

# NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION RECORDS

## A Guide to the Collection:

### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library  
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs  
Glens Falls, NY
- Creator:** New York State Historical Association.
- Title:** New York State Historical Association Records.
- Dates:** 1909-1915 (bulk 1909–1910).
- Abstract:** These records are mainly correspondence and financial papers of James A. Holden and Frederick B. Richards, both of whom were officers of the New York State Historical Association, regarding membership, library issues, exchanges of publications with other historical societies, and the solicitation of books and papers by the Association. Some letters concern the management of the State Battle Ground Park in Lake George, NY.
- Quantity:** 0.4 cubic feet (1 box)
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

James A. Holden was a Trustee and Treasurer of the Association. He also served as New York State Historian from 1911 to 1916. Frederick B. Richards was Assistant Secretary of the Association. Both men lived in Glens Falls, N.Y. and conducted Association business there. The New York State Historical Association was chartered in 1899. In 1938 it moved to Cooperstown, N.Y., where it currently operates as a private, non-profit educational institution.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records of the New York State Historical Association are dated January 4, 1909-September 15, 1915; the bulk of the records are dated between November 1, 1909 and May 16, 1910. They consist mainly of the correspondence of James A. Holden and Frederick B. Richards concerning membership, financial matters, library issues, exchanges of publications with other historical societies, and solicitation of books and papers by the Association. Some correspondence involves lobbying New York State legislators for action on bills of special interest to the Association, particularly regarding the management of the State Battle Ground Park in Lake George.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

The records are arranged chronologically.

## INDEX TERMS:

- Topics:** Historic sites—New York (State)  
History—Societies, etc.—New York (State)
- Places:** George, Lake (N.Y.:Lake)—History—Sources.  
Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.  
New York (State)—History—Sources.
- Organizations:** New York State Historical Association.
- Important People:** Holden, James Austin, 1861-1918.  
Richards, Frederick B.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

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