State Street Stories
350 Years of Albany's Heritage

University Art Museum
University at Albany
2002
Drawn by Philip Hooker (1766–1838)
Engraved by Henry Snyder
A View of the Late Protestant Dutch Church
in the City of Albany, n.d.
Engraving
10 ½ x 11 inches
Collection: Douglas G. Bucher
many American cities boast a historic thoroughfare that echoes with stories of power and change, caution and preservation. But how many cities can boast a 350-year-old street whose past bears the imprint of a New World explorer, a willful Dutch-born governor, two signers of the Declaration of Independence, and three United States presidents? Henry Hudson, Peter Stuyvesant, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt are among the many luminaries who made a mark on Albany’s State Street. Stories of bold vision and passionate conviction, matched by tales of expedient measure and calculated return, are all part of State Street’s 350-year running narrative; taken together, they are the stories that shape this exhibition.

State Street Stories: 350 Years of Albany’s Heritage begins with the story of a trail into the woods, traveled first by Native peoples and then by Dutch traders who eventually dubbed it Joncker-Straet (Young Gentlemen’s Street). But in less than a hundred years State Street emerged as Albany’s main route, the city’s political, religious, and commercial center. Its strategic location made it an ideal crossroad for an energetic colonial populace that came from around the world, either by choice or by coercion, to work and live along the Hudson River’s northern shores.

Historical records reveal stories of how Albany’s earliest citizens interacted with one another. Collaborations and antagonisms abounded, yet despite religious, cultural, and ethnic differences, a guarded tolerance emerged. Alongside these recorded stories are the voices of silent toil: slaves, laborers, domestics. Look for their stories between the lines of State Street’s official history. Collectively, these narratives form a dynamic blueprint that defines State Street’s current contours.

As State Street grew in prominence, its architecture reflected the civic and entrepreneurial ambitions of its wealthiest inhabitants. By the early nineteenth
Charles Grant Davidson (1865-1945)

*State and Pearl Streets, Albany, 1889*

Oil on canvas

17 ½ x 19 ¾ inches

Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art

Gift of Mrs. Isaac Hasbrouck Chahoon in memory of Joseph H. Ramsey
century, Albany’s elite had renounced State Street’s provincial look, instead searching out renowned architects who could echo the current visions of American prosperity and refinement. Philip Hooker, Richard M. Upjohn, Russell Sturgis, H.H. Richardson, and Marcus T. Reynolds formed the nucleus of architects who recreated State Street as a cornucopia of nineteenth-century reviver styles. Today, State Street reveals vestiges of Albany’s boom times as well as its downward spirals. Although blemishes and obstructions exist, ultimately these quick fixes are overshadowed by the enduring grace and elegance of the street’s finest architectural aspirations.

Lower State Street’s two grandest buildings, the Delaware & Hudson Building at its base and the New York State Capitol at its hilltop, are State Street Stories’ visual and narrative anchors. Emblematic of State Street’s ruling passions, commerce and government, these two buildings serve as a framework for understanding the path from past to present. What did State Street look like fifty, one hundred, two hundred years ago? Who lived and worked there? Why had they come in the first place? State Street Stories combines historical and anecdotal accounts with a wealth of archival material—maps, books, photographs, paintings culled from Albany’s premier public and private collections—to form a 350-year visual narrative of how the sometimes noble, often misguided calculations of Albany’s citizens ultimately turned a trail in the woods into one of America’s most historic city streets.

IN APPRECIATION

Although known primarily as a venue for contemporary art, the University Art Museum is especially proud of hosting State Street Stories: 350 Years of Albany’s Heritage, since it affords the Museum an opportunity to pay tribute to the complex cultural history of its own community. This exhibit would not have been possible without the valuable input of the State Street Stories Advisory Committee and the exceptional contributions of Matthew Bender IV, Norman S. Rice, Warren Roberts, Gary Gold, and L.F. Tantillo. A special debt of appreciation is extended to The Albany Institute of History & Art, upon whose extraordinary collections and collegial support State Street Stories rests.
Unidentified photographer

State Street and the Hudson River, ca. 1880
Photograph
24 x 52 inches
Collection: Mr. And Mrs. Terrance Hurley
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art

