

JOHN WEIGHTMAN CANAL COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

Repository:	Folklife Center Crandall Public Library Glens Falls, NY
Creator:	Weightman, John C.
Title:	John C. Weightman Canal Collection
Dates:	1888 - 1990
Quantity:	4 boxes
Identification:	Archives and Manuscripts
Accession #:	ACC 2023.5
Abstract:	This collection consists of an assortment of correspondences, photos, promotional materials, information logs, and newspapers pertaining to the Feeder Canal. Some of the articles, writings, and photos contained also relate to John Weightman's writings and political endeavors concerning the canals.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Rouses Point on his father's cargo boat, the Berties Harris, on October 12, 1892, John C. Weightman spent his early life riding up and down the Champlain Canal. His family was housed in the stern of the boat with John assisting with inspecting the hull for weeks or pumping out bilge water. Time that was not spent working on the boat was spent being homeschooled by his mother, Etta Weightman. His father George H. Weightman, was the pilot of the boat, and was also responsible for negotiations made with city merchants. During the winter season, John spent his time in New York City along with a group of other barge families that stayed at pier 6. During this time, John would attend the Pearl Street School. At 23, John served in the army in WWI, later becoming a member of American Legion Post 233 in Glens Falls. After his service, Weightman worked for General Electric in Schenectady where he helped add "the big wheel" to the power plant at Spier Falls. John later worked in Glens Falls until his retirement. He was an active mason for 63 years, beginning in 1914. He passed away at Glens Falls Hospital on February 1, 1987.

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Important People: John C. Weightman

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS

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State Engineer and Surveyor Annual Reports

The Canal System of New York State

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Writings about John Weightman