



# Levittown Construction Photographs Collection, c.1948-c.1970s

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0.25 cubic ft.

To meet the housing needs of returning World War II veterans, Levitt & Sons, led by developer William Levitt, mass-produced over 17,000 homes in Levittown, N.Y. and the surrounding areas between 1947 and 1951. Today, with a population of over 53,000, Levittown is one of the most widely known suburban communities in the United States.

Collection is composed largely of 8 x10 black and white photographs (and 4x6 duplicates) taken circa 1948. The photographs depict construction workers and craftsmen engaged in a variety of tasks, including street paving, painting, pouring concrete, and operating heavy machinery, in Levittown and the surrounding areas. Also included are photographs of construction supplies, vehicles, and equipment. In addition, a particularly noteworthy photograph shows individuals signing rental leases or homeowner's contracts.

**SUBJECTS:**

**Names:**

Levitt, William, 1907-1904.

**Subjects:**

Construction equipment.

Levittown (N.Y.)--History.

Long Island--History.

Suburbs--United States

Dwellings--United States--Design and construction.

Dwellings--New York (State)--Levittown--History.

**Places:**

Levittown (N.Y.).

Long Island (N.Y.).

**Form and Genre Terms:**

Photographs.

**Occupational Terms:**

Construction workers.

Craftsmen.

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Box and folder listings

Black & White 8x10 prints

Box #1

| TITLE  | NOTES                 | DATE   | BOX/<br>FOLDER |
|--|-----------------------|--------|----------------|
| Man turning on compressor  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-1  | c.1948 | 1-1            |
| Man sawing door  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-2  | c.1948 | 1-2            |
| Man spray painting door  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-3  | c.1948 | 1-3            |
| Man drilling door  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-4  | c.1948 | 1-4            |
| Man hammering exterior siding  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-5  | c.1948 | 1-5            |
| Man measuring beam of wood   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-6  | c.1948 | 1-6            |
| Two men installing a pipe  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-7  | c.1948 | 1-7            |
| Two men working on a pipe  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-8  | c.1948 | 1-8            |
| Two men installing telephone wire  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-9  | c.1948 | 1-9            |
| Contract signing day   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-10 | c.1948 | 1-10           |
| Street paving crew, steam roller in foreground                           | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-11 | c.1948 | 1-11           |
| Truck with road sweeper attached   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-12 | c.1948 | 1-12           |
| Two men and cement mixer   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-13 | c.1948 | 1-13           |
| Man pouring cement from a cement mixer into a mold                       | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-14 | c.1948 | 1-14           |
| Cement mixer traveling on dirt road leading to construction site, c.1948 | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-15 | c.1948 | 1-15           |
| Man operating grader on construction site                                | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-16 | c.1948 | 1-16           |
| Road crew members pouring and spreading cement                           | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-17 | c.1948 | 1-17           |
| Men pouring and spreading a concrete foundation                          | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-18 | c.1948 | 1-18           |
| Men pouring concrete   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-19 | c.1948 | 1-19           |
| Man flattening road with a steamroller                                   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-20 | c.1948 | 1-20           |
| Levittown street scene   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-21 | c.1948 | 1-21           |
| Crane removing earth from a hole at construction site                    | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-22 | c.1948 | 1-22           |
| Freight car on overpass, truck beneath in underpass                      | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-23 | c.1948 | 1-23           |
| Cement truck loading at cement mixing facility                           | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-24 | c.1948 | 1-24           |