DRAWINGS
Arnold William Brunner (1857–1925)
- Study for Plaza, Albany, June 4, 1912
  - Pencil on paper
  - 18 x 36 inches
  - Gift of Department of General Services, City of Albany
  - 1996.22.3

Arnold William Brunner (1857–1925)
- Tower in Plaza View from River, ca. 1912
  - Charcoal on paper
  - 22 ¼ x 18 ½ inches
  - Gift of Department of General Services, City of Albany
  - 1996.22.6

EPHEMERA
Benjamin F. Smith, Jr. (1830–1927)
- Dolce Campana (Sweet Bells) Waltz, 1842
  - Sheet music, published by Boardman & Gray
  - Composed by Oliver J. Shaw

- JA 81-26

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PAINTINGS
Charles Grant Davidson (1865–1945)
- State and Pearl Street, Albany, 1889
  - Oil on canvas
  - 17 ½ x 19 ½ inches
  - Gift of Mrs. Isaac Hasbrouck Chahoon in memory of Joseph H. Ramsey
  - 1949.10.4

James Eights (1798–1882)
- Corner of State and North Pearl Streets, Albany, 1849
  - Watercolor
  - 11 ¼ x 15 ¾ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.65

James Eights (1798–1882)
- No. 2 State Street, Albany 1806 (north side), ca. 1850
  - Watercolor
  - 9 ¼ x 12 ½ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.72

James Eights (1798–1882)
- No. 1 State Street, Albany 1806 (north side), ca. 1850
  - Watercolor
  - 9 ¼ x 13 ½ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.73

James Eights (1798–1882)
- St. Peter’s (or Old English) Church, 1800—Near the Intersection of State and Barrack (now Chapel) Streets, ca. 1850
  - Watercolor
  - 8 ½ x 11 ½ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.74

James Eights (1798–1882)
- Stevenson and Wendell Houses, State Street, Albany, 1849, ca. 1849
  - Watercolor
  - 7 ½ x 9 ¼ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.71

James Eights (1798–1882)
- View of State Street from St. Peter’s Downhill to Dutch Church, ca. 1830
  - Watercolor
  - 11 x 12 ½ inches
  - Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
  - 1954.59.70

W. Hunter Van Gyseling (1878–1927)
- Keeler’s, State Street, Albany, 1904
  - Watercolor
  - 29 ½ x 15 ½ inches
  - Gift of Gaynor Keeler in memory of his father, William H. Keeler
  - 1960.48.128

John Floyd Yewell
- Albany City Savings Institution, 1922
- Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937), architect
- Watercolor, pen and ink, and pencil on paper
  - 56 x 24 ¾ inches
  - Gift of Trustco Bank
  - 1992.44

PRINTS
Edward Pierre Buyck (1888–1960)
- Pearl and State Streets, Albany, NY, n.d.
  - Etching
  - 13 ½ x 19 inches
  - Gift of Mrs. Mary Buyck Freund
  - 1972.55.13

- The Bicentennial of Albany—The Historical Procession Passing City Hall (from Harper’s Weekly, July 31, 1886)
  - Ink on newsprint
  - 22 x 16 inches
  - u1990.206

- Honor of the Opening of the New Capitol Building at Albany, January 7th (from Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper, January 25, 1879)
  - Ink on newsprint
  - 16 x 22 inches
  - u1990.211

- New York—Grand Reception in Assembly Chamber in Honor of the Opening of the New Capitol Building at Albany, 1862–1863
  - Lithograph
  - 29 ½ x 42 ½ inches
  - 1977.64

- Albany City/Fire Insurance Co., 1862–1863
  - Lithograph
  - 18 ½ x 23 ½ inches
  - u1973.150

- A. Schimpf
  - New York—Grand Reception in Assembly Chamber in Honor of the Opening of the New Capitol Building at Albany, January 7th (from Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper, January 25, 1879)
    - Ink on newsprint
    - 16 x 22 inches
    - u1990.211

- Drawn by Benjamin F. Smith Jr. (1830–1927)
- Lithographed by John H. Hall (d.c. 1849)
- Boardman & Gray’s Piano Forte Factory, 1846–1848
  - Lithograph
  - 18 ½ x 17 ½ inches
  - u1977.131

