

Basic Detail Report

Title Charter Oak Bridge

Date 1940-1991

Primary Maker Meyers Studios, Inc.

Medium Photography; gelatin silver prints on paper

Description A series of photographs shows the construction of the first Charter Oak Bridge, begun in 1940, the collapse of a portion of its span, its rebuilding, and the construction of a replacement bridge in the 1980s. Most photographs include construction equipment and construction workers. One includes a cement mixer. Several include cranes and high voltage electric lines. One photograph includes the South Meadows plant of the Hartford Electric Light Company. The pylons supporting the bridge figure prominently. Graffiti on one of the pylons reads : "I got Braces" "John / Bragdon / Is..." The East Hartford shore is visible in some photographs. In one photograph, the Hartford skyline appears in the background.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 7 3/4 x 9 3/4in. (19.7 x 24.8cm) Sheet (height x width): 8 x 10in. (20.3 x 25.4cm)