Guide to the Archival Collections at the Adirondack Research Library

In the Kelly Adirondack Center, Union College

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The Kelly Adirondack Center:

Union College’s Kelly Adirondack Center (KAC) engages the campus community and the wider public with interdisciplinary study of the Adirondacks and the complex relationships between nature and society.

Adirondack Research Library Collections:

The Adirondack Research Library (ARL) was established in 1979 and is located within the KAC. In 2011, Union College assumed long-term responsibility of the ARL from Protect the Adirondacks!, Inc.

In 2013, Union dedicated the Kelly Adirondack Center, an interdisciplinary environmental research center located at the site of conservationist Paul Schaefer’s Niskayuna home. The KAC/ARL are open to the Union community and to the general public. The archival collections span almost a century and document the turbulent terrain conservationists navigated to establish and protect the Adirondack Park. The materials highlight different approaches that influenced U.S. policies and attitudes toward protecting the environment. The ARL collections reveal a century of debate among citizen activists and lawmakers who helped preserve the Park as a ‘mixed use’ public space that incorporates private property within its boundary.
**Hours and contact information:** The Adirondack Research Library (ARL) at the KAC is open to the public M-F, 10-4pm and by appointment. The ARL is located in a residential area at 897 St. David’s Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Contact: (518) 388-7000 or online: arl@union.edu

**Formats in the ARL archives:**
The ARL archival collections are one-of-a-kind records created by individuals and organizations that reflect their daily lives or business. Unlike traditional library book collections, the archival materials are primarily unpublished and unique. Formats range from photographs and letters to three-dimensional objects and ephemera.

**What is an archivist?**
Archivists are professionally trained information managers, who arrange and describe archival collections so they are preserved and accessible for research. Archivists also assist researchers to locate specific items.

**Using the ARL archives:**
Because archival collections consist of primary source (unique) documents, using them requires specific policies and procedures. For example, the collections may not be checked out and researchers often need to visit the archives to view materials. In some cases, archival collections may be online. However, protocols for using the collections are necessary to maximize security and minimize damage. For example, researchers are asked to wash their hands before handling archival materials and use only #2 pencils for note taking. However, researchers may bring laptops and take photos of materials.
The Purpose of this Guide:
This guide is a list of ARL archival collections that are available for researchers. However, it does not include *every single* archival collection. Likewise, many of the collections on the list may not yet be arranged and described (processed) and readily accessible. The staff at the ARL will work with researchers to help make collections available as needed.

How to use this guide:
Each collection has a brief description to help researchers understand the content in the materials.
Descriptors are also provided that describe the collections as follows:

Title: Name of the collection.

Identifier: The identification number for an archival collection. Please use this number when requesting materials.

Dates: When the collection was created. Dates may be approximate since archival materials tend to be unpublished.

Extent: The size of the collection as measured in cubic or linear feet. Includes the number of boxes that comprise the materials.

Finding aid: A descriptive guide that helps researchers navigate collections. It also consolidates and provides context to the materials. Some finding aids are available online, as noted in the listed collection descriptions.
Online sources and websites:
You may also follow these links for more information:

- Adirondack Research Library (ARL):
  http://libguides.union.edu/arl/ARL-home

- Kelly Adirondack Center (KAC):
  https://muse.union.edu/adirondack/

Online finding Aids:
Access to collections that have associated online finding aids are also available at these websites.

- http://libguides.union.edu/arl/ARL-finding-aids
- https://www.union.edu/schaffer-library/john-s-apperson-papers-finding-aid
- https://www.union.edu/schaffer-library/paul-schaefer-collection

Kelly Adirondack Center at Union College
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The archival collections are listed alphabetically. Note: personal names are listed by last name first.

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Adirondack Council Records

Identifier: ARL 043
Dates: 1982-1999
Extent: .58 cubic feet (1 box)

Correspondence, meeting records, reports, and other documents from the Adirondack Council.

Adirondack Mountain Club, Schenectady Chapter Breakabeen and Prattsville Intervention Files

Identifier: ARL 025
Dates: 1973-1987
Extent: .38 cubic feet (1 Box)

Files of successful opposition by the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club to a proposed dam in Breakabeen or Prattsville, NY.

