History
The Adirondack Mountains are a range of peaks in Northeastern New York State related geologically to the Appalachian Mountains to the south and the Laurentian range in Quebec to the north. The mountains consist of very ancient rock, about a billion years old, which has been uplifted into a “dome” over the last 5 million years or so.

Human habitation of the Adirondack region is quite recent. Native tribes of Mohawk and Algonquin Indians hunted in the region, but did not settle there. The first Europeans explored the area in the mid 17th century. As settlement of the region began, the vast timber resources of the Adirondack forest were exploited for building materials and fuel. This exploitation continued for nearly 200 years as demand for wood for timber and land for farming and mining grew. By the mid 1800s, public appreciation for the remote Adirondack wilderness began to increase as writers and artists romanticized the region. Tourism increased as the concept of the “Great Camp” became popular. Larger numbers of city dwellers came as railroads made the region more accessible.

By the late 19th century, concern over the depletion of the Adirondack’s resources resulted in calls for the region to be preserved “forever” as wild forest. In 1885, the Adirondack Forest Preserve was created and in 1892 the Adirondack Park was formally recognized and given the permanent protection of the New York State Constitution two years later, thanks to the pioneering work of conservationists like Verplanck Colvin and Seneca Ray Stoddard.

The Adirondack Park is over six million acres in size and remains a mix of state-owned and privately held land. Development of land within the park is regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency, created by New York State in 1971. Much of the private land held by timber companies and other large landowners is protected from development by easements purchased by the State. Other lands have been purchased by environmental groups such as The Nature Conservancy.

Balancing the preservation of public access to the natural beauty and the undeveloped nature of the Adirondacks and the rights of landowners to privately enjoy and develop land within the Park continues to be a major challenge for those who live, work and recreate in the Adirondacks.

Scope & Content:
The Adirondack Collection consists of booklets, publications and ephemeral material on Adirondack people, organizations, and places. Also included are series of photographs by Seneca Ray Stoddard and Edward Bierstadt, as well as other early photographers and a series of maps of the Adirondack region.

Stoddard, Seneca Ray, 1844-1917 Photographer
Bierstadt, Edward, 1824-1906

Organization and Arrangement:
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Series 7: Adirondacks by Subject

Provenance
Ongoing collection; by purchase & gift
Keywords: mountains, woods, forest, park, conservation, trails, photographs, lakes, canoeing, environment, camp,

See Also: Paul Jamieson Collection—MSS #74  North Country Map Coll.—MSS #70
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Long Lake
Woods and Waters guide to Long Lake and Raquette Lake
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Marcy (town of)
Town of Marcy Centennial program, 1832-1932

Mountain View
Mountain View House Adirondacks, R. G. Low, proprietor

Mount Marcy
Trails to Marcy Recreation Circular

Northville-Placid
Northville-Placid trail guide

Old Forge
Trails in the Old Forge-Big Moose region

Panther Mountain
Facts about Panther Mountain Resevoir

Ragged Lake
“Deep in Forest, Thirst and Conservation Collide”, NY Times, 10/5/04

Raquette Lake
1854 Senate Report -- The Raquette River Then & Now,

Schroon Lake
Trails in the Schroon Lake region

Sagamore (Great Camp)
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Saranac Lake
“Indelible Memories”—account of curing for TB in Saranac Lake
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Star Lake
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Many People Ask…
News articles—Adirondack Club and Resort project

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July 14, 1966
Comb bound book *Seneca Ray Stoddard’s New York State “Crystal” Stereoviews*, by Gunther Bauer
Adirondack poster featuring photo by S.R.S. (in Oversize box)

Seneca Ray Stoddard Post Cards
“The Way it Looks from the Stern Seat”, ca. 1880
“Homeward Bound” Paul Smiths 1880

Long Lake South from the Sagamore, 1880
Blue Mountain Lake House, Adirondacks,
Jean Winston Adler in the Adirondacks “The Choppers”, 1888
Prospect House, Blue Mountain Lake, Adirondacks, 1889
Long Lake Campfaire at the Sagamore, 1888
Adirondack Lodge—first all log cabin hotel built in Adks

