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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Missouri River Improvement Project Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1895-1901
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1548
<b>Creator:</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Missouri River Division
<b>Extent:</b>	.5 Cubic feet (1 box )
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection documents the construction of dikes and piers along the Missouri River.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Acquired from United States Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Division, through Doran Topolosky, between October 1966 and July 1968.

### 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**

Modjeski and Masters Company Records, NMAH.AC.0976

Foundation Company Records, NMAH.AC.0974

George Morison Collection, NMAH.AC.0978

John A. Roebling Collection, NMAH.AC.0981

Division of Work and Industry Lantern Slide Collection, NMAH.AC.1013

Minnesota Railroads Photograph Albums, NMAH.AC.1023

Donald M. Burmister Papers, NMAH.AC.1068

William F. Rapp Photographs, NMAH.AC.1559

#### **National Anthropological Archives**

Thaddeus A. Culbertson Journal of an Expedition up the Missouri River, NAA.MS1426A

Waldo R. Wedel and Mildred Mott Wedel Papers, NAA.1990-20

#### **Smithsonian Institution Archives**

J. N. Nicollet's Notes, Reports, and Catalogues, SIA.FA84-176

## Processing Information

Collection is processed.

## Preferred Citation

Missouri River Improvement Project Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

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## Content Description

Collection consists of black and white and cyanotype photographic prints documenting the construction of dikes and piers along the Missouri River. The photographs were created by the engineering division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Division and date from 1895-1901. Some of the prints were used for progress reports and most were taken on almost a day to day basis. Locations documented include: Chamois Reach; Glasgow Reach; Howard's Reach; Huntsdale Reach; Jefferson City Reach; Little Blue Reach; Nebraska City Reach; Osage Point; Pelican Bend Reach; Portland Island; Randolph Bend; Rocheport Reach; Rulo Reach and St. Joseph Reach. Only a very few of the photographs are undated. Materials are arranged in four series and in chronological order: series one, photographs for progress reports, 1895-1896; series two, loose photographs, 1897-1901, undated; series three, blue prints of all views and photographic negatives, 1899; and series four, photographs by location, 1900.

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## Arrangement

Collection is arranged in four series.

Series 1, Photographs for Progress Reports, 1895-1896

Series 2, Loose Photographs, 1897-1901, undated

Series 3, Blue Prints of All Views and Photographic Negatives, 1899

Series 4, Photographs by Location, 1900

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dikes  
Piers  
Rivers -- Missouri

Types of Materials:

Cyanotypes  
Photographs  
Reports

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Photographs for Progress Reports

Box 1, Folder 1	Photographs, 1895-06-01-1895-06-08
Box 1, Folder 2	Photographs, 1895-07-06-1895-07-13
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs, 1895-09-07, 1895-09-14
Box 1, Folder 4	Photographs, 1896-01-11
Box 1, Folder 5	Photographs, 1896-03-28
Box 1, Folder 6	Photographs, 1896-05-09, 1896-05-16

## Loose Photographs

Box 1, Folder 7	Photographs, 1897-09-30
Box 1, Folder 8	Photographs, 1898-12-10
Box 1, Folder 9	Photographs, 1899-01-07
Box 1, Folder 10	Photographs, 1899-01-14
Box 1, Folder 11	Photographs, 1899-01-19
Box 1, Folder 12	Photographs, 1899-03-18
Box 1, Folder 13	Photographs, 1899-03-20
Box 1, Folder 14	Photographs, 1899-03-25
Box 1, Folder 15	Photographs, 1899-04-05
Box 1, Folder 16	Photographs, 1899-04-29
Box 1, Folder 17	Photographs, 1899-05-17
Box 1, Folder 18	Photographs, 1899-06-03
Box 1, Folder 19	Photographs, 1899-06-10
Box 1, Folder 20	Photographs, 1899-09-07
Box 1, Folder 21	Photographs, 1899-10-28
Box 1, Folder 22	Photographs, 1900-03-22
Box 1, Folder 23	Photographs, 1900-03-27
Box 1, Folder 24	Photographs, 1900-04-03
Box 1, Folder 25	Photographs, 1900-04-04
Box 1, Folder 26	Photographs, 1900-04-14
Box 1, Folder 27	Photographs, 1900-04-16
Box 1, Folder 28	Photographs, 1900-04-21

Box 1, Folder 29	Photographs, 1900-04-26
Box 1, Folder 30	Photographs, 1900-05-05
Box 1, Folder 31	Photographs, 1900-06-04
Box 1, Folder 32	Photographs, 1900-06-13
Box 1, Folder 33	Photographs, 1900-06-17
Box 1, Folder 34	Photographs, 1900-08-24
Box 1, Folder 35	Photographs, 1900-09-01
Box 1, Folder 36	Photographs, 1900-09-13
Box 1, Folder 37	Photographs, 1900-09-15
Box 1, Folder 38	Photographs, 1900-10-06
Box 1, Folder 39	Photographs, 1900-10-27
Box 1, Folder 40	Photographs, 1900-11-15
Box 1, Folder 41	Photographs, 1900-11-17
Box 1, Folder 42	Photographs, 1900-11-25
Box 1, Folder 43	Photographs, 1900-12-01
Box 1, Folder 44	Photographs, 1900-12-08
Box 1, Folder 45	Photographs, 1900-12-15
Box 1, Folder 46	Photographs, 1900-12-27
Box 1, Folder 47	Photographs, 1900-12-28
Box 1, Folder 48	Photographs, 1901-02-18
Box 1, Folder 49	Photographs, 1901-02-23
Box 1, Folder 50	Photographs, 1901-08-28
Box 1, Folder 51	Photographs, 1901-11-26
Box 1, Folder 52	Photographs, 1901-12-07



Box 1, Folder 53

Photographs, undated

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## Series 2: Blue Prints of All Views

Box 1, Folder 54	Photographs, 1899-01
Box 1, Folder 55	Photographs, 1899-02
Box 1, Folder 56	Photographs, 1899-03
Box 1, Folder 57	Photographs, 1899-04
Box 1, Folder 58	Photographs, 1899-05
Box 1, Folder 59	Photographs, 1899-06

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## Series 3: Photographs by Location

Box 1, Folder 60	Photographs, Gusconade, 1900
Box 1, Folder 61	Photographs of L. W. B. K. C. Missouri, 1900
Box 1, Folder 62	Photographs of Nebraska City, St. Joe, Little Blue, Glasgow Rochefort, and Howard Bend, 1900
Box 1, Folder 63	Photographs of Omaha, Kansas City, Randolph, Little Blue, and Miami, 1900-09
Box 1, Folder 64	Photographs, Miscellaneous, 1900

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