



Alfred Stieglitz  
American, 1864 - 1946

## *From the Back- Window—291*

1915

platinum print

image (visible): 24.1 × 19.1 cm (9 1/2 × 7 1/2 in.)

mat: 52.1 × 40.2 cm (20 1/2 × 15 13/16 in.)

Alfred Stieglitz Collection 1949.3.372

Stieglitz Estate Number 90D

Key Set Number 417

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### KEY SET ENTRY

#### Related Key Set Photographs



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Remarks

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The tall building in the background is 105 Madison Avenue, at the southeast corner of Madison and 30th Street. The shorter building with the advertisements on its side is 112 Madison Avenue, at the southwest corner of Madison and 30th Street.

## Stieglitz Collections

A corresponding print was given to the following institution(s) by Alfred Stieglitz during his lifetime, or was received or acquired from the estate:

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 24.1738 (inscribed: From the Back Window of / "291"—New York—1915. / Photograph by / Alfred Stieglitz. / Negative & Print / made by Alfred Stieglitz / Print no. 3 made from this / negative.)

## Other Collections

A print corresponding with this photograph can also be found in the following collection(s):

Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Massachusetts, 68.16

Private collection, San Francisco (inscribed: Alfred Stieglitz / From the Back Window, 291—N.Y., Winter—1915 / To Mr. & Mrs. Chas. J. Liebman—Alfred Stieglitz)

## Lifetime Exhibitions

A print from the same negative—perhaps a photograph from the Gallery's collection—appeared in the following exhibition(s) during Alfred Stieglitz's lifetime:

possibly 1921, New York (no. 46, as *Buildings, Night, Snow*, 1915, from the series "From the Back-Window—291")

1930, Cambridge (no. 105, as *From the Back Window of "291,"* 1915)

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## INSCRIPTION

by Georgia O'Keeffe, on mount, bottom left verso, in graphite: 90D

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## PROVENANCE

Georgia O'Keeffe; gift to NGA, 1949.

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## EXHIBITION HISTORY

1958 Photographs by Alfred Stieglitz, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, March 16–April 27, 1958

1983 Photographs by Alfred Stieglitz, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, February 3–May 8, 1983; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, June 17–August 14, 1983; The Art Institute of Chicago, October 18, 1983–January 3, 1984

1989 The Art of Photography, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Royal Academy of Arts, London, 1989

2014 A Subtle Beauty: Platinum Photographs from the Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, 2014–2015

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- 1983 Greenough, Sarah, and Juan Hamilton. *Alfred Stieglitz: Photographs and Writings*. Washington, 1983: no. 46, pl. 21.
- 2002 Greenough, Sarah. *Alfred Stieglitz: The Key Set: The Alfred Stieglitz Collection of Photographs*. Washington, 2002: vol. 1, cat. 417.
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