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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	B.L. Crosby Papers
ID:	mss144
Date [inclusive]:	1887-1888
Physical Description:	.10 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains a photograph album depicting the buidling of Nebraska City's (Nebraska) pontoon bridge spanning the Missouri River in 1887 and 1888.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, B.L. Crosby Papers, 1887-1888. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Crosby Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

B.L. Crosby's name is written on the inside cover of the photograph album and it is likely that he is the photographer. Crosby was an engineer. He served as assistant engineer on the Nebraska City Bridge project in 1887 and 1888. Later, he was resident engineer of the Rulo Bridge, Burlington and Missouri Railroad, Nebraska, and resident engineer of the Bellefontaine Bridge, which crosses the Missouri River between St. Charles and St. Louis Counties in Missouri.

Nebraska City's pontoon bridge spanning the Missouri River opened in August 1888. It connected Nebraska City, Nebraska to Fremont County, Iowa. It claimed to be the first such bridge across the Missouri River and the largest drawbridge of its kind in the world.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one photograph album entitled "Views Showing Construction of Nebraska City Bridge." The images depict the construction over time and some show people. BL Crosby is handwritten on the inside cover.

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Arrangement

There is only one photograph album. There are no series.

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Publication Statement

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Processing Information

The collection is unprocessed.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was purchased from dealer Hardy in 1966.

Access

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- Travel
- Pontoon bridges