

CARL ATIYEH PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION: A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Carl N. Atiyeh, 1911-1997.
- Title:** Carl N. Atiyeh Photograph Collection.
- Dates:** 1959-1989.
- Abstract:** The Carl Atiyeh Photograph Collection consists mainly of black-and-white negatives, although some prints and color photographs are present. The photographs by Glens Falls photographer Carl N. Atiyeh primarily document people, organizations, businesses, churches, schools, school sports events, buildings, politics and various events in Glens Falls and the surrounding area.
- Quantity:** 19 cubic feet (56 boxes and 15 albums of negatives, 6 boxes of prints, and 3 boxes of miscellaneous material; ca. 38,000 negatives and ca. 1,000 prints)
- Identification Number:** Photographs

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Carl Atiyeh (1911-1997) grew up in Glens Falls, NY. He was the son of Nicholas and Zehia Atiyeh. He graduated from Glens Falls High School and the New York Institute of Photography. His photography studio was located in his home on Mohican Street. In addition to his career as a photographer for the *Glens Falls Times* and the *Post-Star*, he worked for the U.S. Army and also from about 1950-1967 as a corrections officer for New York State at Great Meadow Correctional Facility, Comstock.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Carl Atiyeh Photograph Collection consists mainly of black-and-white negatives, although some black-and-white prints and color photographs (negatives, prints, and slides) are present. The Atiyeh collection mainly documents people, organizations, businesses, churches, schools, school sports events, buildings, politics and various events in Glens Falls and the surrounding area, including Fort Edward, Hudson Falls, Lake George, Queensbury and South Glens Falls. Numerous photographs illustrate urban renewal, Glens Falls Hospital, the Glens Falls Portland Cement Company and golf. Also present are photographs of famous people, especially elected leaders in New York State such as Robert Kennedy, Nelson Rockefeller, and Malcolm Wilson, fires, accidents, the Northway, Great Meadow Correctional Facility, Glens Falls Insurance Company, Masons and various historical subjects. The collection is mostly black and white negatives, mainly 4" X 5" up to 1972, 35mm thereafter. Some prints made from these negatives are included. A small number of color prints and slides make up part of the collection. Two boxes of black and white prints were received by the library many years prior to the purchase of the Carl Atiyeh Photograph Collection. These prints were described by Bruce Cole.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Most of the photographs are arranged chronologically.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Business enterprises—New York (State)—Glens Falls—
Photographs.
Fires—New York (State)—Photographs.
Golf—New York (State)—Photographs.
Politicians—New York (State)—Photographs.
Prisons—New York (State)—Photographs.
Religious institutions—New York (State)—Photographs.
School sports—New York (State)—Photographs.
Schools—New York (State)—Photographs.
Urban renewal—New York (State)—Photographs.
- Places:** Fort Edward (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
George, Lake (N.Y.: Lake)—History—Photographs.
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
Hudson Falls (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
Hudson River (N.Y. and N.J.)—History—Photographs.
Interstate 87 (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
Queensbury (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
South Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
- Organizations:** Glens Falls Hospital (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
Glens Falls Insurance Company (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
Glens Falls Portland Cement Company (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
Great Meadow Correctional Facility.
- Important People:** Kennedy, Robert, 1925-1968.
Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.
Wilson, Malcolm, 1914-2000.
- Forms/Genres:** Photographs.
Color photographs.
Black-and-white negatives.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

58 boxes of 4 X 5 negatives (some negatives in these boxes are smaller format)
(There are approximately 480 photographs in each box)