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| Crane placing a tank on top of a tower   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-25 | c.1948  | 1-25           |
| Conveyor belt and walkway  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-26 | c.1948  | 1-26           |
| Crane and bulldozer working to remove earth from construction site   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-27 | c.1948  | 1-27           |
| Bulldozer plowing at construction site, crane scoop in foreground  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-28 | c.1948  | 1-28           |
| Crane removing earth from construction site  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-29 | c.1948  | 1-29           |
| Crawler tractor and bulldozer clearing dirt with a scraper?  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-30 | c.1948  | 1-30           |
| Crawler tractor clearing dirt with a scraper?  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-31 | c.1948  | 1-31           |
| Dump truck being loaded with dirt  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-32 | c.1948  | 1-32           |
| Crews working on lawns of Levitt houses  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-33 | c.1948  | 1-33           |
| Crew working on lawn of a Levitt house   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-34 | c.1948  | 1-34           |
| Crews digging near telephone poles behind Levitt houses  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-35 | c.1948  | 1-35           |
| Man operating a bulldozer, a Levitt house in the background  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-36 | c.1947  | 1-36           |
| Man plowing dirt with a loader as another man with a shovel watches nearby   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-37 | c.1948  | 1-37           |
| View of street with unfinished Levitt houses, flatbed truck loaded with wood at left and two men working on a house at right | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-38 | c.1948  | 1-38           |
| Two roofers applying shingles to a roof (Levittown, PA)  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-39 | c.1970s | 1-39           |
| Roofer applying shingles to a roof (Levittown, PA)   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-40 | c.1950s | 1-40           |
| Man in freight car unloading construction supplies to two men in a pickup truck  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-41 | c.1948  | 1-41           |
| Loader emptying dirt into a dump truck   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-42 | c.1948  | 1-42           |
| Man sanding wood as another man watches nearby   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-43 | c.1948  | 1-43           |
| Two men in workshop cutting a pipe   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-44 | c.1948  | 1-44           |
| Truck loaded with cylindrical tanks, workers standing near truck   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-45 | c.1948  | 1-45           |
| Row of pipes lined up against a fence  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-46 | c.1948  | 1-46           |
| Man cutting wood in workshop   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-47 | c.1948  | 1-47           |
| Two men working on pipes in a workshop   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-48 | c.1948  | 1-48           |

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| Supply of pipes in a workshop  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-49                         | c.1948 | 1-49           |
| Men working on pipes in a workshop   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-50                         | c.1948 | 1-50           |
| Men working on pipes in a workshop   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-51                         | c.1948 | 1-51           |
| Man operating a lathe in a workshop  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-52                         | c.1948 | 1-52           |
| Men unloading wood and other supplies from a freight train                       | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-53                         | c.1948 | 1-53           |
| Man using forklift to load wood onto a truck                                     | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-54                         | c.1948 | 1-54           |
| Supply of pipes in a workshop (2 copies)   | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-55                         | c.1948 | 1-55           |
| Crawler tractor and bulldozer clearing dirt with a scraper?                      | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-56                         | c.1948 | 1-56           |
| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt                                | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-57<br>4x5 negative in 2-61 | c.1948 | 1-57           |
| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt, bulldozer at right (2 copies) | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-58<br>4x5 negative in 2-62 | c.1948 | 1-58           |
| Trucks loaded with wood, stacks of wood in background                            | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-59<br>4x5 negative in 2-63 | c.1951 | 1-59           |
| Man operating forklift carrying wood   |   | c.1948 | 1-60           |
| Man operating concrete mixing machine  |   | c.1948 | 1-61           |
| Two men in a workshop  |   | c.1948 | 1-62           |
| Concrete mixing facility, cement mixer underneath                                |   | c.1948 | 1-63           |
| Scraper? and front end of bulldozer  | Duplicate 4x6 in 2-60                         | c.1948 | 1-64           |
| Crew working on a pipe in a ditch  |   | c.1948 | 1-65           |

Black & White 4x6 prints

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| Two men installing a pipe         |       | c.1948 | 2-7            |
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| Two men installing telephone wire |       | c.1948 | 2-9            |
| Contract signing day              |       | c.1949 | 2-10           |

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| Street paving crew (steam roller in foreground)                          |       | c.1948 | 2-11           |
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| Man clearing dirt with a grader  |       | c.1948 | 2-16           |
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| Cement truck loading at cement mixing facility                           |       | c.1948 | 2-24           |
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| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt  | 4 x 5 negative in 2-61 | c.1948  | 2-57           |

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| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt, bulldozer at right | 4 x 5 negative in 2-62 | c.1948 | 2-58           |
| Trucks loaded with wood, stacks of wood in background                 | 4 x 5 negative in 2-63 | c.1951 | 2-59           |
| Scraper? and front end of bulldozer                                   |                        | c.1948 | 2-60           |

Black & white 4x5 negatives

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| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt                     | See 1-57 & 2-57 for prints | c.1948 | 2-61           |
| Crawler tractor hauling scraper? loaded with dirt, bulldozer at right | See 1-58 & 2-58 for prints | c.1948 | 2-62           |
| Trucks loaded with wood, stacks of wood in background                 | See 1-59 & 2-59 for prints | c.1951 | 2-63           |