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Whitney Dam (Yadkin River, North Carolina) Photograph Collection

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Whitney Dam (Yadkin River, North Carolina) Photograph Collection
Date:	1903-1919, undated
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1568
Creator:	Whitney Development Company
Extent:	.25 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents the construction of the Whitney Dam on the Yadkin River in North Carolina.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

Provenance

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

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution Industry on Parade Film Collection, NMAH.AC.0507

John A. Beemer Papers, NMAH.AC.0957

Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade and Douglas Records Collection, NMAH.AC.0969

Narrows Dam (Yadkin River, North Carolina) Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.1041

Hales Bar Dam Collection, NMAH.AC.1051

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

S. Morgan Smith Company Records, NMAH.AC.1099

Granite Shoals Dam Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.1539

Miami Conservancy Dam Project, NMAH.AC.1547

Kenneth T. Norwood Dam Slides, NMAH.AC.1552

Other Repositories

Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, photograph shows construction of dam using granite blocks, published by Hall's Pharmacy and F. E. Starnes, between 1900 and 1930

Stanly County Museum (a Department of the Stanly County Public Library) photograph of construction of Dam in Whitney, North Carolina, 1907-1908

Processing Information

Collection was processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2023. Finding aid encoded by Audrey Willius, intern, 2023.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

The Whitney Development Company, organized by industrialist George Whitney in 1901, nearly completed the Whitney Dam and a diversion canal, but declared bankruptcy in 1907. All assets of the Whitney Development Company were sold to French Company Southern Aluminum in 1912. Upon evaluation the French Company Southern Aluminum Company decided to pursue a new project now known as the Narrows Dam and the Town of Badin.

Source: Badin Historic Museum, Old Whitney, Debroah Lovan, March 2, 2022

Content Description

Collection consists of black and white photographs documenting the construction of the Whitney Dam on the Yadkin River in North Carolina. Many of the photographs have handwritten notations documenting the date and time the image was taken. Others are stamped "compliments of Hugh Macrae and Company, bankers, Wilmington, North Carolina" on the reverse side and are undated. The materials are arranged loosely in chronological order.

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:

Construction and civil engineering
Dams -- North Carolina

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Places:

Yadkin River (N.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1	Photographs, 1903-1919, undated
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