Adirondack Research Library Map Collection

Identifier: ARL 053
Dates: 1772-2009
Extent: 80.7 cubic feet (17 drawers, 8 boxes)

Historic, topographic, Adirondacks and Catskill maps. Finding aids are online at:
“Historic and Contemporary Maps.”
“Maps Topographic 7.5 Min. Adirondack.”
“Maps Topographic 7.5 Min. Catskills.”
“Maps Topographic 15 Min. Adirondack.”
Adirondack Research Library Postcard Collection

Identifier: ARL 028  
Dates: 1915-1940  
Extent: 1.08 cubic feet (3 boxes)  
Postcards of mostly Adirondack scenes. Many of the postcard images are the work of Harold Ross.  
Finding aid available online

Adirondack Research Library Print Collection

Identifier: ARL 066  
Dates: 1759-1966  
Extent: .45 cubic feet (1 box)  
Lithographs and other copy prints depicting Adirondack scenes and events collected by the Adirondack Research Library.

Adirondacks Vertical Files

Identifier: ARL 042  
Dates: 1800s-present  
Extent: 50 cubic feet (6 file drawers, 98 boxes, 19 volumes)  
Clippings, reports, pamphlets, ephemera, and material of a wide range of Adirondacks related topics. Finding aid available online.

John S. Apperson, Jr. Papers

Identifier: ARL 012  
Dates: 1899-1963  
Extent: 44 cubic feet (50 Boxes, 1 Drawer)
John S. Apperson Jr. was an environmental grassroots organizer and General Electric employee during the early to mid-20th century. Apperson worked with New York State officials to acquire lands in the High Peaks and around Lake George for inclusion in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The papers consist of correspondence, maps, litigation manuscripts, legislative documents, pamphlets, circulars, published materials, photographs and audio recordings.  
Finding aid available online.

Mary Arakelian Research Files on Orra Phelps

Identifier: ARL 050  
Dates: 1900-1996  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 box)

Phelps was a physician, naturalist, botanist, hiker, mountaineer, teacher, and writer responsible for publishing the Adirondack Mountain Club’s Guide to Adirondack Trails (1934). The collection consists of correspondence, notes, and other research materials used by Mary Arakelian in writing a biography of her aunt entitled, Orra A. Phelps, M.D.: Adirondack Naturalist and Mountaineer (2000). Finding aid available online.

Howard I. Becker Long Lake Typescripts

Identifier: ARL 054  
Dates: 1956-1975  
Extent: .38 cubic feet (1 box)
Historical accounts, essays, and poems written or compiled by Howard I. Becker about the Long Lake area.

**Catskills Vertical Files**

Identifier: ARL 044  
Dates: 1800s-present  
Extent: 2.75 cubic feet (1 drawer)

Clippings, reports, ephemera, and other material documenting the Catskills. [Finding aid available online.](#)

**Sherret S. Chase Papers**

Identifier: ARL 046  
Dates: 1967-2015  
Extent: 21.07 cubic feet (16 boxes)

Chase was an author and co-founder of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. The papers consist of organizational records from the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (AfPA), Catskill Center for Conservation and Development (CCCD), Friends of the Catskill Interpretive Center (FCIC), the Olive Natural Heritage Society and related Adirondacks and Catskills environmental groups.

**Citizens’ Northway Committee Records**

Identifier: ARL 005  
Dates: 1956-1960  
Extent: .76 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Records of correspondence, publications and reports on the campaign against the Northway. Contains material informing New York voters about Amendment #2 and notes on speeches between committee members and legislators. After the amendment passed, the Adirondack Route was chosen and the committee next worked to fight Amendment #6, which proposed transferring management of the Erie Canal to the federal government in order to ease the development of Hunter Mountain. Finding aid available online.

**Thomas L. Cobb Papers**

Identifier: ARL 023  
Dates: 1975-2005  
Extent: 1.94 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Thomas L. Cobb is a Director at Adirondack Wild and former trustee of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks. The papers consist of writings, correspondence, notes, and other materials relating to Cobb's academic, government, and advocacy work on environmentalism in New York.

**Almy D. Coggeshall Papers**

Identifier: ARL 041  
Dates: 1965-2008  
Extent: 2.65 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Almy D. Coggeshall was a chemical engineer at the Materials and Processes Laboratory of General Electric. In 1974, he was appointed to the
Schenectady County Citizens Environmental Advisory Council where he served for 16 years. His papers consist of writings, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera about environmental advocacy in the Adirondacks, with a particular emphasis on his opposition to the presence of snow machines in the park. [Finding aid available online.]

**Verplanck Colvin Portfolio of Photo Proofs**

Identifier: ARL 072  
Dates: 1800-1899  
Extent: .44 cubic feet (1 box)

Photographs of the work of Colvin's *Adirondack Survey* as used by the federal government to publish survey reports.

