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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the John Bartelstone Photograph collection 1994 – 2007 SC/8

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Title

John Bartelstone Photograph collection

Creator

Bartelstone, John

1994 – 2007

Quantity

1 box (97 items), 420 digital files, 3.06 GB

Language Of Materials

English.

Call Number

SC/8

Administrative/Biographical History

John Bartelstone was born in 1956 in New York City. He was educated at both Syracuse University and Columbia University School of Architecture and Planning, from which he received a Master's in Architecture in 1985. He worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He began photographing the Brooklyn Navy Yard in the early 1990s. He has been an architectural photographer since 1995. He runs John Bartelstone Photography, LLC, based in New York City. More information about his work may be found on his website, www.johnbartelstone.com.

Scope And Content

This collection contains photographs of the Brooklyn Navy Yard taken by John Bartelstone, a native New Yorker who was captivated by its "inaccessibility and history... a place that exists at the periphery of consciousness." The items in the collection could be thus considered the unpublished manuscript that would later become his hardcover book *The Brooklyn Navy Yard*, published in 2010 by powerhouse Books. Bartelstone describes his work as "neither a history of the Yard nor a depiction of its role as a modern industrial park but rather a set of structured impressions of a dream scape through which I have been traveling for fourteen years." The photographs depict the Yard's 300 acres in "five elements:" dry docks, industrial buildings, structures, housing, and hospital grounds.

There are 30 9.5 x 9" black and white prints, 41 8 x 10" black and white prints, and 36 5 x 7" black and white prints. The representation of digital material within the collection far surpasses the print material in volume, many items did not make it into the published manuscript. Thus, the collection represents the full breadth of Bartelstone's work at the Yard. A copy of *The Brooklyn Navy Yard* may be found in the BNYDC Archives' Reference collection, series 5.

System Of Arrangement

This physical items have not been arranged. The digital surrogates are arranged by building/structure.

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