

St. Lawrence County Collection
MSS Collection #108

Scope & Content

This collection consists of photographs, postcards, deeds, yearbooks, newspapers and clippings, and many articles and booklets relating to and about St. Lawrence County and its towns.

Dates

1749-present

Availability

The collection is open for research.

Biographical Note

St. Lawrence County is the largest county in New York State and has the longest frontage on the St. Lawrence River. St. Lawrence County is bordered on the north by the St. Lawrence River, the south by Lewis, Herkimer and Hamilton Counties, on the east by Franklin County and on the west by Jefferson County. The county has approximately 47 towns and villages and 1 city with the county seat in Canton.

Extent

Language of the Materials

English

Arrangement

Box 1

- Series 1. Postcards

Box 2

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Box 3-9 (Box 4 oversized)

- Series 2. St. Lawrence County (general)

Box 10-11

- Series 3. Canton

Box 12-16

- Series 4. Towns A-E
- Series 5. Towns F-L
- Series 6. Towns M-N
- Series 7. Towns O
- Series 8. Towns P
- Series 9. Towns Q-Z

Box 17

- Series 10. Products of academic classwork

Box 18 (oversized)

- Series 2. St. Lawrence County (general)
- Series 5. Towns F-L

Box 19 (oversized)

- Series 9. Towns Q-Z
- Series 5. Towns F-L

Double oversized (Room 149, drawer 15)

- Series 10. Products of academic classwork

Provenance

- Box 3
 - 2016-10-18 – Wright/Packard Genealogy was sent to us by Christopher Barbuschak, Archivist/Librarian from Fairfax County, VA.
- Box 6, Folder 11
 - 1962-08-22 – Beryl Hoskin from the Varsi Library at the University of Santa Clara sent the post office records for Hollywood, NY to St. Lawrence University.
- Box 8, Folder 8
 - 1998-08-27 – Ted Shrady '61, sent his piece about “The Creeper” to St. Lawrence Magazine.
- Box 9, Folder 5
 - 2012-04-02 – Carolyn McDougall Clark sent a copy of her independent study project titled “A Prairie Migration Story...”. Clark used the University Archives to complete research for this project.
- Box 11, Folder 7
 - 2022-10-03 – Lauren Stiles sent in his paper titled “Canton buildings 1869-1903: the professional friendship of Judge Leslie W. Russell and Ogdensburg architect James P. Johnston,” as well as his research and postcards of building images.
- Box 12, Folder 2
 - 2012-06-04 – There are three diaries belonging to Harriet Gates Stuart that were donated by Susan Ward.
- Box 13, Folder 12
 - 1953-05-23 – Memorial de Massena was sent to Eugene Bewkes by John H. DeKlyn, manager of operations at the Massena ALCOA.
- Box 13, Folder 13
 - 1956-06-06 – Don E. Paro sent these magazines to the Publicity Department of St. Lawrence as a thank you for supplying the photographs for a featured story.
- Box 14, Folder 7
 - 1956-06-15 – This was sent to special collections by Malcolm A. Booth, Town of Morristown historian, who edited the history.
- Box 14, Folder 11
 - 1957-10-28 – Robert F. Hale donated this envelope to the archives.
- Box 14, Folder 18
 - 1962-01-18 – This map was purchased from Harold Nestler, Rare Books.
- Box 15, Folder 35
 - 1985-06-28 – This booklet written by Gorham Cross was purchased from Willis Monie Books.

Processing Information

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Repository Details

Part of the St. Lawrence University Libraries manuscript collection.

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Collection Organization

Series 1 contains postcards with images of locations in St. Lawrence County. There is also a collection of postcards that correspond to St. Lawrence County post offices that no longer exist. This collection was assembled by Everett Van Hyning of Ogdensburg and includes his research of the dates that the post offices officially closed. There is also an article pertaining to the history of these closed post offices.

Series 2 contains items related to St. Lawrence County including newspaper clippings, ledgers and record books, tourism information and maps. It also contains health and safety reports and assessments, information about cemeteries and government entities.

Series 3 includes news clippings, photographs, information booklets, and arts and recreation information about the county seat of Canton. Numerous items including deeds, histories, and a souvenir photograph booklet are from the 1800s.

Series 4 contains items related to the towns of Brasher Falls, Colton/South Colton, Crary Mills, Degrasse, and Edwards. Featured holdings include the diaries are Harriet Gates Stuart from 1861-1863.

Series 5 contains items related to the towns of Gouverneur, Hammond/Black Lake, Hermon, Hopkinton, Lisbon, and Louisville. Highlights include a history of the Gouverneur talc industry and World War I records of servicemen from Hopkinton.

Series 6 contains items related to the towns of Massena, Morley, Morristown, Nicholville, North Lawrence, and Norwood. There is information about the aluminum industry in Massena, excerpts from the diary of a Morristown man from 1782-1862, and various histories of the towns.

Series 7 contains items related to the towns of Ogdensburg and Oswegatchie. This series contains deeds and bonds from the 1800s, information about the early settlement of Ogdensburg, and plans for the St. Lawrence County Asylum for the Insane.

Series 8 contains items related to the towns of Parishville, Pitcairn, Potsdam, and Pyrites. Included in this series are various booklets, newspapers, histories, and articles relating to the towns.

Series 9 contains items related to the towns of Richville, Rossie, Russell, Star Lake, Stellaville, Stockholm, Waddington, and Wanakena. There are many histories included in this series including the "Early History of Oxbow and the Scotch Settlement," information about the Benson Mines in Star Lake and the Stellaville mines.

Series 10 is the result of student work from various classes that used the items in the St. Lawrence County Collection as research.