**Constitutional Council for the Forest Preserve Records**

Identifier: ARL 007  
Dates: 1966-1976  
Extent: 2.46 cubic feet (2 boxes)

The Constitutional Council was formed as a coalition to address proposed changes to Article XIV during the New York State Constitutional Convention in 1966. Papers cover internal discussions informing environmental activists and political leaders and APA’s plan to classify and zone wilderness in the Adirondack Park. [Finding aid available online.]

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Couch-Sa-Chra-Ga Association Records

Identifier: ARL 011
Dates: 1968-1987
Extent: 1.53 cubic feet (3 Boxes)

Correspondence, finances, and other records of the Couch-Sa-Chra-Ga Association relating to its production of films about the Adirondacks.

Arthur M. Crocker Papers

Identifier: ARL 029
Dates: 1920s-1995
Extent: 7.61 cubic feet (7 boxes)

Arthur M. Crocker was President of the Tahawus Club, President and Chairman of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, a member of the Constitutional Council for the Forest Preserve, Vice Chairman of the Adirondack Council, and a board member of many environmental organizations. The collection documents AfPA’s responses to environmental issues and events concerning the Adirondacks, 1970s-1980s. The papers detail ethical issues about the use of New York public and private lands. The papers cover issues such as responsible forestry, conservation, and recreation. Well-documented topics include the creating of the APA, acid rain and invasive species. Finding aid available online.
**Louis Curth Papers**

Identifier: ARL 033  
Dates: 1885-2003  
Extent: 12.87 cubic feet (11 boxes)

The collection contains Curth’s research materials used for writing *The Forest Rangers: A History of the New York State Forest Ranger Force* (1987), as well as manuscripts, reports, correspondence, photographs, and other records pertaining to his forest ranger service. [Finding aid available online.](#)

**George R. Davis Papers**

Identifier: ARL 027  
Dates: 1968-1993  
Extent: 6.52 cubic feet (6 boxes)

A life-long resident of Lowville, NY, Judge George Davis was active in civic affairs. The papers cover his work on the Temporary Study Commission on the Adirondacks, the Commission on the Adirondacks in the 21st Century, the Adirondack Council, and other organizations.

**Kay Flickinger Dockstader Papers**

Identifier: ARL 048  
Dates: 1910-1995  
Extent: 4.62 cubic feet (12 boxes)

Dockstader was the 41st person to climb all 46 High Peaks. She also was secretary of the 46ers organization. By 1958 she had climbed all High Peaks twice. The collection contains prints and
negatives, journals, trail notes, Otyokwa Club yearbooks, maps, and ephemera from her extensive travels in the Adirondacks. 
Finding available online.

Dome Island Memorial Sanctuary Records

Identifier: ARL 030
Dates: 1916-1995
Extent: 1.23 cubic feet (1 box)

Correspondence, reports, and publicity relating to the establishment and maintenance of the Dome Island Memorial Sanctuary in the Adirondacks. 
Finding aid available online.

Jeanne Robert Foster Papers

Identifier: ARL 037
Dates: 1910-1970
Extent: 12.34 cubic feet (11 boxes)

Jeanne Robert Foster was a poet, model, and social worker who was born in Johnsburg, NY. She is one of the most well-known women from the Adirondacks. Her social connections in the arts and literature included friendships with William Butler Yates and Ezra Pound. Foster's papers consist of correspondence, scrapbooks, unpublished manuscripts, photographs and ephemera. This collection is undergoing processing. A finding aid is forthcoming.
Carl J. George Collection

Identifier: ARL 068  
Dates: 1974-2014  
Extent: 3.87 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Carl George is Professor of Biology (Emeritus) at Union College. The collection contains collected newspaper clippings, letters and materials about the Adirondacks that was part of his work on the Adirondack chronology. Includes Adirondack biology, environmentalism and a book of calligraphy by Mark Wang.

David Gibson Papers

Identifier: ARL 036  
Dates: 1965-2000  
Extent: 7.37 cubic feet (6 boxes)

As an author and former Executive Director of The Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, Gibson’s papers consist of correspondence, reports, notes, publications and research files. The collection’s primary focus is about land use and development within both the public and privately-owned lands in the Adirondack Park. Finding aid available online.

James Glover and Philip Terrie Research Files on Bob Marshall

Identifier: ARL 016  
Dates: 1927-2001  
Extent: 2.46 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Fred M. Howgate Photographs

Identifier: ARL 047
Dates: 1920s
Extent: .17 cubic feet (1 box)

Photos feature rivers and lakes in the Adirondacks by Fred M. Howgate of Amsterdam, NY.

