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 sixty 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:
Series 1: Adirondack People
Series 2: Adirondack Organizations/Corporations
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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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NYS Conservation Department
Saranac Land and Timber Co.
Trudeau Foundation, Inc.
Lake Placid Club

Series 3—Adirondack Places

Box 3

General Adirondacks
- NY Times articles on Land Acquisition
- Adirondack Autumn leaflet
- Adirondack Guide in Picture and Story
- Adirondack Ski Tours
- Where to Go in the Adirondacks
- Souvenir folder cards
- A Sense of Community: Diversity and Change
- SLU Adirondack Travelogue cassette
- Smithsonian Magazine—“Adirondacks Style”, Oct. 2004
- Fold-out Adirondack guides
- Burr McIntosh Monthly magazine—1903
- Off the beaten path—Scenic roads in the Adirondack Park area
- Adirondack Highways -- Adirondack Campsites
- The Adirondacks photo booklet
- Public Forest -- Fish and Game brochures
- DVD video—Unlocking the Wilderness: Settlement of the Adirondacks (also on VHS)

Ausable
Azur Mountain
Blue Mountain Lake
Forestport (Onieda Co)
Fulton Chain of Lakes
Inlet
Lake George
Lake Placid
- Lake Placid in the Adirondacks—brochure
- Lake Placid Club ephemera
- Lake Placid Public Library 1884-1984—Centennial booklet
- Stevens House, Lake Placid
- Troy Daily Times article, 1900

Long Lake
Marcy (town of)
Woods and Waters guide to Long Lake and Raquette Lake
Inventory log from 1820s
Town of Marcy Centennial program, 1832-1932

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Mountain View
Mount Marcy
Northville-Placid
Old Forge
Mountain View House Adirondacks, R. G. Low, proprietor
Trails to Marcy Recreation Circular
Northville-Placid trail guide
Trails in the Old Forge-Big Moose region
Panther Mountain  Facts about Panther Mountain Reservoir
Ragged Lake  History of Ragged Lake vol. 1 & 2
Raquette Lake  “Deep in Forest, Thirst and Conservation Collide”, NY Times, 10/5/04
Raquette River  1854 Senate Report -- The Raquette River Then & Now, DVD
Schroon Lake  Trails in the Schroon Lake region
Sagamore (Great Camp)  The Sagamore, Lake George
Santanoni (Great Camp)  Brochure and news clipping
Saranac Lake
  - “Indelible Memories”—account of curing for TB in Saranac Lake
  - “This Was Heaven, Really”, DVD and VHS
  - Saranac Lake brochures
  - Gateway to the Olympics 1932
  - Mullin-Kille Saranac Lake City Directory, 1967 supplement edition
  - A Catalog of Books in the Saranac Lake Free Library, 1922
Star Lake
  - Star Lake Inn brochure
  - “The Queen of the Adirondacks”, Rev. C. Shaw Oversize
Tupper Lake
  - Many People Ask…
  - News articles—Adirondack Club and Resort project
  - Tupper Lake, NY “Meet the Town”, 1975 edition
Whiteface Mountain  Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway

**Series 4 Adirondack Photographs and Photographers**

**Box 5**
Seneca Ray Stoddard, 1844-1917
  - “His Guide Books Told Story of Lake George” Adirondack Life 7/14/66
  - Comb bound book Seneca Ray Stoodard’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 Camp fire 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)
  - Giant from Noon Mark (stereoscope)
  - Noon Mark from Beade, Keene Valley (stereoscope)
  - Whiteface Mountain summit (stereoscope)
  - 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

Box 5A
Stereoscopic views by Seneca Ray Stoddard
• Ausable Chasm, 18 cards
• Ausable Pond  3 cards
• Birmingham 10 cards
• Blue Mountain Lake 4 cards
• Dresden, 1 card
• Hammondville 2 cards
• Henderson Lake 2 cards
• Keene Valley 4 cards
• Lake Champlain 1 card
• Lake George 29 cards
• Long Lake 3 cards
• Raquette Falls 1 card
• Saranac Lake 4 cards
• Schroon Lake 3 cards
• Unknown Locations 7 cards

Box 6
• #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
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• #18a Marion River at the Outlet of Utowan Lake
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• #22 Looking North from Blue Mountain
• #22b Looking West from Blue Mountain
• #24 Looking North from Prospect House, Blue Mt. Lake
- #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
- #44 Merwin’s Blue Mountain House, Blue Mt. Lake
- #49c Steamboat Landing, Bennett’s Hotel, Raquette Lake
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- #55 Indian River Hotel
- #56 Looking Southwest from the Bridge, Indian River
- #58 On the Road to Blue Mountain Lake, near Indian River
- #60a Camp Pine Knot, Raquette Lake
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- #66 Miller’s Saranac Lake House
- #92 On the Raquette River above Buttermilk Falls
- #102b Looking WNW from Prospect House, Blue Mt. Lake
- #114a Echo Camp, Long Point, Raquette Lake
- #1292 Cottage at Bennett’s, Raquette Lake
- #1314 Looking down Long Lake from Above the Village
- #1321 Outlet of Blue Mountain Lake

**Box 7**

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
  - 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)

