



*New York State Archives*

**Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc. New York Office Aerial  
Photographic Prints and Negatives of New York State Sites  
B1598**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of photographic negatives and positive prints of low-altitude, oblique aerial views of a variety of New York State sites, produced by the New York office of Fairchild Aerial Surveys (a commercial firm) during the years 1946-1949, 1951, and 1957. The reason the photography was done is not known, but the firm's work was used to produce maps for the U.S. Geological Survey, among others. Images depict locations statewide, with the New York City metropolitan area predominating.
<b>Creator:</b>	Fairchild Aerial Surveys, inc. New York office
<b>Title:</b>	Aerial photographic prints and negatives of New York State sites
<b>Quantity:</b>	8.6 cubic feet
<b>Quantity:</b>	2053 negatives; 291 prints
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1941-1957
<b>Bulk Date:</b>	1946-1949, 1951, 1957
<b>Series:</b>	B1598

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## Arrangement

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Arranged by print/negative number (corresponding to rough chronological order by flight date).

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## Scope and Content Note

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The aerial shots show the built environment especially well, including public and commercial buildings (breweries, churches, colleges, factories, hospitals, hotels); transportation infrastructure (bridges, airports, and parkways); and recreational and cultural venues (racetracks, beaches, ships, waterfronts, and historic sites). There are also views of significant landmarks (Empire State Building, the U.N. building), building sites, and natural features such as lakes, mountains, and marshes.

B1598-04: This single 14" x 19" black and white photograph depicts the Mohawk Carpet Mills at Amsterdam, N.Y., 1941.

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## Related Information

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### Related Material

20978 Orthographic Aerial Photographs contains related photographs.

10700 Aerial Photographs and Index to Aerial Photographs of State Highways contains related photographs. Other Fairchild negatives and photographs of sites located outside of New York State may be found at the New Jersey State Archives, the Map and Imagery Laboratory of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and at Whittier College (Whittier, California).

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

Item list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

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### Alternate Formats Available

### Items Online

High resolution images of all original documents in this series are available in State Archives Digital Collections.

[Aerial Photographic Prints and Negatives of New York State Sites in Digital Collections](#)

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

These images were originally part of a large collection of Fairchild photographs acquired by the New Jersey State Archives, which weeded the collection and donated New York views to the New York State Archives.

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## Access Terms

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- Archiving
- New York (State)--Buildings, structures, etc.--New York Metropolitan Area
- Aerial views
- Black-and-white prints (photoprints)

- United Nations--Headquarters
- Empire State Building (New York, N.Y.)
- Aerial photography--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Aerial surveying
- Negatives (photographs)
- Documenting cultural landscapes
- Aerial photographs