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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Robinson and Steinman Photographs
Date:	1884-1954, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1562
Creator:	Steinman, D. B. (David Barnard), 1886-1960 (Engineer) Robinson, Holton Duncan, 1863-1945 (Engineer)
Extent:	.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection consists of black and white photographic prints and negatives documenting the construction of suspension bridges primarily built by Robinson and Steinman in North America and India.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition is unknown.

Provenance

Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Work and Industry in February 2022.

Related Materials

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Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Bridges, NMAH.AC.0060

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Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Bridge Profiles, NMAH.AC.073

Holton Duncan Robinson Papers, NMAH.AC.0963

Nathan W. Morgan Papers, NMAH.AC.0965

Modjeski and Masters Company Records, NMAH.AC.0976

George S. Morison Collection, NMAH.AC.0978

John A. Roebling Collection, NMAH.AC.0981

Beata Drake Covered Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.0998

Raymond E. Wilson Covered Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.0999

Samuel E. Reed Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.1001

Victor C. Darnell Bridge Construction Photographs, NMAH.AC.1018

David Plowden North American Bridge Photographs, NMAH.AC.1019

Railroad Bridges Construction Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.1024
Rip Van Winkle Bridge Photographs, NMAH.AC.1027
Lucinda Rudell Covered Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.1028
Ben Franklin Bridge Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.1029
Northern Pacific Railroad Bridge Construction Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.1030
Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Records, NMAH.AC.1060
Bollman Truss Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.1064
Hartford, Connecticut Bridge Collection, NMAH.AC.1066
Robert Bagby Stereographs and Lantern Slides, NMAH.AC.1185
Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering Bridges Reference Collection, NMAH.AC.1577

Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

Robinson & Steinman, Engineers: Bridges Lasting and Beautiful, New York, 1930-1934?

Photographs show several views of St. John's Bridge, Portland, Oregon; the Grand Mère Bridge in Quebec; the Manhattan Bridge over the East River, and many others, mainly of the suspension type.

Columbia University, Rare Book and Manuscript Library

D. B. Steinman Papers, 1907-1959, bulk circa 1950-1955

New York State Library, Manuscripts and Special Collections,

David B. Steinman Papers, 1907-1960, SC20155

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Robinson and Steinman was formed by engineers Holton Duncan Robinson (February 7, 1863-May 7, 1945) and David Barnard Steinman (June 11, 1886- August 21, 1960). The firm designed and constructed suspension bridges across the United States and the world from 1924-1945.

Content Description

Collection consists of black and white photographic prints and negatives documenting the construction of suspension bridges primarily built by the firm Robinson and Steinman. Most of the bridges were constructed across the United States including Illinois, Oregon, Indiana, Virginia, Connecticut, Delaware, Ohio, New York, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Maine. There are also images of the Brahmaputra Bridge that was constructed in Assam, India. Most of the images have been identified but only a few are dated. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order first with the unidentified bridges at the end.

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:

- Bridges
- Bridges -- New York (N.Y.)
- Suspension bridges

Types of Materials:

- Negatives
- Photographs

Names:

- Robinson & Steinman (Firm)

Container Listing

Box 1	Bear Mountain Bridge, 1923
Box 1	Brahmaputra Bridge, Assam, India, undated
Box 1	Bob Cummings - Lincoln Trail Bridge, Cannelton, Indiana to Hawesville, Kentucky, undated
Box 1	Chesapeake Bay Bridge, 1954
Box 1	Chicago World's Fair Skyway, 1933
Box 1	Connecticut River Bridge, Connecticut, undated
Box 1	Deer Isle-Sedgewick Suspension Bridge, Maine, undated
Box 1	Dodge Street Bridge, Omaha, Nebraska, undated
Box 1	Kingston-Port Ewen Suspension Bridge, (sometimes known as the Rondout Creek Bride, Old Bridge or Wurts Street Bridge), Rondout Creek, New York, 1922
Box 1	Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, New York, undated
Box 1	Maumee River Bridge, Toledo, Ohio, undated
Box 1	Rip Van Winkle Bridge, New York, 1934
Box 1	Rochester Suspension Bridge, Pennsylvania, undated
Box 1	Seventh Street Bridge (Andy Warhol Bridge), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1884
Box 1	Shelton Island-Greenport Suspension Bridge, Long Island, New York, undated
Box 1	St. John's Suspension Bridge, Portland, Oregon, undated
Box 1	Sullivan-Hutsonville Suspension Bridge, Hutsonville, Illinois, undated
Box 1	Suspension Bridge Tower, undated
Box 1	Thousand Islands Bridge, New York, undated
Box 1	Trans-Columbia River Bridge, Astoria, Oregon, undated
Box 1	Tribes Hill-Fort Hunter Bridge, New York, undated

Box 1 Wabash River Bridge, Indiana and Illinois, undated

Box 1 Wheeling Suspension Bridge, Wheeling, West Virginia, undated

Box 1 York River Bridge, Yorktown, Virginia, undated

Box 1 Unidentified bridges, undated