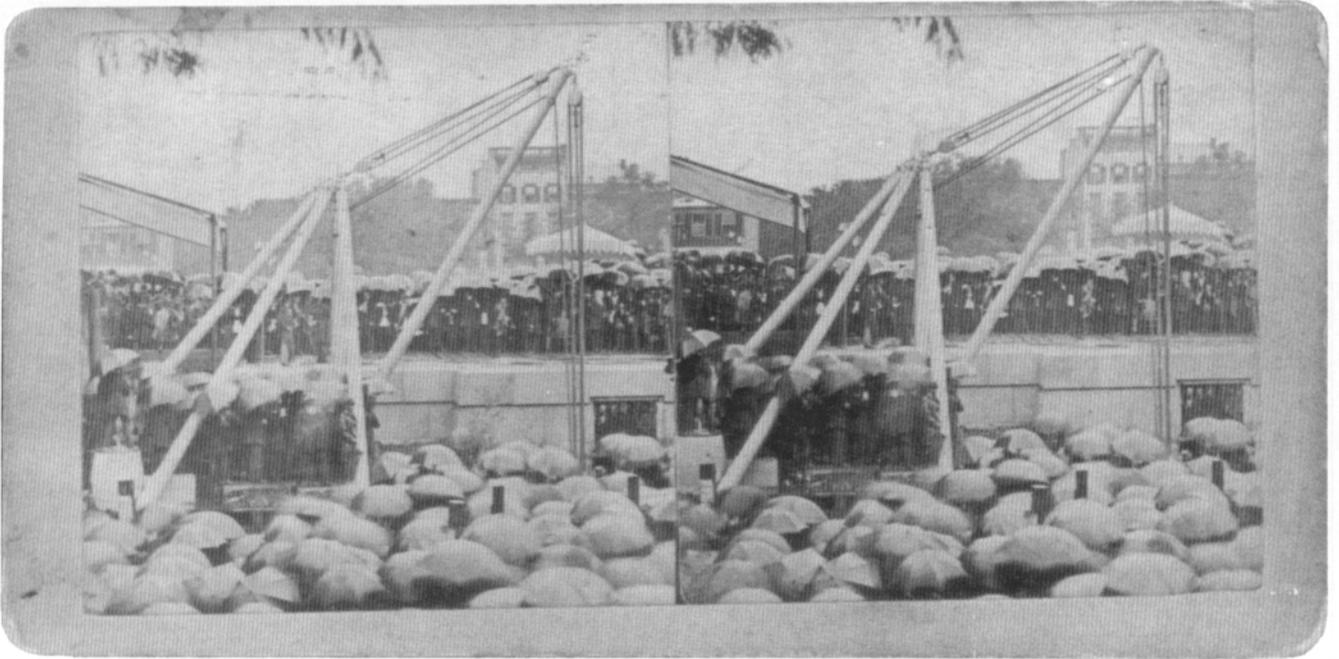


A STATE CAPITOL'S

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At 2:30 on the rainy Saturday afternoon of June 24, 1871, the cornerstone of the New York Capital was placed and the future temple of democracy was blessed according to the rituals of the Masonic Order.

The New York State Capitol was built to be a symbol of grandeur and the site of state government. It is a building of numbers. Thirty-two

Cornerstone ceremony, New York State Capitol, June 24, 1871. Probably by Eugene Haines. (James Becker collection.)

years under construction, the Capitol cost twenty-five million dollars and reflects the talents of five architects and countless craftsmen.

Amateur and professional photographers alike found the Capitol and its construction to be an interesting subject.

Eugene Haines, the architect's original model for the capitol building. (James Becker collection.)

