

CHARLES W. COOL SCRAPBOOKS

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Charles Willis Cool.
- Title:** Charles W. Cool Scrapbooks.
- Dates:** 1900-1932.
- Abstract:** Charles W. Cool (1858-1932) was involved in insurance, real estate, and telephone businesses in Glens Falls. He was elected the first Mayor of the City of Glens Falls in 1908, and elected again as Mayor in 1922. The Charles W. Cool Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings compiled by him, mainly concerning Glens Falls politics, government, elections, businesses, and horse racing.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot (1 box, 4 volumes).
- Identification Number:** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Charles Willis Cool (1858-1932) was involved in the insurance, real estate, and telephone businesses in Glens Falls, New York. He was elected President of the Village of Glens Falls in 1905, serving for one year. In 1908 he was elected the first Mayor of the City of Glens Falls, serving in that post until 1910. Charles Cool ran unsuccessfully for re-election in 1910, ran unsuccessfully again in 1912, but in 1922 he was once again elected as Mayor. He founded the Union Telephone Company of Glens Falls about 1900. After a few years it merged with the Commercial Union Telephone Company of Troy, New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Charles W. Cool Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings compiled by him, mainly concerning Glens Falls politics, government, political campaigns and elections, businesses, insurance industry, and horse racing (especially trotting and pacing). Some of the clippings pertain to Cool's business and political activities. Also present are political cartoons. Finally, Volume 2 includes some financial records of the New Union Telephone Company (serving Glens Falls, Sandy Hill, and Fort Edward), 1903-1905; also some financial records of the Commercial Union Telephone Company, 1906-1909.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Caricatures and cartoons—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Electioneering—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Elections—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Horse racing—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Insurance—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
Telephone companies—New York (State)
- Places:** Glens Falls (N.Y.)—Commerce.
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—Politics and government.
- Organizations:** Commercial Union Telephone Company (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
New Union Telephone Company (N.Y.)
- Important People:** Cool, Charles W.
- Form/Genre:** Account books.
Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Preferred Citation:** Charles W. Cool Scrapbooks,
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.
- Accession Information:** Brought to Crandall Library by R. Conlin.
- Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Albert W. Fowler.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Volume 1: 1900-1907

Newspaper clippings compiled by Charles W. Cool, concerning horse racing (especially trotting and pacing), insurance industry, and politics in Glens Falls. Charles Cool was elected President of the Village of Glens Falls in 1905, serving for one year.

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Volume 2: 1903-1921

Newspaper clippings compiled by Charles W. Cool concerning Glens Falls politics and business, 1908-1921, especially the 1912 election campaign for Mayor of Glens Falls. Also contains some financial records of New Union Telephone Company (serving Glens Falls, Sandy Hill, and Fort Edward), 1903-1905; also of the Commercial Union Telephone Company, 1906-1909.

Volume 3: 1908-1914

Newspaper clippings compiled by Charles W. Cool, mainly concerning Glens Falls politics, government, and elections. Charles Cool was elected in 1908 as the first Mayor of the City of Glens Falls, serving in that post until 1910. Scrapbook contains much information about his administration and the 1910 election campaign. Also included are cartoons portraying political and business leaders of Glens Falls.

Volume 4: 1925-1932

Newspaper clippings compiled by Charles W. Cool, concerning Glens Falls politics, elections, government, budgets, and businesses.