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Summary Information

Repository:	Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library
Creator:	Hine, Lewis Wickes, 1874-1940
Creator:	Empire State, Inc.
Creator:	Shreve, Lamb & Harmon
Title:	Empire State Building archive
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Biographical / Historical

Construction on the Empire State Building was begun in March 1930 and was completed in May 1931. It was designed by Shreve, Lamb, and Harmon for their clients, Alfred E. Smith and Empire State, Inc.

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Summary

This collection contains reprographic architectural drawings for the Empire State Building; photographs of the demolition of the original Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which occupied the Fifth

Avenue site; photographs of the Empire State Building under construction, circa 1930-1931 (one photograph shows former governor Alfred E. Smith standing in the building during construction), including 232 photographs by photographer Lewis Hine; photographs showing the building after completion, circa 1931-1956; scrapbooks of clippings of articles about the building, 1930-1957; and illustrations of the Empire State Building, circa 1930s-1960s. These subgroups of materials also have records in CLIO with more detailed descriptions of items; for these records, please search under "Empire State Building" or "Shreve, Lamb & Harmon" or "Hine, Lewis Wickes".

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is available for use by appointment in the Department of Drawings & Archives, Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, Columbia University. For further information, please email avery-drawings@library.columbia.edu.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Gifts. Accession number--1964.001, 1971.003.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architecture -- United States -- Designs and plans
- Office buildings -- New York (State) -- New York
- Skyscrapers -- New York (State) -- New York
- Architectural photography
- Photographic prints
- architectural drawings (visual works)
- Scrapbooks
- Smith, Alfred Emanuel, 1873-1944
- Empire State Building (New York, N.Y.)

- Waldorf-Astoria Hotel (New York, N.Y.)

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