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# United Brick Company Photograph Collection

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

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People's Archive, MLK Library

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Title:</b>	United Brick Company Photograph Collection
<b>ID:</b>	P017
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 Boxes
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 Linear feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The United Brick Company built their 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 United States National Arboretum purchased the land. In October of 1978 the United Brick Corporation brick complex was added to the National Registry of Historic Places.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection consists of 85 4x6 inch and 3.5x5 inch color images of the abandoned United Brick Company buildings and kilns. The kilns are located on New York Avenue NE and are currently owned by the United States National Arboretum. All the images were taken around 1993 and show the vast vegetation overgrowth and dilapidation of the site.

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## Arrangement

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Processed at item level without series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

Finding aid revised to be more evergreen. 2020-04-21

### 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 for long-term storage.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Architecture
- Business

- Photographs
- Brickworks
- Buildings

## Collection Inventory

Series 1		
Title/Description	Instances	
Brick kilns with smokestack, undated	Box 1	Folder 1
Brick kilns with smokestack, undated	Box 1	Folder 2
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
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"United" smokestack, undated	Box 1	Folder 27
Brick kiln and smokestacks, undated	Box 1	Folder 28
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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
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Interior of debris filled building, undated	Box 1	Folder 56

Metal roof of building – interior view, undated	Box 1	Folder 57
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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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