- Lithographed by Jean Louis Tirpenne (1801–1878)
- After a drawing by Jacques Gerard Milbert
  - View of Albany—House of the First Dutch Governors, 1828–1829
    - Lithograph
    - 18 ½ x 17 ½ inches
    - u1977.131
Ring [artist]
Hendrick Hudson Portal (D & H building), ca. 1912
Marcus T. Reynolds (1869-1937), architect
Ink and ink wash on paper
27 ½ x 13 ½ inches
Collection: Norman S. Rice
Lithographed by Henry Walton (1804–1865)
After a drawing by John B. Pendleton (1798–1866)
Capitol, Albany, 1829–1834
Lithograph
3 3/8 x 5 3/16 inches
u1990.38

PHOTOGRAPHS
James A. Glenn
State Bank of Albany, 1953
Photograph
7 1/4 x 9 1/2 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2104p

V. W. Horton
Tweddle Hall After Fire of January 17, 1883, 1883
Photograph (cabinet card)
5 1/2 x 4 inches
907

Levi Moore
Interior of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (Huysbertie Pruyn and Charles Hamlin Wedding), June 4, 1898
Photograph
7 1/4 x 9 1/2 inches
XIII-19

Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
Albany City Savings Institution, “First Skyscraper in Albany”, ca. 1915
Photograph
9 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2187.1p

Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
Albany County Savings Bank, Southeast Corner of State and Pearl Streets, 1920
Photograph
9 1/2 x 7 1/2 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2029.2p

Attributed to Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
Albany Docks, 1898
Photograph
7 1/4 x 9 1/2 inches
VI-48

Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
Albany’s Riverfront, 1935
Photograph
9 1/4 x 7 3/4 inches
Gerber 46, 1993.010.10239p

Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
National Savings Bank, Southwest Corner of State and Pearl Streets, ca. 1930
Photograph
9 1/4 x 7 3/8 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2177.1p

Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
Oriental Occidental Restaurant, 42 State Street, ca. 1925
Photograph
9 3/4 x 7 3/8 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2123.1p

Attributed to Stephen Schreiber, Jr.
State Street Looking West, 1915
Photograph
7 3/8 x 9 3/8 inches
VI-52

Unidentified engraver
State Street, Albany, n.d.
Photographic copy of a woodcut from The Penny Magazine, [May 6, 1837]
6 7/8 x 7 1/2 inches
VI-14

Unidentified photographer
4 F. Waldibillig’s Photography Studio on Southeast Corner of State and Pearl Streets [Schuyler-Staats House, ca. 1878]
Copy print
9 3/8 x 7 1/2 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2026.1p

Unidentified photographer
Albany Riverfront Construction, ca. 1955
Photograph
6 1/4 x 8 3/4 inches
Gerber 46, 1993.010.10253p

Unidentified photographer
City & County Savings Bank Interior, ca. 1950
Copy print
9 3/8 x 7 1/2 inches
Gerber 15, 1993.010.2979.5p

Unidentified photographer
Elm Tree, Northwest Corner of State and Pearl Streets, 1866
Copy print from stereoview
7 1/4 x 9 3/8 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2010p

Unidentified photographer
Tweddle Hall, ca. 1868
Photograph
9 1/4 x 7 7/8 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2013p

Unidentified photographer
Tweddle Hall, ca. 1880
Albumen print
3 1/2 x 7 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.20224p

Unidentified photographer
Maiden Lane Bridge and Northwest Pier, 1917
Photograph
7 1/8 x 9 3/8 inches
V-44

Unidentified photographer
Matthew Bender & Co. Building (109 State Street), ca. 1925
Photograph
10 x 8 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2200p

Unidentified photographer
North Side of State Street from James to North Pearl Street, ca. 1924
Photograph
7 3/8 x 9 3/8 inches
Gerber 12, 1993.010.2103.2p

Unidentified photographer
North Side of State Street Looking East, 1917
Photograph
7 3/8 x 9 3/8 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2080.4p

Unidentified photographer
Rudolph’s Jewelers/Waldorf Cafeteria, State Street, ca. 1938
Photograph
7 1/4 x 10 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2032

