

L.W Coons Photograph Collection
circa 1895
MSS. COLL. NO. 152
.25 linear feet

Biographical

Leroy Wilson Coons (1872-1948) received his Bachelors of Divinity from St. Lawrence University in 1895, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by SLU in 1915. He was ordained in Universalist Church in Winthrop, NY in 1895 and led a number of Universalist churches in Maine and Massachusetts over the course of his career in ministry. In 1922, Rev. Coons was appointed Superintendent of the Universalist Church in Massachusetts, a position he held until his retirement in 1942. Rev. Coons married Elsie Loraine Thomas, (SLU *n* 1900) in the Canton Universalist Church in 1897.

Scope & Content

This collection consists of two series of photo prints. Series 1 are photographs of various rural views in the North Country taken by Leroy Wilson Coons (SLU Div. '95). Series 2 are photographs of the St. Lawrence University campus around the time of Rev. Coons years at SLU. Also included in Series 2 are photos of High Falls, near Canton, a pulp mill at High Falls, the mill after an explosion and several portrait photos, including I.M. Atwood, President of the Theological School when Coons was a student.

Box 1 Series 1

- 1 Coopers Falls
- 2 Coopers Falls Oswegatchie River
- 3 Cold Springs on De Grasse
- 4 On Old Dekalb Road
- 5 Fort Montgomery at Rouses Point - "Fort Blunder"
- 6 Chazy River - Altona N.Y
- 7 Little River - Canton
- 8 Langon Springs from Squire's Comer
- 9 De Grasse above Woodeveks (?) Rapids
- 10 City of Canton - St. Lawrence Co. N.Y
- 11 View on De Grasse (aka Grasse, Grass)

Box 1 Series 2

- 12 Student Housing
- 13 Student Housing
- 14 St Lawrence University Classroom (Richardson Hall)
- 15 Students Studying
- 16 Richardson Hall and Fisher Hall (1890s)
- 17 Fisher Hall (1890s)
- 18 Herring Library, Richardson Hall, Fisher Hall (1890s)
- 19 Student Housing
- 20 High Falls, Canton, NY (1890s)
- 21 High Falls Pulp Mill
- 22 High Falls Pulp Mill after the explosion
- 23 I.M. Atwood
- 24 unknown female
- 25 grey hair male unknown-large photo
- 26 younger male unknown-large photo
- 27 male unknown-small photo
- 28 female unknown-small photo
- 29 female large photo identified as Margaret Forbes

Provenance

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