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Local History Collections
Finding aid for Martin J. Desht Photographs

Creator: Martin J. Desht
Title: Martin J. Desht Photographs
Dates: 1989-1990
Extent: 1 folder
Location: Bethlehem Room
Language: English

Abstract: This collection contains black-and-white photographs of Bethlehem Steel and the United Steelworkers of America Union Hall.

Access to materials: This collection is open to research. The folder is contained in Box 3 of the Photograph Collection.

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Historical Note: Martin J. Desht is a photographer and former steelworker, who began photographing Pennsylvania industrial towns and cities in 1989. His work on de-industrialization was highlighted in an exhibit titled *Faces From An American Dream*, which has been displayed in institutions such as Harvard University and Dartmouth College. Desht has taught at Queen's University - Belfast and the Truro Center for the Arts. His book, *Photosonata*, derived from the *Faces From An American Dream* exhibit, was published in 2015 and features photographs of post-industrial eastern Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. It was named one of the Best Art Books of the Year by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Scope and Content: This collection contains five black-and-white 8x10 photographs of Bethlehem Steel and one black-and-white 8x10 photograph of United Steelworkers of America Union Hall.

Names:
Desht, Martin. (Martin Joseph) 1949-

Subjects:
Bethlehem Steel Company
Bethlehem Steel Corporation
Steel industry and trade

Related Materials:
Local History
305.562 - Desht, Martin J. - *Photosonata*

Administrative/ Biographical History

Acquisition and Appraisal
Donated by Martin J. Desht in November 2019.

Container Listing

Title	Date	Image Number
Employee washroom. Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.	1989	158-9
Second & Adams Streets gate. Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.	1990	187-3
Second & Adams Streets gate. Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.	1989	156-13
Window with crane hoist. Bethlehem Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.	1989	158-3
View west. Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.	1990	217-7
United Steelworkers of America Union Hall, Bethlehem, Pa.	1990	193-9