

## THOUSAND ISLANDS COLLECTION

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1875-2005

### History

The Thousand Islands are located on the St. Lawrence River between the United States and Canada, just east of Lake Ontario. There are actually over 1,800 islands in the 1000 Islands region (1,864 according to the 1000 Islands International Tourism Council), but many are too small to be inhabited. The larger islands, however, feature summer homes ranging from rustic cottages to mansions, and a couple of castles (Boldt and Jorstadt, now known as Singer Castle). This region has the longest undefended international boundary on earth.

Regional organizations such as **Save the River** and the **Thousand Islands Association** were established to promote environmental, educational, and quality of life issues, in and along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, to insure the area's ecological well being.

### Scope & Content

This collection contains photo booklets of the Islands and the St. Lawrence River, newspapers, index to summer cottages in the late 18th century, and an engraved plate for making money from the Sackets Harbor Bank. Also included are photographs of a couple of hotels in the area and various booklets on the history of the islands, towns, and villages along the U.S. and Canadian borders.

### Contents:

*Box Folder*

- 1 1 Advertisements and Brochures:**
- 1000 Islands in the St Lawrence River Clayton, NY (brochure)
  - 1848 Lake Ontario River St. Lawrence Steamers (advertisement)
  - Daily 1000 Island Tours, Season of 1899 (brochure)
  - Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. brochure, timetable & map (large fold-out pamphlet includes one panel on the 1000 Islands)
  - Thousand Islands St. Lawrence River "The Venice of America"
  - Experience the 1000 Islands Aboard Uncle Sam Boat Tours (brochure)
  - Finest Auto Trip in America by Thousand Island Park Association (advertisement)
  - For Sale: Prospect Lodge, Calumet Island (advertisement)
  - "On Thousand Island River" – song and advertising by H.H. Warner & Co. (advertisement)
  - Playdays in the Playland of the St. Lawrence Valley (brochure)
  - Round Island Park information for 1000 Islands and St. Lawrence River 1879 (advertisement)
  - The Thousand Islands and St. Lawrence River Steamboat Companies Limited (brochure and map)
  - The Thousand Islands Boat Tours 1930 (brochure)
  - Thousand Island Park, NY "The Beauty Spot of America" (brochure for summer vacationing)
  - Thousand Island Park "The Most Complete Summer Resort in the World" (brochure and map)
  - Black River Canyon rack card
  - NYS Living Museum brochure
  - 1000 Islands Association flyer
  - 1000 Island Fishing Charter brochure
  - Hotel, Motel & Inn rack cards
    - West Winds Motel & Cottages
    - C-Way Resort
    - Thousand Islands Inn (rack card and 2005 Vacation Packages)
    - K's Motel & Cottages
  - 1000 Islands Skydeck rack card

1000 Islands International Boaters' Guide (2005)  
 1000 Islands Black River Guide (2005)  
 1000 Island Fishing and Hunting Guide (2005)  
 1000 Islands Clayton Visitor Guide  
 Lake Ontario St. Lawrence Seaway 1000 Islands International Travel Guide (2005)  
 Alexandria Bay-The Heart of The Thousand Islands-Visitor's Guide 2005  
 1000 Islands photo book by Ian Coristene  
 Thousand Islands Museum rack card  
 Frederic Remington Art Museum brochure  
 St. Lawrence County map  
 St. Lawrence County Travel Guide

**2 Booklets and Photo publications:**

1000 Islands from Creation to the Present Day in the St. Lawrence River–1961(booklet, 2 copies)  
 Annual French Festival, Cape Vincent – 1981, 1984 (programs)  
 Association Island Lake Ontario Henderson Harbor, NY (photo pub., includes hist. of the island)  
 Brockville the City of the Thousand Islands – 1914 (booklet, 2 copies)  
 Cape Vincent Chamber of Commerce – 1981, 1985 (booklets)  
 Clayton on the St. Lawrence 1872 – 1972 – (booklet)  
 Gananoque and the Thousand Islands (photo publication)

**3** Phelan Bros. St. Lawrence Traveller: A Complete Handbook and Guide to Northern Summer Resorts, Montréal – 1879 (booklet)  
 Rapids of the St. Lawrence, Prescott to Montréal (booklet, 2 different copies, includes a pictorial map of a St. Lawrence River trip)  
 Round the Island, as told by an Old River Guide (booklet)  
 St. Lawrence River Valley Thousand Islands and Adirondack Mountains–1939(booklet, 2 copies)  
 Souvenir of the Thousand Islands (photo publication)  
 The Thousand Islands Vacation Paradise (booklet, 2 copies)

**2 1** The Thousand Islands picture book (red cover)  
 String-bound Thousand Islands Indelible Photographs – 1891 (booklet)  
 Thousand Islands and the River St. Lawrence (photo publication, 2 different years, map included) (string-bound)  
 Thousand Islands and the River St. Lawrence (photo publication, cover detached)

**2** Thousand Islands and the St. Lawrence River “The Land of Romance” (Canada Steamship Lines photo publication)  
 Thousand Island House (photo publication)  
 Thousand Islands St. Lawrence River (photo publication)  
 Thousand Islands, Canada Souvenir View Album (photo publication)

**3 Maps:**

1875 *Map of The Thousand Islands* – includes index to summer cottages  
 c.1890 *New Map & Cottage Directory of the 1000 Islands*  
 1946 Army Services Force Second Service Command – Pine Camp, NY (map of area)  
 1852 *Part of 1000 Islands from Mulcaster or Sugar Island to Ida Bluffor Yeo Island*  
 Dimensions 38”x67” (stored in +++oversize area in stacks, map +++48)

- 4 Newspaper and Magazine articles:**  
1887 *Thousand Island Park Journal*  
1894 *Thousand Island Park Herald*  
1998 *Travel & Leisure* October issue – “Waterworld: Discovering the Charm of the Seaway Trail from Niagara Falls to Massena, NY”  
1998 *Watertown Times* 25 October – “Grant Slept Here”  
c.1999 *New York Times* Sunday, 8 August – “In Fishing Hamlet, No Grief for Cormorants”

- 5 Stereoscopic Images:**  
n.d. Twelve slides all together:  
1000 Island Hotel (1)  
Bonnie Castle (4)  
unlabeled (7)

- 3 1 Miscellaneous:**  
Along the Banks of the St. Lawrence River  
Bills of Fare (1877, 1878)  
“Cottage Life on the St. Lawrence” by Edwin Wildman – 1898  
Engraved plate for making paper money – Sackets Harbor Bank  
Watertown Daily Times newspaper clippings: “Book a Paean to Island Life” & “Lighthouses: Will they Survive into the Next Century?” (1989)  
St. Lawrence Reservation, State of NY, Conservation Department 1931 publication with map  
Specialty Book Concern (list of scarce & out of print books)  
“The Thousand Islands and St. Lawrence Border” (manuscript by Prof Allan Westcott c. 1971)

**unfoldered** *Who's Up* (book by multiple authors, preface by Susan Manes, January 1981)

**++Oversize (in Reading Room)**

*Round Island Park, 1000 Islands, River St. Lawrence*, newsprint broadside, 1879?