Unidentified photographer
State Street East from South Pearl Street, ca. 1925
Photograph
10 x 8 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2085p

Unidentified photographer
State Street Looking Toward Capitol Building, 1882
Albumen print
13 3/8 x 10 3/8 inches
VI-36

Unidentified photographer
Tweddle Hall, ca. 1868
Photograph
9 1/4 x 7 7/8 inches
Gerber 11, 1993.010.2020p

Unidentified photographer
United Traction Co. Trolley on State Street Near Lodge, 1918
Photograph
8 x 10 inches
VI-73

Unidentified photographer
Western Union Telegraph Co. Building, ca. 1900
Photograph
9 x 7 3/8 inches
L.F. Tantillo
*America*, 2002
Oil on canvas
16 x 24 inches
Collection: University at Albany Foundation
Gift of Warren and Anne Roberts
Collection: David Arsenault
David Arsenault
Vacancy, 2002
Oil on canvas
46 x 20 inches

Collection: Matthew Bender IV
New York State Capitol Elevator Door, n.d.
Digital scan for banner
Based on architectural drawing

Collection: Stefan Bielinski
L.F. Tantillo
Albany, 1686, Overview Diagram, 1985
Ink on mylar
13 x 20 inches

Collection: Albert C. Blevins
Albert C. Blevins
Schuyler’s Towboat America, 2002
Scratchbuilt wooden ship model, mixed media
14 x 3 ¾ x 4 ½ inches

Collection: Douglas G. Bucher
Douglas G. Bucher
Clark House, ca. 1810, n.d.
Hand-colored reproduction of drawing
8 x 10 inches

Collection: Karl Felsen
Engraved by J. W. Paradise (1809–1862)
Elkanah Watson, n.d.
After a painting by Wilson
Engraving
9 ½ x 6 ½ inches
Elkanah Watson (1758–1842)
Letter
Ink on paper
16 x 19 inches

Collection: Richard Fila
Unidentified photographers
Photographic album of Albany Halloween Festival 1904–05
Vintage photographs and accompanying reproductions

Collection: First Church/Archives
Model of Old First Church, n.d.
Mixed media
Roof and weathervane, 15 x 20 x 23 inches
Interior of church, 25 x 27 x 9 inches

Patent of Land for Alms House, 1652
Document
7 ¾ x 13 inches
Shoe from Holland, n.d.
Wood and leather
11 x 3 ¼ x 4 inches

Collection: Fleet Bank
David Lithgow (1868–1958)
State Street 1804, 1934
Oil on canvas
60 x 90 inches

Collection: Gary Gold
Gary Gold
Albany City Hall, 2002
H.H. Richardson (1838-1886), architect
Inkjet print
7 ½ x 11 ½ inches

Collection: Mr. And Mrs. Terrance Hurley
Unidentified photographer
State Street and the Hudson River, ca. 1880
Photograph
24 x 52 inches
En de Raaden: Van Weegen De Hoor Mw. Heeren

De Onderstaande Der Heeren Achterblijven Het Geweest genoemt Hebben

Daarmede Lodewijk Commissaris Hefter

Gocht en Bertin Van Hul

[Signature]

Revy Marn Van Scheltema
David Lithgow (1868-1958)
*State Street, 1804*, n.d.
Oil on canvas
60 x 90 inches
Collection: Fleet Bank
**Collection: John G. Waite Associates, Architects, PLLC**

Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937)
*Detail of Spire and Lantern, Albany Journal Building, 1916*
Digital scan of drawing
33 ½ x 27 ½ inches

Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937)
*Elevation Section & Plan of Building for the Delaware & Hudson Co., 1914*
Digital scan of drawing
66 x 26 inches

Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937)
*Family Coat of Arms, Filyp Pietersen Schuyler, 1650, 1916*
Digital scan of drawing
10 x 10 inches

Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937)
*Family Coat of Arms, Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, 1630, 1916*
Digital scan of drawing
10 x 10 inches

Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937)
*Family Coat of Arms, Robert Livingston, 1674, 1916*
Reproduction of drawing
10 x 10 inches

