

ARTIFACTS COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Crandall Public Library, collector.
- Title:** Artifacts Collection.
- Dates:** ca. 1776-1999.
- Abstract:** The Artifacts Collection consists of a variety of objects collected over time, including coins; Civil War buttons; election memorabilia; fire company badges; sports medals, business advertising, and other items associated with the region's history.
- Quantity:** 2 cubic feet
- Identification Number:** Art & Artifacts: Artifacts

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Artifacts Collection consists of an assortment of objects collected over time by Crandall Public Library. These objects date from approximately 1776 to 1999. Included are coins; sports medals, buttons, many of them from the Civil War; election memorabilia; identification badges for Glens Falls fire companies, a wollastonite rock sample from a mine in Lewis, N.Y.; a piece of marble from the Glens Falls Insurance Co. building; three metal spikes, from one of Benedict Arnold's barges, sunk off Chimney Point, Lake Champlain. There are also pens, pencils, pins, and other items used for promotion by various area businesses.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Electioneering—History.
Fire companies—New York (State)—History.
Wollastonite—New York (State)
Running
Theme parks

World's Fair

Places: Glens Falls (N.Y.)—Commerce.
 Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History.
 Lake George (N.Y.)
 New York (State)—Commerce.
 North Hudson (Essex, N.Y.)
 Queens (N.Y.)
 United States—History—Revolution, 1775-1783—Naval
 operations—Lake Champlain.

Organizations: Fire Companies

Form/Genre: Badges.
 Ball-point pens.
 Buttons (fasteners)
 Buttons (information artifacts)
 Coins.
 Pencils.
 Pennants
 Photographs.
 Pins (jewelry)
 Rock.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation: Artifacts Collection,
 Folklife Center
 Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

Accession Information: Various donations

Processing Information: Arranged and described by Albert W. Fowler; additions and updates by Erica Wolfe Burke, 2018

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Box 1

Tray 1 (6 compartments)

- Wollastonite rock sample from mine in Lewis, N.Y. Gift of Ralph E. Roberts, 1995. See also CLP Photo Collection # 2487 – 2492; and “Mining” folder in Regional Vertical Files in the Folklife Center, for additional items from this donation. Accession number: 1995-045.
- Metal case, probably for cigarettes.
- Tile (coaster) from First National Bank, Corinth office, n.d.
- 3 metal spikes, from one of Benedict Arnold’s barges, sunk off Chimney Point, Lake Champlain, raised in 1908 (information from accompanying note). Envelope says Mrs. James H. Warren, 3 Orville Street, Glens Falls, NY (likely donor)
- Card bookmark(?) from H.C. Curtis & Co. Shirt Makers, Troy NY. Front advertises Gorham Summer Collar. Back lists the companies of the 2nd Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers (Spanish American or WWI).
- Glasses case marked “Edwin H. Reese. Optometrist, Glens Falls, N.Y.” Edwin H. Reese appears in the Glens Falls City Directory as an optometrist from 1920 to the mid 1970s. He lived with his wife, Barbara, and children at 27 Horicon Avenue, for most of that time.

Tray 2 (6 compartments)

- Glass paperweight advertising D. Peck Co., Groceries and Provisions, Glens Falls
- Glass paperweight advertising Park Hospital in Glens Falls. These were a gift from Mrs. Sophia Perlin, January 1958, and were found in retiring director Christine McDonald’s desk, and given to Folklife 8/2012.
- Soft plastic model of photocopy machine advertising the ATFestical.org, July 11 – 20 (year unknown).
- World War II Victory medal, probably a reproduction.
- Brownell Lumber Company, Edinburg, N.Y. - plate and card. Gift of Mr. Brownell, February 28, 1997.
- Medal commemorating George Clinton, first Governor of New York.
- Medallion commemorating the renaming of Charlotte County for George Washington in 1784. (medallion and information card in plastic wallet.)
- LARAC Artists pin.

Tray 3 (7 compartments)

- Antique metal pencils (5), gift of Cecil E. Taber, 64 First Street, Glens Falls, NY, December 27, 1978.
- Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils. Box of 1 dozen.
- 5” skeleton key with note: “Key to the side door of the church across the street. Donated 12/29.” Note removed to folder.
- Advertising pens and pencils.
- 6 inch ruler, Bill Camp Logging, Inc.

