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Overview of Records

Repository:
New York State Archives

Summary:
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.

Creator:
Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc. New York office

Title:
Aerial photographic prints and negatives of New York State sites

Inclusive Dates:
1941-1957

Quantity:
8.6 cubic feet (2,053 negatives and 291 prints)
Series Number:
B1598

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

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

Use of Records:
Access Restrictions:
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Related Information:

Related Materials:
Series 20978, Orthographic aerial photographs and Series 10700, Aerial photographs and index to aerial photographs of state highways, contain related photographs. Other Fairchild negatives and photographs of sites located outside of New York State are also available.
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).

**Other Finding Aids:**
Item list is available at the repository.

**Access Terms:**

**Subjects:**
- United Nations--Headquarters
- Empire State Building (New York, N.Y.)
- Aerial photography--New York (State)

**Corporate Names:**
- Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc. New York office
- New York State Archives

**Genres:**
- Aerial views
- Black-and-white prints (photoprints)
- Negatives (photographs)
- Aerial photographs

**Geographic Names:**
- New York (State)--Buildings, structures, etc.--New York Metropolitan Area
- New York (State)

**Functions:**
- Archiving
- Aerial surveying
- Documenting cultural landscapes