

# **MSS 0001 Guide to the De Gregario lantern slide collection, circa 1880-1899**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York City Department of Records and Information Services, Municipal Archives
<b>Source - dnr:</b>	De Gregario, Felice, Jr. (Municipal Archives donor)
<b>Title:</b>	De Gregario lantern slide collection
<b>ID:</b>	MSS.0001
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1880-1899
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 Cubic Feet 55 lantern slides in 1 box
<b>Physical Location:</b>	Materials are stored at 31 Chambers Street in Manhattan.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The collection consists of fifty-five glass lantern slides showing black and white images of New York City, circa 1880-1899.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of item, date; De Gregario lantern slide collection, circa 1880-1899; MSS 0001; Series name; box number; folder number; Municipal Archives, City of New York

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## Biographical/Historical Information

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This collection of lantern slides was found in the basement of a home on West 13th Street in Manhattan by the De Gregario family who bought the home in 1967. It is believed that the previous owner of the home, Robert Devlin, was the custodian of the lantern slides. According to property records in the New York City Municipal Archives collections, the Devlin family owned the home since 1881. Several slides are attributed to Robert J. Devlin. Other slides are attributed to W. T. Colbron, H.T. Duffield, Frank F. Cobb, H.B. Reid, and A. Simpson who were members of the Camera Club of New York.

## Sources

- 1 Department of Records and Information Services, For The Record, "The De Gregario Lantern Slide Collection, August 20, 2021. <https://www.archives.nyc/blog/2021/8/19/the-de-gregario-lantern-slide-collection>

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## Scope and Content Note

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The collection consists of fifty-five glass lantern slides depicting scenes of New York City, circa 1880-1899. Included are black and white images showing Central Park, Brooklyn Bridge and other New York City-area bridges, the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, waterfront scenes showing piers and boats, street scenes of areas in Manhattan, public events, and buildings in Manhattan.

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## Arrangement

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The collection is not arranged in any order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Alternate Forms Available

This collection has been digitized and is available to view through our [online gallery](#).

## Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research. The collection has been digitized and is available through our [online gallery](#).

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was gifted from Marion and Felice De Gregario to the New York City Municipal Archives in 1990.

## Processing Information

This collection was processed as it was being digitized in circa 2015.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Manhattan (New York, N.Y.)
- Lantern slides
- Central Park (New York, N.Y.)
- Brooklyn Bridge (New York, N.Y.)
- Bridges -- New York (State) -- New York
- Street photography
- New York (N.Y.) -- Buildings, structures, etc
- De Gregario, Felice, Jr. (Municipal Archives donor)