

HARRY GOLDMAN ATHLETIC COLLECTION



From the 1967 *Hermes* (Hudson Falls Yearbook)

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Repository: Crandall Public Library.
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Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: Harry Goldman 1923 - 2010

Title: Harry Goldman Athletic Collection

Dates: 1936 -2002 (bulk 1940s)

Abstract: The collection consists of three yearbooks and a three-ring binder, primarily of photographs, focusing on Goldman's high school athletic career.

Quantity: .5 cf (one document box)

Identification: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harry Goldman was born in Glens Falls 29 January 1923 a son of Jacob and Jennie Goldman, both of whom came to Glens Falls from Russia. Jacob, who was a junk dealer, died in 1932. Jennie lived until 1963. The family lived on Mohican Street, and were members of Congregation Shaaray Tefila.

Harry attended Broad Street School, Glens Falls Junior High School, and Glens Falls High School, where he was an outstanding athlete. He excelled in baseball, basketball and football. Harry was a member of the 1941-1942 Glens Falls High School Northern Conference Championship basketball team, the 1941 Northern Conference baseball team and the undefeated 1941 and co-champion 1942 Glens Falls High School football teams (of which he was co-captain with Royal Van Vrankin). He also played the violin in the Glens Falls High School Orchestra. After high school, Harry enlisted in the Navy, joining his brothers Abraham, who was in the Army in Texas, and Samuel, a Navy man stationed in Brooklyn.

After World War II, Harry Goldman returned to Glens Falls, went to Ithaca College and subsequently received a Masters Degree. He taught science at Hudson Falls, where he was teacher of the year in 1967. In the 1980s he was a consultant on a biography of Nikola Tesla, Tesla, Man Out of Time, written by Margaret Cheney. He is described by the author as "a Tesla scholar and writer-photographer [who] provided valuable information and special services in the enhancement of old photographic prints, as well as contributing photos from his private collection." He is the author of a number of articles about Tesla, as well as a biography of Kenneth Strickfadden, Dr. Frankenstein's Electrician (H.G. McFarland Co. 2008).

In addition to his teaching and writing, Goldman was extensively active in the community: he was President of the Adirondack Writer's Workshop in 1971, active with YMCA athletic programs, held leadership positions at Shaaray Tefila, performed with the Glens Falls Operetta Club, and did conservation research on birds of prey. Harry Goldman died 16 November 2010, and is buried in the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The collection consists of three yearbooks and a three-ring binder, primarily of photographs, focusing on Goldman's high school athletic career. One the cover of the binder is the title: Photos of G.F. High School Reminiscences/ 1940s." There are a few photos of him in his World War II uniform, but no mention of his college years or family life. The activities pictured skip from 1946 to 1956, when members of the 1941/1942 championship teams reconvened in Glens Falls. They created an award named for their coach: the Gerald J. Donnelly Award, to be presented to the most valuable player of the City Series. There are pictures of the selection committee (Roger Edwards, Royal Van Vrankin, Harry Goldman, Ozzie Osborne, Harwood Beaty), the banquets at La Cabana, and presentations over the years.

In addition to the photo album are the three Glens Falls High School yearbooks for 1940, 1941 and 1942, which cover the school in the years Goldman was a student.

INDEX TERMS

Places: Glens Falls, Warren, New York
Hudson Falls, Washington, New York

Subjects: High school sports
Baseball
Basketball
Football

Important People: Goldman, Harry
Goldman family
Van Vrankin, Royal
Donnelly, Gerald J.

Form/Genre: Photos, yearbooks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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