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

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

Quantity: 8.6 cubic feet

Quantity: 2053 negatives; 291 prints

Inclusive Date: 1941-1957

Bulk Date: 1946-1949, 1951, 1957

Series: B1598

Arrangement

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

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.

Related Information

Related Material

20978 Orthographic aerial photographs and

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 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

Available at Repository

Item list is available at the repository.
Use of Records

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Alternate Formats Available

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

Administrative Information

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.

Access Terms

- 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