Iroquois Hills, Inc. Stock Book

Identifier: ARL 071
Dates: 1955-1970
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)

Stock book of Common and Preferred Stock Certificates for the Iroquois Hills, Inc.
Dale Jeffers Collection

Identifier: ARL 057
Dates: 1950-2008
Extent: .58 cubic feet (1 box)

Dale Jeffers is the Adirondack Research Library Committee Chair at Protect the Adirondacks!, Inc. His collection consists of copies of maps and deeds relating to Lows Lake.

Harold Jerry Papers

Identifier: ARL 045
Dates: 1950s-1990s
Extent: 18 boxes

Harold Jerry was a lawyer and former New York State senator who played a major role in the state’s plan to save the Adirondacks from overdevelopment. His collection includes correspondence, reports, publications, and other papers documenting Adirondack preservation efforts.

Joe Jillisky Manuscript: "What the Rocks and Mountains Tell Me: Verplanck Colvin and the Exploration of the Adirondack Mountains."

Identifier: ARL 060
Dates: 1976-1997
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 box)
Draft manuscript of an unpublished biography of Verplanck Colvin. Includes an introduction and several pieces of correspondence by Neal S. Burdick.

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Milo R. Kniffen Case File on Panther Mountain Dam

Identifier: ARL 031
Dates: 1923-1965
Extent: 1.46 cubic feet (2 boxes)

The collection consists of the legal files Kniffen generated while serving as the attorney for the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (AfPA) during their successful fight against the proposed Panther Mountain Dam project. [Finding aid available online.](#)

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Lake Placid Club Collection

Identifier: ARL 002
Dates: 1898-2002
Extent: 1.63 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Melvin Dewey organized the Lake Placid Club (LPC) on the shores of Mirror Lake in 1893. Dewey wanted the club to be a place for year-round relaxation and instruction. The LPC was known for its distinctive customs and celebrations. The collection was donated by Smiley Brothers, Inc. Daniel Smiley, former owner of Mohonk Mountain House, originally held the collection.
Materials consist primarily of printed items, newsletters, menus, and pamphlets describing club activities. Finding aid available online.

**Donald J. LeBeau, Photographs**

Identifier: ARL 040  
Dates: 1940s-1960s  
Extent: .1 cubic feet (1 box)

Photographs documenting rock and ice climbing trips taken by Donald J. LeBeau. Also includes a flash drive of digital scans and other LeBeau photographs compiled by Richard E. Tucker.

**John Patterson Lundy, Manuscript**

Identifier: ARL 070  
Dates: 1880, 2003  
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)

John Patterson Lundy was an American Episcopalian pastor and writer, known for serving as the chaplain at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in New York. His collection consists of an incomplete autobiographical manuscript of his experience in the Adirondacks and his thoughts about religion. The papers also include a transcript and commentary by former Adirondack Research Library employee, Edith Pilcher.
Carolyn B. Malkin Collection
Identifier: ARL 032
Dates: 1908-1990
Extent: .24 cubic feet (1 box)

The collection consists of photocopied historical materials about Beaver Lake and includes accounts of camping trips taken by Bob Gillespie (Carolyn Malkin’s grandfather) and Harvey and Ray Durham.

George and Enoch Markham Land Indentures
Identifier: ARL 067
Dates: 1792
Extent: 1.68 cubic feet (1 box)

The collection includes copies of land indenture documents between William Lord (Archbishop of York) and George and Enoch Markham about land transactions in the Adirondacks.

Dudley Marple Photographs
Identifier: ARL 022
Dates: 1950-1989
Extent: .26 cubic feet (1 box)

Marple was a physicist and employee at the General Electric Global Research Center. An avid hiker, he climbed all mountains over 4,000 feet in New York State and New England. The collection consists of photographs taken by Marple while hiking the Adirondacks, Catskills, and other Northeastern mountains.
Bob Marshall Collection

Identifier: ARL 058
Dates: 1930-2006
Extent: .19 cubic feet (1 box)

Bob Marshall was a forester, writer and wilderness activist widely known for his involvement in founding the Wilderness Society of the United States. The collection consists of research materials, publications, photographs, and manuscripts.