**Collection: KeyBank**

L.F. Tanillo
*Proposal for The Albany Canal, 1996*
Oil on canvas
20 x 25 ¾ inches

**Collection: Stuart W. Lehman**

23 postcards of Capitol Building
3 ¼ x 5 ½ inches each

**Collection: John J. McEneny**

Thomas McEneny (1835–1906)
*Keepsake box, ca. 1883*
Wood inlay (made of wood from Hooker-designed New York State Capitol, demolished in 1883)
4 ¼ x 8 x 6 inches

**Collection: Mesick, Cohen, Wilson, Baker, Architects, LLP**

Li Wei
*NYC Capitol Assembly Chamber, 1989*
Watercolor
28 x 60 inches

**Collection: New York State Commission, Restoration of the Capitol, Office of General Services**

Hardware from the Capitol Building (doorknobs, handle, hinges), ca. 1870–1890
Encaustic tiles from the Capitol Building, ca. 1875–1885
Manufactured by Minton, Stoke-on-Trent

E. S. Haines
*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y., Photo No. 20, 3:45 P.M., May 30, 1870*
Photograph
10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

E. S. Haines
*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y., Photo No. 21, 1:50 P.M., June 29, 1870*
Photograph
10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

E. S. Haines
*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y., Photo No. 33, 2:50 P.M., November 22, 1870*
Photograph
10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

E. S. Haines
*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y., Photo No. 37, 2:30 P.M., September 22, 1871*
Photograph
10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

E. S. Haines
*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y., Photo No. 39, 12:45 P.M., June 25, 1873*
Photograph
10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

**Collection: New York State Library, Manuscripts and Special Collections**

John Miller (1666–1724)
Reproduction of map
5 ½ x 12 inches

Unidentified artist
*Fort Frederick, English Church, State Street, 1715, ca. 1870*
After a drawing by Bruys Seger
Reproduction of print
15 ½ x 20 inches

Unidentified map maker
*Plan of the City of Albany, Crown Collection of American Maps, Series I, Volume II, #35, 1756*
Reproduction of map proposal for the enlargement of the Ft. Fredrick stockade
9 x 11 ½ inches

Unidentified map maker
*Plan of the City of Albany, Crown Collection of American Maps, Series I, Volume II, #37, 1756*
Reproduction of map
9 x 10 inches

**LEFT:**

James A. Glenn
*State Bank of Albany, 1953*
Photograph
7 ½ x 9 ½ inches
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art

**RIGHT:**

Unidentified photographer
*State Bank Construction, 1927*
Photograph
9 ¾ x 7 ½ inches
Collection: Douglas G. Bucher
E. S. Haines

*Condition of the Work on the New Capitol, at Albany, N.Y.*

*Photo No. 37, 2:30 PM, September 22, 1871*

Photograph

10 ½ x 15 ½ inches

Collection: New York State Commission, Restoration of the Capitol, Office of General Services
Wolfgang Roemer
Plan de la Ville d’Albanie dans le Provence de la Nouvelle York en Amerique, Crown Collection of American Maps, Series III, #237, 1698
Reproduction of map
14 x 11 inches

Wolfgang Roemer
Plan de la Ville d’Albanie dans le Provence de la Nouvelle York en Amerique, Crown Collection of American Maps, Series III, #238, 1698
Reproduction of map
14 x 10 inches

Unidentified photographer
View of the Ten Eyck Hotel Dining Room, ca. 1915–1918
Photograph
7 ½ x 9 ½ inches

Collection: New York State Museum
Asa Twitchell (1820–1904)
Portrait of James Eights, ca. 1870
Oil on canvas
34 ½ x 29 ½ inches

Collections: Private
L. F. Tantillo
Trail into the Woods, 2002
Oil on canvas
12 x 9 inches

Lithographed by Jean Louis Tirpenne (b. 1801)
Engraved by Victor-Jean Adam (1801–1866)
View of Albany—House of the First Dutch Governors, 1828–1829
After a drawing by Jacques Gerard Milbert
(1766–1840)
Lithograph on India paper
7 ¼ x 11 ¾ inches

Collection: Norman S. Rice
E. S. Haines
The Old Elm Tree, 1877
Photograph
6 ½ x 4 ¼ inches

