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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	New York State Barge Canal Photographs
Date:	1907-1913
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1536
Creator:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering
Extent:	.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the construction of the Erie Canal in New York at the turn of the twentieth century.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Photographs donated by Richard W. Sickler, May 13, 1969. Postcards acquired from unknown source.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work & Industry in February 2022.

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

For related materials on the Erie Canal, see the following collections:

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Ships, Boats, and Vessels, NMAH.AC.0060

Cummings Structural Concrete Company Records, NMAH.AC.0218

John Stevens Collection, NMAH.AC.0333

American Petroleum Institute Photograph and Film Collection, NMAH.AC.0711

Division of Cultural History Lantern Slides and Stereographs, NMAH.AC.0945

James Forgie Papers, NMAH.AC.0986

William R. Hutton Papers, NMAH.AC.0987

Rudolph Hering Collection, NMAH.AC.0989

Lehigh Valley Railroad Records, NMAH.AC.1046

Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Records, NMAH.AC.1074

Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Photographs, NMAH.AC.1075

Erie Railroad Collection, NMAH.AC.1082

Mechanical and Civil Engineering Stereograph Cards, NMAH.AC.1090

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Processing Information

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Content Description

Collection consists of photographs documenting the construction of the Erie Canal which was later renamed the New York State Barge Canal. Many of the images include workers on the job site. In addition, there are photographs of unidentified construction sites along the canal system which includes 525 miles of waterways from Lake Erie to the Hudson River with extensions to Cayuga Lake, Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, and Seneca lake.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged in one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Barges
- Canals
- New York State Canal System (N.Y.)

Types of Materials:

- Photographs
- Picture postcards

Places:

- Erie Canal (N.Y.)

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Dredges on Erie Canal enlargement, 1907-1912
Box 1, Folder 2	Construction of Erie Canal, section of New York State Barge Canal System, 1911-1913