Louis Marshall Papers

Identifier: ARL 014
Dates: 1916-1931
Extent: 1.41 cubic feet (6 boxes)

Marshall was a renowned corporate, constitutional and civil rights lawyer. His close ties to the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks are reflected in the collection. Includes correspondence, notes, legal papers, news releases and materials that document his environmental law work to preserve the Adirondacks. Finding aid available online.

Marshall Family Photographs

Identifier: ARL 015
Dates: 1900-1969
Extent: .38 cubic feet (1 box)

Marshall was a renowned corporate, constitutional and civil rights lawyer who took his children to
their Adirondack camp at Knollwood. These outings sparked the family’s love of wilderness. Louis’ sons, Bob and George, continued their father’s legacy in protecting wilderness and became well-known authors and preservationists. The photos consist mostly of family albums featuring the Marshall's recreational activities in the Adirondacks.

**Erwin Miller Papers**

Identifier: ARL 004  
Dates: 1970-1990  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 box)

The papers include published materials, meeting agendas, minutes, and correspondence from the ADK Conservation Committee on the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). Includes the committee’s activities with the APA and issues on specific Adirondack unit management plans. Topics include the relationship between the APA and the Local Government Review Board. [Finding aid available online.](#)

**Mohawk Valley Hiking Club Records**

Identifier: ARL 039  
Dates: 1929-2011  
Extent: 4.54 cubic feet (7 boxes)

The Mohawk Valley Hiking Club Records include publications, photographs, slides, maps, membership, financial records and ephemera documenting the history of the organization.
Arthur E. Newkirk Papers

Identifier: ARL 017
Dates: 1910-2002
Extent: 5.37 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Newkirk, a lifelong member of the Adirondack Mountain Club, persuaded the organization to increase their focus on environmental issues. He served as past president of Adirondack Loj and was a longtime member of the Nature Conservancy. The papers consist of correspondence and the Dome Island Memorial Sanctuary Committee Records. Includes conservation activism in the Adirondacks. [Finding aid available online.]

New York State Conservation Council, Inc. Records

Identifier: ARL 026
Dates: 1943-1989
Extent: 2.42 cubic feet (4 boxes)

The collection consists primarily of minutes of the New York State Conservation Council annual convention. Additional material includes reports, resolutions, and other records of the Council's Forest Preserve Committee. The committee files are mostly from Paul Schaefer, committee chair.

New York State Trails Conference Records

Identifier: ARL 003
Dates: 1935-1946
Extent: .38 cubic feet (1 box)
The collection consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, and records between conference members and New York State legislators concerning issues such as proposed ski trails on Whiteface Mountain. Finding aid available online.

Orson Schofield Phelps Collection

Identifier: ARL 051
Dates: 1878-1973
Extent: .46 cubic feet (1 box)

Phelps was an early Adirondack guide from Keene Valley, NY. The collection consists primarily of manuscript essays on the Adirondacks. Material includes genealogical information and publications by and about Phelps. Finding aid available online.

Edith Pilcher Papers

Identifier: ARL 075
Dates: 1793-2004
Extent: 5.13 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Pilcher was an author and founding member of the Adirondack Research Center (later Adirondack Research Library or ARL). The papers reflect her work as a freelance writer outside her duties as the ARL collection development chair. The materials consist of research papers, correspondence, notes, photographs, and manuscript drafts for her books on Adirondack history. Finding aid available online.
**Protect the Adirondacks!, Inc. Records**

Identifier: ARL 073  
Dates: 1901-2011  
Extent: 92.5 cubic feet (150 boxes)

The papers consist of administrative, financial and legal records about environmental issues addressed by Protect the Adirondacks!, Inc., and its predecessor organizations: the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks (AfPA) and Residents Committee to Protect the Adirondacks (RCPA). Includes records of the education arm of the AfPA, the Adirondack Research Center (ARC), later the Adirondack Research Library (ARL). The collection is undergoing processing; a finding aid is forthcoming.

**Gary Randorf Papers**

Identifier: ARL 021  
Dates: 1951-1994  
Extent: 4.92 cubic feet (4 boxes)

**Frances Rosevear Papers**
Identifier: ARL 058
Dates 1800s-1980
Extent: 2.66 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Rosevear was a chemist, author and Boy Scout troop leader who led trips in the Adirondacks. His papers contain drafts and research materials of his book: *Colvin in the Adirondacks* (1992).

**E. C. Sanders and H. D. Cranston Travel Accounts**
Identifier: ARL 062
Dates: 1911-1913
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)

Typescript travel accounts of a canoeing and hiking trip in the Adirondacks by E. C. Sanders and H. D. Cranston, includes photographs.

