

James G. McCurdy II Photographs and Other Material, 1889-1943

Overview of the Collection

Creator	McCurdy, James G., 1923-
Title	James G. McCurdy II Photographs and Other Material
Dates	1889-1943 (inclusive) 1889 1943
Quantity	1 box , (1 linear foot)
Collection Number	1995.37
Summary	Photographs and publications related to the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company in Seattle.
Repository	Museum of History & Industry, Sophie Frye Bass Library Sophie Frye Bass Library Museum of History & Industry P.O. Box 80816 Seattle, WA 98108 Telephone: 206-324-1126 Fax: 206-780-1533 library@mohai.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public by appointment.
Languages	English.
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Biographical Note

James G. McCurdy II was born in Seattle in 1923. He was a star football player at the University of Washington and went on to become chairman of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company. His father, Horace Winslow ("H.W.") McCurdy (1899-1989), had earlier served as president and general manager of the company. Both McCurdys had a lifelong interest in maritime history.

Content Description

The collection consists primarily of materials related to the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company. It includes industry publications as well as photographs of projects and employees. There are several articles and pamphlets about the Lake Washington floating bridge, which was constructed by the company. The collection also includes several sets of photos of employee activities and parties.

Use of the Collection

Alternative Forms Available

View selections from the collection in digital format by clicking on the camera icons in the inventory below.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Oversized materials are stored apart from the rest of the collection and are described separately below.

Location of Collection

14a.4.4

Location of Collection

VII.b.2 (panoramas)

Location of Collection

1a.3.17 (oversize photographs)

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by James G. McCurdy II in 1995 and 2010.

Processing Note

Additional materials received from McCurdy in 2010 were accessioned as no. 2010.67 and added to the collection.

Related Materials

[H.W. McCurdy Collection on the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co.](#) (1955.970.500) and the [Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company Photographs and Publications](#) (1988.13) contain additional materials about this company.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	1995.37.9: <i>Pacific Builder and Engineer</i> magazine	1940 July 6
1	1995.37.10: Lake Washington Floating Bridge materials (article from <i>Civil Engineering</i> magazine, 3 pamphlets)	circa 1940
1	1995.37.11: <i>Pioneering in Hydraulic Engineering</i> book, compiled by N.C. Wilson	1950
1	1995.37.12: <i>Hydraulic Dredging Since 1899</i> book, Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company	1962
1	1995.37.13: <i>Railway and Marine News</i> magazines	1931 May and June
1	2010.67.5: <i>The Cosmopolitan</i> magazine Includes article "Marine Disasters on Pacific Shores" written by James G. McCurdy	1899 June
1	1995.37.14: Mercer Island Club Annual Yearbook	1940
1	1995.37.15: Photos (5" x 7"): Halloween party	1940
1	1995.37.16: Photos (5" x 7"): Christmas and birthday parties	1940
1	1995.37.17: Photos (8" x 10"): Employees	1941-1943
1	1995.37.18: Photo (7 1/2" x 11 1/2"): King County Courthouse	circa 1915
1	1995.37.19: Photo albums: Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co. projects including Harbor Island, University of Washington stadium, Smith Cove, shipbuilding [view] [view] [view] [view] [view]	circa 1917-1931
1	1995.37.20: Photo album: Associated Shipbuilders employee activities/parties	circa 1917-1931
1	1995.37.21: Photo album: bridges, dredges, boats	circa 1905

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	1995.37.23: Webster-Brinkley Co. data sheets	undated
1	1995.37.24: Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co. publications	undated
1	2010.67.4: Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co. ship launching brochures	1961-1965
1	1995.37.25: Bruneau project, Mountain Home, Idaho	1936-1937
1	1995.37.26: Water supply study, Twin Falls, Idaho	1936-1937
Drawer		
VII.b.2	1995.37.1: Photograph (8 3/4" x 36") of dredge OAKLAND dredging tidal basin in Oakland, California -- San Francisco Bridge Co. oversize	1889
VII.b.2	1995.37.2: Photograph (14" x 46") of four wooden ships being built at shipyard Boland of Tacoma (photographer) oversize	undated
Box		
VII.b.2	1995.37.3: Photograph (16" x 20", mounted) of Lake Washington Floating Concrete Bridge -- Pontoon Bridge Builders oversize	1939-1940
os box	1995.37.4: Photograph (8 1/2" x 16") of Idaho Falls Jerome Bridge Jacoby, Twin Falls (photographer) oversize	undated
os box	1995.37.5: Photograph (9 1/4" x 21") of steam dredge PORTLAND oversize	undated
os box	1995.37.6: Photograph (9 1/4" x 21") of steam dredge TACOMA oversize	undated
os box	1995.37.7: Photograph (20" x 24", mounted) of Skagway Steel Arch, White Pass and Yukon Railway -- built by Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Co.	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	oversize	
os box	1995.37.8: Photograph (20" x 24", mounted) of dredge PUGET SOUND, Lake Washington Ship Canal oversize	undated
os box	1995.37.22: Photograph (10" x 13.5", mounted) of group at banquet oversize	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Dredging

Shipbuilding -- Washington (State) -- Photographs

Corporate Names :

Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Co. -- Photographs

Form or Genre Terms :

Photographic prints

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