Box 1

Undated and 1959 through January, 1963

Box 2

February through September 1963

Box 3

October 1963 through January 1964

Box 4

February through April 1964

Box 5

May and June 1964

Box 6

July through October 1964

Box 7

November 2 through December 21, 1964

Box 8

December 22, 1964 through February 15, 1965

Box 9

February 16 through March 31, 1965

Box 10

April 1 through May 14, 1965

Box 11

May 15 through June 30, 1965

Box 12

July 3 through September 15, 1965

Box 13

September 16 through October 19, 1965

Box 14

October 20 through November 30, 1965

Box 15

December 1, 1965 through January 15, 1966

Box 16

January 17 through March 15, 1966

Box 17

March 16 through April 30, 1966

Box 18

May 2 through June 27, 1966

Box 19

June 28 through September 5, 1966

Box 20

September 7 through October 15, 1966

Box 21

October 17 through November 28, 1966

Box 22

December 4, 1966 through January 26, 1967

Box 23

January 27 through March 12, 1967

Box 24

March 13 through April 17, 1967

Box 25

April 18 through May 14, 1967

Box 26

May 15 through June 25, 1967

Box 27

June 26 through August 7, 1967

Box 28

August 8 through September 18, 1967

Box 29

September 19 through October 15, 1967

Box 30

October 16 through November 10, 1967

Box 31

November 11 through December 27, 1967

Box 32

January 1968

Box 33

February 1968

Box 34

March 1 through April 2, 1968

Box 35

April 3 through May 9, 1968

Box 36

May 10 through June 10, 1968

Box 37

June 11 through July 25, 1968

Box 38

July 26 through September 27, 1968

Box 39

September 28 through November 3, 1968

Box 40

November 4 through December 16, 1968

Box 41

December 17, 1968 through February 18, 1969

Box 42

February 19 through April 9, 1969

Box 43

April 11 through May 27, 1969

Box 44

May 28 through August 31, 1969

Box 45

September 1 through October 27, 1969

Box 46

October 28 through December 30, 1969

Box 47

January 1 through March 30, 1970

Box 48

March 31 through May 18, 1970

Box 49

May 19 through August 10, 1970

Box 50

August 11 through October 12, 1970

Box 51

October 13 through November 17, 1970

Box 52

November 18, 1970 through January 14, 1971

Box 53

January 15 through March 17, 1971

Box 54

March 18 through May 11, 1971

Box 55

May 12 through August 9, 1971

Box 56

August 10 through October 15, 1971

Box 57

October 21 through December 29, 1971

Box 58

January 2, 1972 through May 30, 1974

Albums of 35 mm Negatives

(There are approximately 600 negatives in each album)

Album 1

Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, February 4, 1970 – July 31, 1972.

Mostly exterior photographs of the building, but includes some photographs of people. Also kiln, stack demolition, Flintcote Company, fire house, accident.

Album 2

Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, August-October, 1972.

Mostly pictures of the exterior of the building, some interior views, includes some photographs of people.

Album 3

Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, November 7, 1972 – March 30, 1973.

Largely exterior photographs, a few of people and a few of the interior.

Album 4

Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, April 4, 1973 – December 19, 1974.

Mostly photographs of the exterior, a few of people.

Album 5

Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, May 22, 1975 – September 22, 1979.

Largely people and interior views of the Cement Company; includes accident photographs, roller mill, Flintcote Company.

Album 6

Glens Falls Hospital, 1970, 1973, 1974 and undated. Demolition, ground breaking, construction, a few interior shots. Demolition occurred in 1973-1974

Album 7

Glens Falls Hospital, 1974-1975.

Various photographs of the exterior and interior of the building, very few of people.

Album 8

Glens Falls Hospital, 1976.

Various photographs of the exterior and interior of the building, very few of people.

Other miscellaneous photographs, 1969-1970, are also present in this album. Includes accidents, Adirondack Community College, Dick Gregory visit, high school football games and track meets, Lumberjacks baseball team, Lake George, recreation, snowmobile racing, storm damage, and urban renewal.

Album 9

Color photographs, many of people with serious injuries as a result of accidents. These medical injury photographs may have been commissioned by insurance companies. These accident photographs are – RESTRICTED (special permission from the Director of the Folklife Center is required to obtain access to them)

Album 10

Color photographs, many of people with serious injuries as a result of accidents. These medical injury photographs may have been commissioned by insurance companies. These accident photographs are – RESTRICTED (special permission from the Director of the Folklife Center is required to obtain access to them)
There are also other photographs, 1973-1988 and undated, mostly portraits and family groups.

Album 11

Large format color photographs, also color slides, 1972-1989 and undated. Mostly wedding photographs, also includes some anniversaries and graduations. There are also photographs of accidents, Flintcote Company, Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, Glen Lake, golfers, industrial buildings, and urban renewal.

Album 12

1971. Includes photographs of accidents, bars and restaurants (liquor license photographs) Christmas, circus, construction and demolition of buildings, fires, Great Meadow prison, high school basketball and football games, horse racing at Saratoga, speech of General William C. Westmoreland and a parade, urban renewal, winter and snow.

Album 13

1972-1974. Includes photographs of accidents, bars and restaurants (liquor license photographs), children playing, construction and demolition of buildings, fire houses, groups of people, high school soccer and track, high school graduates, houses, swimmers, urban renewal, and women (including a doctor and a police woman).

