigeration Service Company of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania sign, an Easton Transit Company drawings, and a contractor's partial estimate for an unidentified project.
- Map-folder 1      John Doris, Inc., Yankee Stadium new C.B.S. television facilities, 1964-03-30
- Map-folder 1      Concessions area, ground floor plans, 1946, 1950

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## Series 4: Munsey Building (Washington, DC), 1905

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Plans for building, 1905

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