



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

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Descriptive Summary

Title: John Bartelstone Photograph collection

Creator: Bartelstone, John, 1956-

Date(s): ca. 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 The items in the collection could be thus considered the unpublished manuscript that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.

Related Materials

Location of Copies: Items in this collection may have been digitized and if so, are featured in [BNY Collections](#), the BNYDC Archives’ digital library. Only those items that have digital reproductions contain an Object ID listed in the Container List below. Use the Object ID or title of the item when searching BNY Collections.

System of Arrangement

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

Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard
Architectural photography
Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation
Photographs

Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: John Bartelstone sent these to BNYDC staff, during the development of his book of Yard photography, in installments in the late 2000s. This collection has a collection documentation file, but there is no deed of gift.

Processing Notes: All photographs were collocated into a single collection and is minimally processed. The collection was processed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist & Records Manager, in June 2019.

Access and Use

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Container List

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