

North Country Boats and Boating Collection

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History

The North Country is that region of New York State north of the Mohawk and south of the St. Lawrence Rivers, east of Lake Ontario and west of Lake Champlain. It includes the Adirondack Park, the Tug Hill Plateau, the Thousand Islands, and the St. Lawrence River Valley. Within this area are over 2700 lakes, dozens of rivers, and thousands of ponds, streams and brooks. From the earliest times of human habitation boats have played an important role in the history, early settlement, and later development of this region.

Scope and Content

Correspondence, catalogs, business records, oral histories, photographs...

This ongoing collection seeks to document the activities of boat builders and boaters; both recreational and commercial. Specific emphasis is given to non-power craft, including canoes, kayaks, guide boats, skiffs, and sail boats, although power craft are not excluded.

Mid-nineteenth century to present

Provenance

Acquired by gift & purchase.

See also:

St. Lawrence University Archives, Record Group 2, Photographs. Athletics: Boats & Boating; Canoeing.

Abbreviations:

als: autographed letter, signed.

J.H. RUSHTON, INC., CANTON, NY

Box Folder Contents

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| 1 | 1.1 | als. J.H. Rushton to Bower als. Almeron Squires to Rushton | March 20, 1902 March 19, 1902 | 1p. 1p. |
| | 1.2 | als. J.H. Rushton to Bower Court document, [1897] Town of Canton. St. Lawrence County Bank v. John Henry Mills and J. Henry Rushton | October 19, 1902 | 5 p. |
| | 1.3 | Rushton business card [undated] List of Rushton catalogs on file at the Adirondack Museum 1915 Rushton Catalog Photograph of Rushton Boat Shop, corner of State and Chapel Street, Canton J. H. Rushton, Inc. mailing envelopes (2) with postal cancellations, dated 1890 and 1910 Bill to St. Lawrence Commandery #28 for \$4.00, dated Jan. 2 nd , 1914 | | |
| | 1.4 | Review of <i>Rushton and His Times in American Canoeing</i> by Atwood Manley and Paul Jamieson, undated t.l. to members of the St. Lawrence County Fish and Game Club t.l.s. Lawrence Russell to St. Lawrence Boat Works, Inc., Correspondence to members from Fish and Game Club secretary Williston Manley | Feb. 23, 1911 March 18, 1924 | 1p. 1p. |
| | 1.5 | Brochures, programs, fliers from Annual Ruston Memorial Canoe Race in Canton: 1968, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1987 & 1988 | | |

- 1.6 Rushton Memorial Canoe Weekend 50th Anniversary material, May 13-15, 2011
- 1.7 File of written information on Rushton Canoe "Cheemaun", including description of the canoe by previous owner Dorothy Cleaveland Salisbury. Includes 1977 correspondence concerning donation of the canoe to St. Lawrence University
- 1.8 Files related to purchase of Rushton (Blankman) Canoe "Punkie" by SLU from Peter Blankman. Also includes files concerning permanent installation of the canoe in the Owen D. Young Library, 2003-2004
- 1.9 Dramatic reading—"Paddle to Portage", St. Lawrence County Historical Association, 1999
- 1.10 *Adirondack Life*, Jul/Aug 1983 "Nessmuk & Rushton"
- 1.11 *Forest and Stream*, June, 1918 "The Canoe That Nessmuk Made Famous"
Friends of the Owen D. Young and Launderers Libraries Bulletin, Vol. 39, 2011
- 1.12 Canton Canoe Weekend 50th Anniversary ODY Library Exhibit materials, May 2011

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W.E. TAYLOR BOAT LIVERY, Canton, NY

- 2 2.1 Business card

SPAULDING BOAT CO., Ogdensburg, NY

- 2.2 1897 catalog for Spaulding-St. Lawrence Boat Co.
Article from *St. Lawrence Republican*, 1895 on career of Spauldings

ST. LAWRENCE BOAT WORKS, Ogdensburg, NY

- 2.3 Advertising materials
copy of certificate of incorporation-1921, St. Lawrence Boat Works, Ogdensburg
Resolution of Bankruptcy, March 1924
- 2.3.1 Correspondence, David Smith to Tom Jenison, t.l.s. Jan. 9, 1995 1 p.
Photocopies of material related to St. Lawrence Boat Works/ Huff- Daland Dusters

LEYARE BOAT WORKS, Ogdensburg, NY

- 2.4 Series of correspondence regarding payment of shipment of a boat
- 2.4.1 Photograph of Leyare Boat Works, undated

CHARLES C. IVES, OGDENSBURG

- 2.5 Business card

ARMSTRONG & GALBRAITH INC., New York, NY

- 2.6 1941? Catalog of small boats and marine supplies

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OLD TOWN CANOES AND BOATS, Old Town, ME

- 2 2.7 1941 Catalog of Old Town Canoes and Boats

THOMPSON BROS. BOAT MANUFACTURING CO., Peshtigo, WI

- 2.8 1914 catalog

GAS ENGINE & POWER CO., Morris Heights, NY

- 2.9 1893 World's Columbian Exposition brochure for "Naptha Launch"

NORTH RIVER BOATWORKS, Schenectady, NY

- 2.10 Printout of webpage

Anglers Association of the St Lawrence River

- 2.11 Invitation to Annual Meeting, July 29th, 1912

Oswegatchie Yacht Club

- 2.12 Financial and membership information for the Oswegatchie Yacht Club in the early 1920's. Documentation of plan to sell Yacht Club property for a proposed Veterans Park in Ogdensburg. Information on the establishment of Eel Weir State Park.

MISCELLANEOUS

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- 3.1 Rough Water Gypsies--16 pages of blog entries concerning canoe expedition of Northern Forest Canoe Trail
- 3.2 *New York Folklore Quarterly*, December 1973 "The St. Lawrence Skiff and the Folklore of Boats"
- 3.3 *Wooden Canoe* newsletter, winter 1986; spring 1986, spring 1987
- 3.4 Wooden Boat School summer 1987 course catalog
- 3.5 Digitized canoe and boat catalogs from Dan Miller, Antique Boat Museum, Clayton
- 3.6 Boats and the North Country conference at Canaras, 1978
Canoe-building related articles from *St. Lawrence University Magazine*, 2007
- 3.7 Photographs—unidentified snapshots of people boating
- 3.8 Photographs--Canoeing on the Grass River, Canton
- 3.9 Ribbon from 17th Annual Meet of the Gouverneur Canoe Club, August 1896

- 3.10 Unidentified photos—Boats and boating in Ogdensburg
- 3.11 Unidentified photos—Boats and boating in Ogdensburg
- 3.12 Unidentified photos—Boats and boating in Ogdensburg
- 3.13 Kip album—Woodcock Corner, Little River
- 3.14 Glass plate negatives, ca. 1915
 - No. 51—Landing at camp of CCA, launch “Meteor” & rowboat
 - No. 54—Chas and Sherry LaPierre on Grasse River in canoe, August 22, 1915
 - No. 55—The *Neno*, owned by B. Wells, taken at Woodcock’s Rapids, Aug. 22, 1915
- 3.15 20th century post cards