



Newport Historical Society

Guide to the The Newport Bridge, 1964 – 1969

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Descriptive Summary

<i>Collection Identifier</i>	MS.130
<i>Title</i>	The Newport Bridge
<i>Date</i>	1964 – 1969
<i>Extent</i>	Two 5" x 10" x 16" archival boxes of materials.

Scope and Content

This collection contains photographs, architectural plans, and other documents relating to the construction of the Claiborne Pell Bridge, commonly known as the Newport Bridge. The collection documents the planning and construction of the bridge between 1966 and 1969 by the Perini Corporation, the company contracted for the project.

This collection was originally compiled by Alfred Johnsen, who worked for the Perini Corporation at the time of the bridge construction.

This collection is comprised of five series:

MS.130.001: Photographs

MS.130.002: Schematics

MS.130.003: Company Documents

MS.130.004: Publications

Subject Access

Form/Genre

Access and Use

Physical Access

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Administrative Information

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<i>Accession Info</i>	Gift in memory of Alfred Johnsen
	Accession Number: 2019.010

Inventory

Series 01: Photographs, 1966 – 1969

This series contains photographs and photo proof pages documenting the construction of Newport Bridge, from February 1966 to April 1969. Photographs were captured at water-level, from land, and by air. The verso of each print is stamped with "Perini Corp.", as well as a description of the construction event photographed.

Series 02: Schematics, 1965

This series contains six sheets of measured drawings of schematics for pilings for Newport Bridge project, produced by the Marine Division of the Perini Corporation. The drawings were originally housed in an envelope stamped with "American Drilling Co., Inc.".

Series 03: Company Documents, 1964 – 1967

This series contains company documents relating to the Perini Corporation. It contains three sub-series: Annual Reports (1964-1965), Memos (1965), and Financial Documents (1966-1967).

Series 01: Annual Reports, 1964 – 1965

This sub-series contains two Perini Corporation Annual Reports, for 1964 and 1965.

Series 02: Memos, 1965

This sub-series contains a Perini Corporation memo on job safety, issued by Alfred L. Perini, Jr., Safety Director, and approved by Joseph R. Perini, Vice President and Treasurer.

Series 03: Financial Documents, 1966 – 1967

This sub-series contains three Perini Corporation Marine Division cost reports, dated June 30, 1966, July 29, 1967, and September 3, 1967. These reports outline estimated and final costs for labor and materials.

Series 04: Publications, 1966

This series contains three published issues of New England Construction magazine, each of which contain references to the construction of the Newport Bridge. The issues are dated May 9, 1966 [Volume 30, Number 25], June 20, 1966 [Volume 31, Number 2], and July 4, 1966 [Volume 31, Number 3].