Ring [artist]
Hendrick Hudson Portal, ca. 1912
Marcus T. Reynolds (1869–1937), architect
Ink and ink wash on paper
27 ½ x 13 ½ inches

Bookplate depicting elm tree
Ink on paper
3 ¾ x 3 ¾ inches

Columbian Magazine, December, 1789
A View of the Houses of the City of Albany and Description of the City of Albany
Ink on paper
8 x 5 inches

Elm-Tree Gazette, Thursday, June 28, 1860
Ink on newprint
16 x 11 inches

Piece of elm tree from Elm Tree Corner
Wood
3 ¼ x 2 ½ x 3 ½ inches

State & Pearl Streets, Albany 1840, n.d.
Plate manufactured for Vanhusen Charles Co.
Transfer-printed earthenware, Wedgwood, England
9 ½ inches diameter

Collection: St. Peter’s Church
Horace Andrews
The Property of Saint Peter’s Church Past and Present, 1899
Map
26 x 33 inches

Albany Tricentennial Quilt, 1986
Designed by Barbara Boynton
Created by the women of St. Peter’s Church
Cotton
108 x 72 inches

Richard Upjohn (1802–1878), architect
Trinity Church, rear elevation, n.d.
Ink on paper
51 ½ x 10 inches

Richard Upjohn (1802–1878), architect
Trinity Building, transverse section, n.d.
Ink on paper
32 ¼ x 14 ¾ inches

Unidentified photographer
St. Peter’s Church, n.d.
Photograph
8 ¾ x 6 ½ inches

Edition of London Chronicle noting death notice of Lord Howe, 1758
Newsprint
11 x 8 ½ inches

Dedication of the Lord Howe Memorial Tablet at Saint Peter’s Church, 1915
Book
9 x 6 inches

Collection: Edward Swyer
Lewis A. Swyer (1918–1988)
Black Asphault, 1972; addenda, 1988
Poem

Unidentified photographer
80 State Street, n.d.
Photograph
6 ½ x 2 ½ inches

Unidentified photographer
Schuyler House, ca. 1887
Photograph
7 ¼ x 9 ¼ inches

Collection: L. F. Tantillo
Map of the Proposed Albany Canal, 1996
Designed by L. F. Tantillo and Bruce Hiser
Inkjet print reproduction
18 x 40 inches

Collection: University at Albany Foundation
L. F. Tantillo
America, 2002
Oil on canvas
16 x 24 inches
Gift of Warren and Anne Roberts

Lindsey Watson
Capitol Building from the Tricentennial Suite, 1986
Infrared photograph
8 x 11 inches
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Zimmerman

Collection: University at Albany Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
David Lathgore (1868–1958)
City Hall, n.d.
Etching
19 x 9 ¼ inches
Gift of John Taylor, Milne School Class of 1947
Gary Gold
Modern View of State Street, Albany, New York, 1988
Color photograph
Exhibition poster image
36 x 30 inches
The State Street Stories exhibit is a major Albany Heritage event at UAlbany. Albany Heritage is a community–university celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Beverwijck.
James Eights (1798-1882)  
*St. Peter’s (or Old English) Church, 1800—Near the Intersection of State and Barrack (now Chapel) Streets*,  
ca. 1850  
Watercolor  
8 ¼ x 11 ½ inches  
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art  
Gift of Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.
I am indebted to many individuals, members of the Exhibition Advisory Committee, and others for their assistance with the organization of this exhibition. I am especially indebted to committee members Matthew Bender IV, Gary Gold, Warren Roberts, Norman S. Rice, and L.F. Tantillo for their valuable help and encouragement all through the project.

Stories about any city, especially one as historically important as Albany, are difficult to tell without a repository for the material culture which breathes life into those stories. The city must have a place where its stories—its history—are collected, researched, and protected by a first-rate institution. This city is fortunate indeed to have just such a place: the prestigious Albany Institute of History & Art. It is not an overstatement to say that this exhibition would not have been possible without the assistance of the staff and the Collections Committee of “The Institute”. I am deeply indebted to—in particular—Christine Miles, Tammis Groft, Wes Balla, and Diane Shewchuk for their hard work on behalf of the exhibition.