- Vermont cloth memento (bookmark?)

Tray 4 (35 compartments)

- International Paper key ring (donated with pencil and Olympic games pin 1996)
- Envelope with three coins:
One penny (with initials WSS and KSH)
Nickel, 1868 (with shield)
3 cent piece, 1851.
- 1 ¾ “ model of toilet plunger, advertising “The Boy in the Bathroom”
- Pin – Amtrak Adirondack. Gift of Bruce Cole.
- Two wooden nickels from Pearo’s Plaza Deli, and the Family Diner II in Pottersville, N.Y.
- Two badges, one for the Warden of the G. F. F. D. (Glens Falls Fire Department?), another for Lapham Hose (with number 3 on it)
- Pin Olympic games 1996 Atlanta/International Paper
- Pin Warren County Bicentennial 1813 – 2013
- Pin Sandy Hill Days 2010
- Pin 1986 Adirondack Balloon Festival, gift of Walt Grishkot, September 11, 1986.
- Pin Adirondacks Hamilton County
- Pin “Asa Morris and the Mess” (local band)
- Pin UCT Glens Falls
United Commercial Travelers, 1888 – present. This pin belonged to Clement J. Champaign (1907 – 1977, buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery SGF). Champaign was a bartender at the Queensbury Hotel.
- Lake Placid Olympics

Tray 5

- Flag from the Hudson-Fulton 400 Celebration 1609 – 2009
- Bamboo and paper fan from Ugetsu Gift Shop, Lake George, NY
- Painted bamboo folding fan showing water and palm tree, marked “Souvenir of Glens Falls”
- 2 Dollar bill issued by the Commercial Bank of Glens Falls; signed by F.A. Johnson, cashier, and Augustus Sherman, President. Gift of Judith Metzner Shepherd of Glens Falls in 2017.

Box 2

Piece of marble from Glens Falls Insurance Company building, demolished, July-September, 1976.

Textile place mat, made with initials I. O. O. F. (with initials F. L. T.) Note: **Independent Order of Odd Fellows** is benevolent and social society. It originated in England in the 1700s; some say as an offshoot of Free Masonry. It came to America in the early 1800s and on 26 April 1819 at Baltimore, Maryland Washington Lodge No. 1 was founded.

The most seen I.O.O.F. symbol or emblem is the Chain With Three Links, meaning Friendship, Love, and Truth. Odd Fellows are also known as "The Three Link Fraternity." There are other symbols used by some Odd Fellows, such as the All Seeing Eye, an equilateral triangle, a scale, etc.

The Rebekah Lodge is the female counterpart to the fraternal organization, I.O.O.F., symbols are the Beehive, Dove, Lily, Moon, and Seven Stars.

1 Xtra-L T-shirt, grey with blue lettering, from the Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group, the current owner of the Portland Cement Company.

12" wooden canoe plaque: "1995 BOCES Adirondack Conference/20th Anniversary at Sagamore."

7 ½ " oval wooden plaque "Welcome to the Lake" with two carved oars and a coil of twine affixed to the face.

Election memorabilia, originally put together for a 1960 exhibit at Crandall Library, organized by Jack W. Bryant, Library Director. Includes an assortment of buttons, pins, ribbons, etc. Items have been added which were not part of the original exhibit, and some of the original items have disappeared. The original press release which publicized the exhibit conflates George Dewey (the Admiral) with Thomas E. Dewey, the presidential candidate. The collection includes two items relating to the Spanish-American War Dewey, and one relating to the presidential candidate.

Collection of **30 Civil War buttons** mounted on what appears to be the back board of a book.

