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In this archive/library report, I'm going to include two photos that I'm going to discuss the history and source of those two historical pictures that I took at the NY Historical Society.



Creator: unknown photographer

Title: Grand Central Station 4th ave looking north from 41st St. bridge showing 42nd St. and Park ave before Hotel Belmont was built about 1896 11x14 in glass neg.

Publisher: NY Historical Society Department of Prints, Photographs, and Architectural Collections (PR 024, Box 43)

Here's is an original photo of Grand Central Station after it renamed from Grand Central Depot in 1896. Outside of the station on the left, there's are restaurants usually they don't have restaurant inside of the station in those days. This picture interested me because as you can see, this picture has an x-ray look that the color is inverse that's because the picture took in photographic plates and its comes out as glass negative before it was printed photos.



Creator: William J. Wilgus (William John), 1865-1949

Title: The Grand Central Terminal in Perspective

Date(s): 1941

Here's another photo of Grand Central trains terminal, It was taken by William J. Wilgus. William Wilgus have taken 500 photo albums of Grand Central Depot. The title of this album was called when William created this album in 1941 in my opinion, if these photos are Grand Central Depot, why the author should have name Grand Central Depot instead of Grand Central Terminal?

Questions for Further Research

1. How does glass negative photograph switch into printed photo?
2. What was the main purpose of the name change from Grand Central Depot to Grand Central Terminal?