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**New York State Architect Blueprint Plans, Drawings, and
Specifications for Proposed Expansion of Great Meadow
Prison A3315**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	The series consists of a set of blueprint plans, specifications, diagrams, and drawings for a proposed expansion of the Great Meadow Prison at Comstock, New York. The blueprints depict cage area; laundry and bathhouse; powerhouse; punishment prison; and mess hall and kitchen building. They show locations of current buildings, proposed prison walls, building construction, areas for excavated material, and space for future buildings. Also included are sewer profiles and details; connecting corridor plans and profiles; engineering details; and area plans.
Creator:	New York (State). State Architect
Title:	Blueprint plans, drawings, and specifications for proposed expansion of Great Meadow Prison
Quantity:	0.9 cubic feet
Quantity:	(30 blueprints)
Inclusive Date:	1911
Series:	A3315

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Arrangement

Numerical by drawing number.

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Scope and Content Note

The series consists of a set of unannotated blueprint plans, specifications, diagrams, and drawings of the Great Meadow Prison at Comstock, New York. The blueprints were apparently made and approved by the State Architect as planning documents for proposed expansion of the prison facilities. It was the responsibility of the State Architect to prepare plans and specifications for state buildings. A handwritten note on the final blueprint indicates that these

plans, or copies of them, were sent to the Commission of Prisons shortly after their approval in 1911.

The blueprints consists of plans, profiles, sketches, drawings, and diagrams for various areas of the prison, including the cage area; the laundry and bath house; the power house; the punishment prison; and the mess hall and kitchen building. The initial sheet is a prison block plan that gives the location of specific areas for which other blueprints are present, and shows some physical features (e.g., pond, creek, roads, property lines). In addition to the locations of current buildings, the block plan shows locations of proposed prison walls, building construction, and deposit areas for excavated material, as well as demarcations of space for future buildings.

Also included in the set are: sewer profiles and details; connecting corridor plans and profiles; engineering details; and various area plans (floor and roof plans, foundation plan, grillage plan), elevations, and details. The blueprints typically include plans for the multiple floors of an area; north, south, east and west elevations; detail drawings (e.g., for cornice, ceiling panels and parapet of tower); longitudinal and transverse sections; and profiles. None of the 30 sheets are annotated.

All the sheets include a border block with the following information: specification number; drawing number; scale; initials for heating, plumbing, and electrical construction work; date (usually February 1911); initials of person who made and checked the blueprints; and the approval signature of the state architect. Some also include legends (e.g., indicating brick work, concrete, proposed and existing construction). The sheets are in four approximate sizes: 59 x 97 cm; 48 x 66 cm; 59 x 84 cm; and 73 x 101 cm.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Documents relating to existing correctional facilities and other facilities may be withheld under FOIL sect. 87.2(f) ("if disclosed could endanger the life or safety of any person").

Access Terms

- Jails
- Diagrams
- Plans (orthographic projections)
- Correctional institutions--Design and construction
- Prisons--Design and construction

- Detail drawings
- New York (State)
- Blueprints
- Comstock (N.Y.)
- Architecture and state
- Specifications
- Planning correctional institutions
- New York (State). State Commission of Prisons
- Great Meadow Correctional Facility
- Great Meadow Prison