Album 14

1975-1987. Includes photographs of accidents, bars and restaurants (liquor license photographs), Christmas tree, Crandall Library, groups of people (including award presentations, installation of officers) high school seniors, houses, parties, and politicians.

Album 15

Undated. Includes photographs of accidents, bars and restaurants (liquor license photographs), beaches (Lake George and Haviland's Cove), buildings (including demolition), children, fires, groups of people, high school football and track, Knights of Columbus basketball, and swimmers.

Album 16

Family, including mother and young child. Also well-dressed man, Harry Wrye?
Presentation of trophy to Harry Wrye for leadership and sportsmanship by the Fort Ann
Pistol and Rifle Club, 5-2-[19]59. Bob's Lunch, ---Market, lake, rowboats. Two men
standing by heavy equipment. 1 p. 8 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Navy men in uniform, outside Fort Ann Sales. Includes portrait of a man, Harry Wrye? 1
p. 8 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Trucks clearing accident (damaged automobile) from road. Workers with General
Electric building in the background. 2 p. 16 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Sign for Gaslight Village. Party, probably of a family at Sky Harbor Restaurant? Also
dock for sightseeing cruises on Lake George.
4 p. 32 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Wedding and wedding reception photographs.
6 p. 48 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Family portraits: women, children, groups of people.
3 p. 24 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Family photographs: family groups, portraits of children, portraits of people in graduation
robes, wedding ceremonies and receptions, decorative vases. Includes basketball
game, E. Jacobie Oil Co. truck, road and country scenes.
18 p. 144 negatives 2 ¼ X 2 ¼.
Construction of large industrial building.
2 p. 7 negatives, 4 X 5.
Masons, Burleigh map of Glens Falls, 1884, group of people, couple at restaurant.
1 p. 4 negatives, 4 X 5.
Glens Falls High School basketball game, portrait of a cheerleader.
1 p. 4 negatives, 4 X 5.
Rancho Bill's Diner (exterior and interior), portraits of women, Buffalo storage tanks
(oil?), house, yard, automobile, A & P sign, shoreline of lake or river.
9 p. 68 negatives, 2 X 3.

Album 17

1959 and undated. Mostly a collection of family photographs, possibly concerning the
family of Harry Wrye of Fort Ann. It is not certain if these photographs all pertain to the
same family. Included are weddings, graduations, portraits of men, women, children,
family groups, Navy men, workers outside General Electric plant, Sky Harbor
Restaurant (Lake George), road and country scenes, E. Jacobie Oil Company truck.
Other photographs (not family photographs) include construction of large industrial
building, Glens Falls High School basketball game, Rancho Bill's Diner, Buffalo (oil
storage tanks?), shoreline of lake or river.

Black and White Prints

Box 1

Photographs assembled by Bruce Cole prior to purchase of Atiyeh Collection. Photographs are 1968-1973 and undated. Mostly demolition of downtown Glens Falls buildings, as part of urban renewal. Also, construction of buildings, roads, bridges, famous people (Robert Kennedy, Gerald Ford, Governor Nelson Rockefeller), football game, and a peace march.

Box 2

Photographs assembled by Bruce Cole prior to purchase of Atiyeh Collection. Photographs are 1971-1975 and undated. Many photographs of the construction of addition to Glens Falls Hospital, also photographs of the Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, downtown Glens Falls, urban renewal (including Henry Hudson Town Houses and dedication of Stichman Towers), Hibernians, politicians (including Governor Nelson Rockefeller, Kenneth Keating, Gerald Ford, John Lindsay, Gerald Solomon and various local politicians and officials), other famous people (including Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Kyle Rote, Pete Seeger, and General William C. Westmoreland).

Box 3

Photographs are 1959-1986 and undated. Mostly construction of the addition at Glens Falls Hospital, construction at the Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, construction at a prison (probably Great Meadow), construction at the bridge over the Hudson River at Glens Falls. There are also photographs of some prisoners. There are also photographs of politicians (including Robert Kennedy, Governor Nelson Rockefeller, President Gerald Ford) and other famous people (Sammy Davis, Jr.; Mike Tyson, and Carole Vitale, Play Girl). Finally there are photographs of downtown Glens Falls, including demolition of some buildings as part of urban renewal.

Box 4

Photographs are 1968-1975 and undated. Mainly downtown Glens Falls including urban renewal.

Box 5

Undated photographs. Mostly photographs of construction at Glens Falls Portland Cement Company.