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Summary Information

Repository:	Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library
Creator:	Pollard, Calvin, 1797-1850
Title:	Competition entry for the Washington Monument, Union Square, New York City,
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Biographical sketch

New York architect Calvin Pollard (1797-1850) design submission for a memorial to Washington in New York was accepted by The Washington Monument Association of the City of New York in June 1844. Pollard designed the monument to be a 425 feet tall Gothic tower to be located in Union Square. By December 1847, the public outcry over Pollard's design was so strong that the Washington Monument Association began to accept new submissions by other architects.

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Scope and content

Presentation drawing of the front elevation. In pen and ink with wash and watercolor on paper (mounted on linen, 22 7/8" x 37 1/8").

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General Note

Pollard's competition design and drawing is cited in "The Washington Monument Project in New York" by Jacob Landy, Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Vol. 28, No. 4 (Dec., 1969), pp. 291-297.

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