

CHARLES BENNETT- GRACE HUDOWALSKI COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Charles Bennett and Grace Hudowalski
- Title:** Charles Bennett – Grace Hudowalski Collection
- Dates:** 20th Century
- Abstract:** Four books, a letter, a note, and an art folio from the personal book collection of Charles Bennett.
- Quantity:** .5 cubic ft.
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Grace Leach Hudowalski was born in Ticonderoga, NY, on February 25, 1906. She made her first ascent of Mt. Marcy in 1922 and went on to be the first woman to climb all 46 of the Adirondack High Peaks. She was the first president of the Adirondack 46ers club, and for 60 years she served as the club's historian.

Charles Bennett, a friend of Grace Hudowalski probably since the early 1980s, was # 1934 of the 46ers (Grace was # 9).

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Adirondack 46ers
Mountain climbing
- Places:** Adirondack Mountains
- Important People:** Bennett, Charles
Hudowalski, Grace 1906-2004
Murray, W.H.H. 1840 - 1904

Williamson, Grace Murray 1892 - 1956

Form/Genre: Correspondence, Books, Artworks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation: Charles Bennett – Grace Hudowalski Collection
The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library
Glens Falls, NY.

Accession Information: From the private book collection of Charles Bennett.
Received at the Folklife Center Summer 2015.

Processing Information: Arranged and described by Erica Wolfe Burke, November 2015

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

The following items were received:

The Adirondacks: Illustrated, Stoddard 1874 (reprint)
The Adirondacks, Longstreth 1920 2 copies
Adirondack French Louie, Dunham 1987
In the Wilderness, Warner 1990
Exploring the Adirondack Mountains 100 Years Ago, Ludlum 1972

The above titles were not retained. The following items were retained:

Guide to Adirondack trails; Northeastern Section, ADK 1934
Cones for the Camp Fire, Murray 1891 with note from GH to CB
Adventures in the Wilderness; or, Camp Life in the Adirondacks, Murray 1882
Holiday Tales. Christmas in the Adirondacks, Murray, 1897, with a letter from GH to CB, 1987, and a letter from Grace Murray Williamson (W.H.H. Murray's daughter) to Mrs. Oscar Schultz of 445 Riverside Drive, NYC. The Williamsons were married in the Schultz's apartment on June 15, 1927. Also two clippings from the *New York Times* noting the Williamson marriage. The letter from GH to "Chuck" indicates that this particular copy of Holiday Tales was a gift to the Schultzes from Grace Murray at the time of her marriage. The Schultz's daughter, Gertrude Bauers, gave the book and Grace Murray's letter to Grace Hudawalski in the 1980s.

Folio: "Drawings of the Adirondac Ironworks." 11 ½ x 18 inches. Maps and drawings of the site of the Adirondack Iron & Steel Company blast furnace in Tahawus, NY. The furnace was in use from 1849 to 1854. This folio has been added to the Print Collection.