1. 7/8" New York State, made by Horstman & Sons, NY.
2. 7/8" Arkansas, made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
3. 7/8" Arkansas, made by Horstman & Co., NY and Philadelphia
4. 7/8" Virginia, made by Horstman & Allien, NY
5. 7/8" Rhode Island, made by Scoville Mfg Co, Waterbury [CT]
6. 7/8" Arkansas, made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
7. 7/8" Virginia, made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
8. 7/8" Vermont, made by Scoville Mfg Co, Waterbury [CT]
9. 7/8" Louisiana, made by Horstman & Allien, NY
10. 7/8" Connecticut, made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
11. 7/8" South Carolina, made by Scoville Mfg Co, Waterbury [CT]
12. 7/8" New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, maker illegible
13. 5/8" general service, made by W.L. & N.G., Boston
14. 5/8" U.S. naval cuff button, no maker
15. 5/8" Federal naval cuff button, made by Scoville
16. 5/8" Flat naval cuff button, no maker
17. 7/8" AVC (Alabama Volunteer Corps), made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
18. 7/8" Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, made by Waterbury Button Co. "Extra"
19. 7/8" Union Infantry, made by Horstman & Allien, NY.
20. 7/8" Flat, artillery, made by Lewis & Tomes "Extra rich", NY and London
21. 7/8" Cavalry, made by Halfman & Taylor, Montgomery AL

- 22. 7/8" Infantry, made by P. Tait & Co., Limerick, IRE
- 23. 7/8" Artillery, made by P. Tait & Co., Limerick, IRE
- 24. 7/8" Artillery, made by Horstman & Co, NY
- 25. 5/8" same as # 19
- 26. 5/8" Maine cuff button, made by ? "Extra"
- 27. 5/8" same image as #4 (Virginia) made by Scoville
- 28. 5/8" same image as # 18 (Massachusetts) backing: "Superior Quality"
- 29. 5/8" Rhode Island, made by Scoville
- 30. 5/8" Georgia, (very similar to to Arkansas), Scoville Mfg Co,

Box 3 Adirondack Sports Medals

The Adirondack Distance Run is part of the USA Track and Field Adirondack Grand Prix Road race. It has been run since 1976, traditionally on the Sunday before July 4th. The race starts in the Village of Lake George and proceeds ten miles to the Village of Bolton Landing. In the 28th Annual (2004) a record 624 runners crossed the finish line and in subsequent years the numbers increased again. Prizes are awarded in various age categories.

The September 15-16, 2007 Adirondack Distance Marathon Festival consisted of 5K and 10K races on Saturday at Chestertown, NY, and a marathon and half marathon on Sunday at Schroon Lake, NY. Marathoners circled the lake; half marathoners were bussed to the start of the (somewhat) Easy Half at Adirondack, NY. ("Adirondack Distance Marathon Festival 2007", by Bob Kopac *This article appeared in the November/December 2007 issue of New England Runner magazine.*)

1. The Adirondack Runners
28th Annual Adirondack Distance Run [Lake George – Bolton Landing]
10 miles
July 3, 2004
Finisher
[Reverse: Sokol's Market]
2. The Adirondack Runners
29th Annual Adirondack Distance Run [Lake George – Bolton Landing]
10 miles
July 3, 2005
Finisher
[Reverse: Sokol's Market]
3. Adirondack Half Marathon
[Schroon Lake]
September 16, 2007
4. Adirondack Marathon: Inaugural Running September 21, 1997

5. Adirondack Marathon 1998

Donated to the Folklife Center, July 2012; later donation: 2 Adirondack Marathon pins
Box 4: Tourist Pennants

4 Pennants (2018) – This is an open collection

1. Animal Land, Lake George, N.Y. 8" x 26"
2. New York World's Fair 1964 – 65, 9" x 26"
3. New York World's Fair 1964 – 65, 5" x 12"
4. Frontier Town in the Adirondacks, 9" x 27"

Notes: The following pieces have been moved to other collections:

Adirondack Red Wings hockey puck, 1999. Gift of Ruth DeMarsh, 1999. Moved to Redwings Collection.

Cased photograph (probably an ambrotype) – man, unidentified.

Cased photograph (probably an ambrotype) – group of 5 men, unidentified. Moved to Crandall Photographs.

Pin from Boys' Savings Club, an organization established by Henry Crandall, founder of Crandall Public Library – pin is numbered 77.

Accession number 1993-009. Moved to Henry Crandall Collection.

Note: This is an open collection and there is room in the trays for additional objects.

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