**Box 7a**

Photo Postcards
- Ausable Chasm (Clinton Co.) 4 cards
- Beaver River, NY 27 cards
- Benson Mines, NY 1 card
- Big Moose Lake (Herkimer Co.) 1 card
- Blue Mountain Lake (Hamilton Co.) 3 cards
- Blue Ridge, NY 1 card
- Boonville, NY 9 cards
- Cascade Lake (Hamilton Co.), 1 card
- Childwold, NY, 1 card
- Cranberry Lake, NY 44 cards
- Dannemora, NY 1 card
- Eagle Lake, NY 1 card
- Elizabethtown, NY 3 cards
- Fulton Chain, Fourth Lake (Herkimer C.) 6 cards
- Gabriels, NY 1 card
- Hoffmeister, NY 1 card
- Hollywood Hills (Old Forge), NY 1 card
- Hurricane, NY 1 card
- Inlet, NY 2 cards
- Jay, NY 2 cards
- Keene Valley, NY  5 cards
- Lake Bonaparte (Lewis Co.)  12 cards
- Lake George (Warren Co.)  4 cards
- Lake Placid, NY  5 cards
- Lake Tear of the Clouds (Essex Co.)  1 card
- Long Branch, NY  1 card
- Long Lake, NY  2 cards
- Loon Lake (Franklin Co.)  1 card
- Lowville, NY  1 card
- Marion River (Hamilton Co.)  1 card
- Mountain View, NY  3 cards
- Natural Bridge, NY  1 card
- Newcomb, NY  1 card
- Newton Falls, NY  1 card
- North Elba, NY  1 card
- North Hudson, NY  1 card
- North River, NY  1 card
- Old Forge, NY  1 card
- Otter Lake, NY  1 card
- Port Huron, NY  1 card
- Raquette Lake (Hamilton Co.)  1 card
- Rices Falls (Essex Co.)  1 card
- Round Lake (Middle Saranac Lake)  1 card
- Rouse’s Point, NY  3 cards
- Ruby Mountain (Hamilton Co.)  1 card
- St. Regis Falls, NY  1 card
- Saranac Inn, NY  1 card
- Saranac Lake, NY  4 cards
- Saratoga Springs, NY  5 cards
- Schroon Lake, NY  7 cards
- Sixth Lake (Hamilton Co.)  1 card
- Speculator, NY  1 card
- Star Lake, NY  2 cards
- Stony Creek, NY  1 card
- Tupper Lake, NY  2 cards
- Warrensburg, NY  1 card
- Whiteface Mountain (Essex Co.)  2 cards
- Wilmington Notch (Essex Co.)  1 card
- Unidentified Adirondack locations  42 cards
- Outside Adirondack Park  15 cards

Box 7b

Adirondack Postcards/Calendars
- Adirondack postcards, various locations, in photo albums (approx. 180)
- Werner’s Adirondack Historic Calendar, 2004-2006

Series 5—Miscellaneous Adirondack Journals (A-Z)

Box 8
- Northern Logger & Timber Processor, June, September, December 1970
- Your Adirondack Holidays, 1959
- The American Monthly Magazine, April 1886
- 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
- Premier Adirondack Auction- 2016

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Lake Placid Club Notes Essex, NY: The Club, 
LIB Has: 1905-07- ? SPEC F127.A2 L3

Newsletter / Adirondack Architectural Heritage. Keeseville: AAH.
LIB HAS: (11)-; 2002- SPEC F127.A2 N49


Tahawus Cloudsplitter. Tahawus: MacIntyre Development of the Titanium Division, National Lead Co.
LIB HAS: (2,14-15),17-(18-20)-(22-24); 1951-1971 SPEC F127.E2 T345x

Trailmarker. Utica: Trailmarker
LIB HAS: 1963-64 SPEC F127 .A2 T725

Series 6—Adirondack Maps

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- Adirondack Canoe Routes, 1931
- Adirondack Map—Conservation Dept. Div. of Lands and Forests 1923
- Adirondack Map—Conservation Dept. Div. of Lands and Forests 1964
- Adirondack Map—DEC Division of Lands and Forests, 1983
- Adirondack Map—DEC Division of Lands and Forests, 1985
- Adirondack Maps—Forest and Adjoining Territory, 1908
  - The Adirondack Trail, Route 30
  - The Adirondack Country
  - Adirondack and Northway Travel Guide Map
- Bob Marshall Wild Lands Complex map, 2011
- Map of Township No. 20—Upper Saranac Lake region

Oversized
- 24 USGS Quadrangle maps of Adirondack Park
- Verplanck Colvin 1874 Adirondack Survey sketch ?
- 2 Litchfield Park Corporation maps
- Gould paper Co. map showing Monehan Estate & adjoining lands
- William P Hall, student mapping exercises while at NYS Ranger School

The following maps are part of the North Country Maps Collection, MSS #70

1875  Ely, W.W.  Map of the [NY] Wilderness to accompany  Wallace’s Descriptive  ++72
1902  Blankman, Popular Map of the Adirondacks.  +++ 26
1908  Wood & Smith  Map of the Adirondack Forest and Adjoining Territories (2 c.)  +++ 4 & 6
1920  ?  The Adirondack Picture Map (Lake George and Lake Champlain)  ++ 36
1929  Conserv. Dept, NYS  Map of the Adirondacks (includes entire North country)  +++45
1970  Adirondack Park, Forest Preserve Classification  ++ 54
1973 APA (N.Y.) *Adirondack Park, land use and development plan map*  +++ 34
1990 NYS Commission on Adirondacks *Adirondack Park Open Space Protection Plan Map*  ++71

**Series 7—Adirondacks by Subject**

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Adirondack Canoe Routes brochures
Brochures on invasive species (plants and animals)
Maple Surgaring
Bill Smith Audio recordings (on cassette and CD):
  - Stories and songs from “The Featherbed”
  - Tall Tales and Poems
  - Adirondack Memories
  - More Tales from “The Featherbed”
Tom Akstens audio recordings
  - The Heart of the River (2CD set)
SLU Conferences on the Adirondacks 1971-1992
  - For audio tapes of the proceedings, see Archives RG 2.2 (Sound recordings)
  - For paper records, See Archives RG 4 (Presidents) and 11 (Events)