

A Guide to the MTBTA Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Construction Photograph Collection

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Overview of the Collection

Collection #: IC 1
Title: MTBTA Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Construction Photograph Collection
Creator: Metropolitan Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Association
Dates: 1960-1964
Extent:
Abstract: This collection contains eleven photographs of the construction of the Verrazano-Narrows bridge.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition

These photographs were donated to the CSI Archives & Special Collections on October 26th, 2004 following their use in an exhibition at the college.

Processing Information

Restrictions

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Administrative History

The Verrazano-Narrows bridge was constructed in the late 1950's and early 1960's, and was completed in November of 1964. It was built to permit the movement of vehicular traffic between Staten Island and Brooklyn and link parts of the Interstate Highway System. The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA, now MTA Bridges and Tunnels) was the agency predominantly responsible for the construction of the bridge, and received authorization to begin in 1955. At the time of its completion, it was the longest bridge in the world, but has since been surpassed.

Scope and Content Note

The photographs in this collection document the construction process from 1960 through 1964. They show the work in progress at various stages, and provide insight into the process. In addition, there are several photographs of workers, and one photograph of architect Othman H. Ammann with Robert Moses.

Arrangement

The items in this collection are arranged chronologically.

Index Terms

Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (New York, N.Y.)

Staten Island (New York, N.Y.)

Kings County (N.Y.)

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority

Series Descriptions & Container Listing

Folder	Title
1	Staten Island Tower Pier View Looking Northwest, by Mal Gurian 8/10/1960
2	Staten Island Tower Pier Looking Southeast, by Mal Gurian 12/22/1960
3	Othman H. Ammann and Robert Moses, 10/10/1961
4	Staten Island Tower of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, by Paul Rubenstein 8/13/1962
5	View Looking East Showing Kelly Wagon on top of Cable "D", by Paul Rubenstein 2/25/1963
6	View from top of Staten Island tower of wheel transporting cable, by Paul Rubenstein 7/10/1963
7	View Looking North Showing Kelly Wagon at Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, by Paul Rubenstein 9/25/1963
8	Lifting First Floor Truss Unit on Center Span, by Skyviews 10/25/1963
9	View From Staten Island Tower Towards Brooklyn (Queen Mary in Photo, Construction in Progress), by Paul Rubenstein 1/16/1964
10	View Through Brooklyn Tower of Suspended Floor Truss Units, by Paul Rubenstein 2/21/1964
11	View Looking East on Center Span, Top Deck of Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, by Paul Rubenstein 8/10/1964