**Carl F. Schaefer Collection**
Identifier: ARL 055
Dates: 1963-1998
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)

Correspondence and ephemera relating primarily to his father, Paul Schaefer.

**James M. Schaefer Manuscript, "Native Americans and the Adirondacks"**
Identifier: ARL 064
Dates: 2000-2003
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)
Anthropological research paper by James M. Schaefer on Native Americans in the Adirondacks, includes maps and reprints.

**Paul Schaefer Collection**

Identifier: ARL 013  
Dates: 1908-1997  
Extent: 62 cubic feet (86 Boxes)

Paul Schaefer was an environmental grassroots organizer, activist, author, homebuilder, renovator and educator. The collection includes correspondence, maps, litigation materials, legislative documents, pamphlets, circulars, published documents, photographs, audio recordings, video recordings and family activities.  
[Finding aid available online.](#)

**Vincent J. Schaefer, Long Path Collection**

Identifier: ARL 065  
Dates: 1921-2001  
Extent: .38 cubic feet (1 box)

Vincent Schaefer was a chemist and meteorologist employed by the General Electric Research Laboratory. His brother was Paul Schaefer. The collection includes notes, writings, maps, and biographical materials. The bulk of materials relate to Schaefer's development and mapping of the Long Path of New York.  
[Finding aid available online.](#)
Schaefer Family Photographs
Identifier: ARL 061
Dates: 1976-1984
Extent: .1 cubic feet (1 box)

Photographs of the Adirondacks and Paul Schaefer family activities.

Schenectady Winter Sports Club Records
Identifier: ARL 008
Dates: 1929-2002
Extent: 1.99 cubic feet (3 boxes)

The Schenectady Winter Sports Club was founded in 1929 for the purpose of promoting outdoor winter activities for community members. The organization was integral in petitioning for the first ski trains into the Adirondacks in 1934. The collection consists of meeting minutes, newsletters, membership, clippings and financial records, along with documentation about the club’s activities. Finding aid available online.

A. C. Taylor Papers
Identifier: ARL 001
Dates: 1843-1940s
Extent: .76 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Memos, briefs, notes, and other legal documents relating to land titles in New York State. Finding aid available online.
V

Norman J. Van Valkenburgh Papers

Identifier: ARL 009
Dates: 1935-2003
Extent: 10.34 cubic feet (11 boxes)

Norman J. Van Valkenburgh is a land surveyor and author. The papers contain records from the Forest Preserve Centennial’s research files along with reports that were published by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Published articles include Valkenburgh’s vision for the Adirondack Park as informed by his decades of research and personal experience. Contains significant correspondence about Valkenburgh’s reputation as a highly respected surveyor, historian, speaker and author. Finding aid available online.

William K. Verner Papers

Identifier: ARL 020
Dates: 1960-1980
Extent: 14.63 cubic feet (31 Boxes)

Verner was the curator of the Adirondack Museum. His papers consist of correspondence, research, writings, speeches and other material about the conservation and history of the Adirondacks.
W

William M. White Collection

Identifier: ARL 063
Dates: 1973-1996
Extent: .19 cubic feet (1 box)

William M. White is a Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Cornell University. The collection includes his lecture files and forums on the Adirondacks, as well as photographs.

Leonard B. Williams Photographs

Identifier: ARL 069
Dates: 1978
Extent: .04 cubic feet (1 folder)

Photographs taken by Leonard B. Williams of areas located near the Sacandaga River.

John E. Winkler Papers

Identifier: ARL 038
Dates: 1976-2004
Extent: 3.76 cubic feet (3 boxes)

Winkler was a 46er, author, and photographer for books, articles and calendars that featured off-trail locations in the Adirondack and Shawangunk Mountains. Papers consist of slides, photographs and notes of his trips in the Adirondacks.
George J. Youngs Papers

Identifier: ARL 034
Dates: 1928-1978
Extent: 3.69 cubic feet (3 boxes)

George Youngs was a Forest General Foreman and District Ranger for the New York State Conservation Department District number 9 (now Region number 5). The papers document Youngs' career with a focus on firefighting and pest control. Finding aid available online.

Howard Zahniser Papers

Identifier: ARL 056
Dates: 1946-1990
Extent: .12 cubic feet (3 folders)

Howard Zahniser was an environmental activist and principle author of The Wilderness Act of 1964. His papers consist of correspondence with Paul Schaefer and financial documents around land purchases. Includes some photographs and correspondence with Archie "Bobcat" Rainey.