Cascade House, Edmonds Pond, Adirondacks
Alva Dunning, famous Adirondack guide and hunter
Adirondack Lodge by the campfire, 1888
Adirondack Survey Camp near Long Lake, 1888
Return of the hunters to Windsor Hotel, Elizabethtown, Adks.
Ausable Lake and East side camp, 1889
Chapel Pond Pass, Keene Valley, Colvin survey
Windsor Hotel, Elizabethtown, Adirondacks
Dial, Mt. Colvin, Etc. from Noon Mark (stereoscope)
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Drowned Lands of the Lower Raquette, Adirondacks, 1888
Martins, Saranac Lake—one of the most famous Adk hotels
Guide house at Paul Smith’s
Upper Ausable Lake- A West side Camp
Mt. McIntyre & Coldon Camp, Adirondacks
Mt. Morris from Tupper Lake showing drowned lands
President’s Cabin, Saranac Inn, occupied by Pres. Cleveland
Bartlett’s, Saranac Lake, Adirondacks
Prospect House, Upper Saranac Lake, Adirondacks
Prospect House Blue Mountain Lake
Carey’s Rustic Lodge, Upper Saranac Lake, Adirondacks
Beede House, Keene Valley, built 1876
Self Portrait of Seneca Ray Stoddard, Ausable Chasm
Alva Dunning’s Camp, Eighth Lake, Fulton Chain of Lakes
Wild Adirondack Game (Original photo in Oversize box)
Raquette Lake Hotel open camp at night
Moonlight on Lake George (stereoscope)

Student research paper—Seneca Ray Stoddard: Landscape Pioneer, by Sam Staples

Edward Bierstadt (1824-1906)

“The Adirondacks” Artotype photo booklet

Numbered Bierstadt Artotype photographs

#9 View at the Head of Long Lake
#10 The foot of Long Lake
#11a Chauncey Hawthorne’s camp, Raquette Lake
#11b Chauncey Hawthorne’s camp, Raquette Lake
#12a Outlet of Little Forked Lake
#15 Church on St. Hubert’s Isle, Raquette lake
#17 Marion River at the Bridge, Bassett’s Camp
#18 Marion River near the Bridge, Bassett’s Camp
#18a Marion River at the Outlet of Utowan Lake
#19 Outlet of Utowan Lake
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#22b Looking West from Blue Mountain
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#24c Blue Mt. Lake Looking North from Prospect House
#33 At North Creek – Line of Adirondack Railway
#36a View from Top of Mount Marcy
#37 View from Top of Gore Mountain, near North Creek
Photos by an unknown photographer

Bound album “Adirondacks 1886”
Four folders labeled “Various Adirondack Locales”
(some locations are identified—all photos appear to have been labeled by the same person, but it is unknown if the same photographer took them)

“Sugaring in Keene Valley, with Phelps and Beedes, ca. 1910

Adirondack region post cards from Eastern Illustrating and Publishing (probably 1940s and/or 50s—all locations identified)

Two issues of Stereo World magazine (magazine of 3-D imagery)

Photos—Misc—contains a viewer for use with stereoscopic photos

Saranac Lake Village, 1920’s, Will Kollecker (Oversized)

81 photo postcards from various dates

7a Photo Postcards

7b Adirondack Calendar

Werner’s Adirondack Historic Calendar, 2004-2006

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   June, September, December 1970

Your Adirondack Holidays, 1959

The American Monthly Magazine, April 1886

Mountain Magazine—July, Oct. 1927; Jan., May, July 1928

The Living Wilderness—Winter 1972-73

New York State Museum, 1929—Animal Habitats in Certain
Portions of the Adirondacks; Notes on Mammals of the Adirondacks; Habitats of Mammals at an Adirondack Camp

Bulletin of the New York State College of Forestry, Jan. 1937

Adirondack Advocate, National Audubon Society

Adirondack Park Agency “Community Chat” newsletter, 2001-2003

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**Tahawus Cloudsplitter.** Tahawus: MacIntyre Development of the Titanium Division, National Lead Co.
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Adirondack Maps—Forest and Adjoining Territory, 1908
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