

RICHARD K. DEAN PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION: A Guide

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Richard K. Dean.
- Title:** Richard K. Dean Photograph Collection.
- Dates:** 1949-1982.
- Abstract:** Collection of black and white negatives taken by Glens Falls photographer, Richard K. Dean. Many photographs were taken for local newspapers, especially the Glens Falls *Times*, and show events in Glens Falls, N.Y., and neighboring communities, particularly Lake George. Subjects include businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, the military, recreation and theater, accidents and disasters, along with political, civic, business, cultural, and charitable organizations.
A collection of 184 photograph copy prints, which were donated to Crandall Public Library by Wendy Chitty, Richard K. Dean's daughter on 5/14/08, was added to this collection.
- Quantity:** 2 cubic feet (13 boxes, ca. 4,700 photographs)
- Identification Number:** Photographs

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Richard K. Dean was born in Brooklyn and his interest in photography began at a young age. He graduated in 1935 from the College of Photography at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Dean was employed at DuPont Photography in Rochester for ten years, but about 1948 he launched a business in commercial photography in Glens Falls, N.Y. His business has specialized in color post cards and travel brochures for resorts in the Adirondack region. Dean's extensive black and white photography of the Glens Falls area spans the years from 1949 until the early 1980s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

This photograph collection contains approximately 4,500 black and white negatives taken by Glens Falls photographer, Richard K. Dean. Many photographs were made for local newspapers, especially the Glens Falls *Times*, and show events in Glens Falls, N.Y., and neighboring communities, particularly Lake George. Subjects include businesses, schools, churches, synagogues, the military, recreation and theater, international visitors, foreign students, accidents and disasters, along with political, civic, business, cultural, and charitable organizations.

Businesses photographed include restaurants, hotels, automobile dealers and shows, banks, and stores. Public employees such as firemen, postal workers, and police are shown. There are numerous ceremonies described that honored employees and officials of organizations, especially at times of appointment, promotion, or retirement. Included are conventions of professional people, particularly insurance agents, dentists, and nurses. Military recruiters, draftees, and patriotic events such as Memorial Day and Veterans' Day also appear. Recreation and entertainment photographs include golf awards, fishing contests, ski resorts, theatrical performances, and beauty pageants. Many of the charitable organizations described are concerned with health issues or campaigns to seek cures for certain diseases or medical conditions. Several accidents and disasters are shown, especially automobile accidents, airplane crashes, floods, fires, crime, and fallen trees.

Organizations and institutions represented in the collection include: Adirondack Community College, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Business and Professional Women's Club of Glens Falls (B.P.W.), Camera Club, Chambers of Commerce, Civil Air Patrol, Crandall Library, Cub Scouts, Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), Eagles, Eastern Star, Elks, Girl Scouts, Glens Falls City officials (Mayor and Common Council), Glens Falls Country Club, Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls Operetta Club, Hyde Art Collection, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F), Jaycees, Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Pythias, Knights Templar, Lions Club, Little League, Masons, Miss Adirondack, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.), Newcomers Club, Optimist Club, Recreation Commission, Red Cross, Republican Party, Rialto Theater, Rotary Club, Salvation Army, United Commercial Travelers of America (U.C.T.), United Nations Day, Warren County Board of Supervisors, Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.), and Zonta Club.

Prominent people shown include Governors Thomas E. Dewey and Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, G. David Schine, and the funeral procession of "Bronco Charlie" Miller.

ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

Arranged chronologically.

The addition of 184 photograph copy prints, donated by Wendy Chitty, is stored separately and is not chronologically organized with the pre-existing photographs and negatives.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Accidents—New York (State)—Photographs.
Associations, institutions, etc.—New York (State)—Photographs.
Charities—New York (State) —Photographs.
Disasters—New York (State)—Photographs.
Employees—New York (State)—Photographs.
Politicians—New York (State)—Photographs.
Recreation—New York (State)—Photographs.
Religious institutions—New York (State)—Photographs.
Schools—New York (State)—Photographs.
Soldiers—New York (State)—Photographs.

Places: George, Lake (N.Y.: Lake)—History—Photographs.
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.
New York (State)—Commerce—Photographs.

Important People: Dean, Richard K.
Dewey, Thomas E. (Thomas Edmund), 1902-1971.
Miller, Charlie (Bronco Charlie), 1850-1955.
Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994.
Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979.
Schine, G. David.

Form/Genre: Black-and-white negatives.
Photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

There is a typed inventory of the approximately 4,500 negatives of the Richard K. Dean Photograph Collection, created by Crandall Public Library volunteer Betty Kern. The hard copy is in the Finding Aids binder and the Access database is on the Reference Desk Computer, both in the Folklife Center.