

United Brick Company Photograph Collection

An inventory of the United Brick Company Photograph Collection at DC Public Library

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Test |
| Title: | United Brick Company Photograph Collection |
| ID: | P017 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1993 |
| Physical Description: | 1 box |
| Language of the Material: | English |
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Biographical / Historical

The United Brick Company built the kilns around 1909, and at its peak produced over 140,000 bricks a day. The brickyard made its last brick in 1972 and the site was abandoned. In 1977 the National Arboretum purchased the land and in October of 1978 the United Brick Corporation brick complex was added to the National Registry of Historic Places. The National Arboretum has plans to landscape the area, but has yet to begin the work.

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Scope and Contents

The collection consists of eighty-five 4x6 and 3.5x5 color images of the abandoned United Brick Company buildings and kilns. The kilns are located on New York Avenue and are currently owned by the National Arboretum. All the images were taken around 1993 and show the vast vegetation over-growth and dilapidation of the site.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Custodial History

There is no deed of gift and it is uncertain as to how the library acquired these photographs. Original housing for the photographs was in a "Bernard Johnson Incorporated" envelope, but there is no indication that they were the donor.

Processing Information

The images were removed from their original housing. Each image was assigned a number and placed in an individual polypropylene sleeve. The images were then placed in an acid-free folder and stored in an archival storage box. The box was then placed in the DC Community Archives for long-term storage.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Architecture
- Business
- Photographs

Collection Inventory

Series 1

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Brick kilns with smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 1 |
| Brick kilns with smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 2 |

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| Brick kilns with smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 3 |
| Brick kilns with smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 4 |
| Exterior wall of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 5 |
| Building with ductwork attached to smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 6 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 7 |
| Over-exposed picture, undated | Box 1 | Folder 8 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 9 |
| Interior view of building with collapsed roof, undated | Box 1 | Folder 10 |
| Lean-to building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 11 |
| Exterior view of building showing cracked wall, undated | Box 1 | Folder 12 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 13 |
| Exterior view of building – "United" smoke stack in background, undated | Box 1 | Folder 14 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 15 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 16 |
| Small building next to smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 17 |
| Exterior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 18 |
| Interior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 19 |
| Interior view of building – engineering/electrical room?, undated | Box 1 | Folder 20 |
| Interior view of building – metal roof, undated | Box 1 | Folder 21 |
| Interior view of building – debris filled, undated | Box 1 | Folder 22 |
| Interior view of building – debris filled, undated | Box 1 | Folder 23 |
| Interior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 24 |
| Brick kiln and smokestacks, undated | Box 1 | Folder 25 |
| Brick kiln, undated | Box 1 | Folder 26 |
| "United" smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 27 |
| Brick kiln and smokestacks, undated | Box 1 | Folder 28 |
| Brick kiln, undated | Box 1 | Folder 29 |
| Brick kiln and smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 30 |
| Brick kiln, undated | Box 1 | Folder 31 |
| Brick kiln and smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 32 |
| Brick kiln and smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 33 |
| Entrance to brick kiln, undated | | |

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| | Box 1 | Folder 34 |
| Road through brick complex, undated | Box 1 | Folder 35 |
| Brick kiln, undated | Box 1 | Folder 36 |
| Smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 37 |
| Brick kiln and smokestacks, undated | Box 1 | Folder 38 |
| Brick kiln and smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 39 |
| Brick kiln and smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 40 |
| Brick kiln – vegetation covered, undated | Box 1 | Folder 41 |
| Brick kiln – vegetation covered, undated | Box 1 | Folder 42 |
| Large paved area, undated | Box 1 | Folder 43 |
| Large paved area, undated | Box 1 | Folder 44 |
| Large paved area, undated | Box 1 | Folder 45 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 46 |
| Long pipe sticking out of the ground, undated | Box 1 | Folder 47 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 48 |
| Smokestack, undated | Box 1 | Folder 49 |
| Brick wall near building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 50 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 51 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 52 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 53 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 54 |
| Interior of debris filled building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 55 |
| Interior of debris filled building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 56 |
| Metal roof of building – interior view, undated | Box 1 | Folder 57 |
| Boarded-up windows – interior view, undated | Box 1 | Folder 58 |
| Wooden support beams – interior view, undated | Box 1 | Folder 59 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 60 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 61 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 62 |
| Exterior of building – shed type, undated | Box 1 | Folder 63 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 64 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 65 |

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| Interior view of building with collapsed roof, undated | Box 1 | Folder 67 |
| Exterior view of wall, undated | Box 1 | Folder 68 |
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| Exterior of building with smokestacks, undated | Box 1 | Folder 78 |
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| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 80 |
| Interior view of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 81 |
| Interior view of building - ceiling beams, undated | Box 1 | Folder 82 |
| Exterior of building, undated | Box 1 | Folder 83 |
| Exterior of building – shed type, undated | Box 1 | Folder 84 |
| Parking lot at National Arboretum, undated | Box 1 | Folder 85 |

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