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Charles E. Knickerbocker (1832-1926)
*Albany City/Fire Insurance Co.*, 1862-1863
Lithograph
18 ½ x 23 ¾ inches
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art
certainly indebted to both for making these programs possible for the Albany community. Other anonymous “angels” have come forward, and this thanks is for them.

Each time I write Museum catalogue acknowledgments, I end with mention of the contributions made by the Museum staff. I have resisted, over these many years, sounding too self-serving; but this time, probably my last “appearance” in a Museum exhibition catalogue, I would like to unequivocally state that the exhibitions at the University Art Museum could not have been produced without the significant contributions of each staff member. All have been inspirational in their dedication to the artists, curators, and artifacts that comprise any exhibition. All are professionals in every sense of the word, and it has been my privilege to work with them.

Zheng Hu, the Museum’s designer, consistently excels and surprises us, one exhibition after the other, and is widely respected for his brilliant designs. This exhibition is like no other we have attempted, and it repeatedly called upon his inventiveness and ingenuity to be born. The talent and expertise of Preparator Jeffrey Wright-Sedam and Technical Assistant Steve Martonis, especially in combination, are formidable indeed. Without the tremendous effort of these two individuals the production of this exhibition would not have been possible. Jeffrey and Steve did all the exhibit framing, mural installation, museum preparation, artwork shipping and much, much more. A very special acknowledgment and thanks are due also to Nicholas Lue for his excellent work on the exhibit website and his outstanding poster and graphic production. The large murals of the Capitol and the D & H building you see in the exhibition could not have been done without him. Applause, applause to Zheng, Jeff, Steve and Nick!

Associate Director Corinna Schaming is also director of marketing, research and development, and publications, and her contributions are considerable indeed. If you hear or read about our exhibitions, it is because of her efforts. The correctness of what you are reading, whether on our website or in print, is due to her commitment to excellence and professionalism. Corinna is also actively pursuing other avenues for Museum outreach and support with our alumni, contributors, and community friends. Our soon-to-be-formed “Friends of Contemporary Art” membership is due to her efforts.

Collections Manager Wren Panzella has taken temporary leave from her considerable duties with our collections to join the production staff for this exhibition. She is meeting the multi-task needs and wants of all staff members with swiftness and accuracy…as only she can do.

Naomi Lewis is the temporary registrar for the exhibition, and has done an extraordinary job of fact-checking, managing all loan requests, keeping track of objects on loan, and compiling the extensive exhibit Checklist and Bibliography. Thank you Naomi!

The expression “saving the best for last” really does mean that. I know all members of the staff join me in acknowledging that Museum Secretary Joanne Lue IS the best. Everything each of us does goes through Joanne. She is the heart of the Museum; nothing comes in or goes out that doesn’t go past her keen eye and her innate sense of what is right. Believe me, we all pay attention when she asks, “Do you want to look at this again?”. Thank you, Joanne, for “being there” for all of us.

Marijo Dougherty, Director
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Columbian Magazine, December 1789
A View of the Houses of the City of Albany
Engraving, 5 x 8 inches
Collection: Norman S. Rice

COVER:
Charles E. Knickerbocker (1832-1926)
Albany City/Fire Insurance Co. (detail), 1862-1863
Lithograph, 18 ½ x 23 ⅜ inches
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art

INSIDE COVER:
Lithographed by Jean Louis Tirpenne (1801-1878)
Engraved by Victor-Jean Adam (1801-1866)
View of Albany – House of the First Dutch Governors (detail), 1828-1829
After a drawing by Jacques Gerard Milbert (1766-1840)
Lithograph on India paper, 7 ⅞ x 11 ⅜ inches
Collection: Albany Institute of History & Art

INSIDE BACK COVER:
Drawing from Old Albany, Photos, Vol. 2,

BACK COVER:
Marcus T. Reynolds (1869-1937)
Elevation Section & Plan of Building for the Delaware & Hudson Co., 1914
Reproduction of drawing of weathervane for top of spire
66 x 26 inches
Collection: John G. Waite Associates, Architects, PLLC