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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Adirondack Research Library |
| Title: | Almy D. Coggeshall papers |
| ID: | ARL.041 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1962-2009 |
| Physical Description: | 5 Boxes |
| Physical Description: | 2.52 Cubic Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Almy D. Coggeshall papers measure 2.52 cubic feet and were created during the years 1962-2009. They consist of correspondence, writings, photographs, and files on winter recreation in New York State with a focus on opposition to snowmobiles. |

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Biographical / Historical

Almy D. Coggeshall (1917-2009) graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in chemistry and began his career with General Electric in Schenectady in the Materials and Processes Laboratory. He would work for GE for 35 years and earn 20 patents for his work.

Him and his wife Anne joined the Adirondack Mountain Club in the 1940s. They were responsible for popularizing cross country skiing in Eastern New York. They also authored guide books suggesting skiing locations and wrote articles promoting the activity for magazines. He helped organize the Roger's Ranger Run on Lake George, a 32-mile cross country ski race which commemorated the French and Indian War.

In 1974 he was appointed to the Schenectady County Citizens Environmental Advisory Council where he designed a county-wide solution to waste disposal that included recycling. As a consultant for New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation, he helped draft proposals for several wilderness areas including Schenectady County's Plotterkill Preserve, Indian Kill Preserve, and County Forest.

During his term as President of the Adirondack Mountain Club from 1980-1982, he helped organize a system of Trail Crew contacts with DEC to maintain trails, as well as a plan for inventorying trail conditions. When snowmobiles became popular, he was successful in limiting their use to specially

designated areas. Coggeshall was a life-long advocate for the protection of the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

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Content Description

The collection contains documentary evidence of citizen efforts in management and protection of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Materials include writings, correspondence, photographs, and subject files relating to Almy D. Coggeshall's environmental advocacy in the Adirondacks. His work included adopting the carry-out system of waste disposal, promoting cross-country skiing, and limiting the use of snowmobiles within the Adirondacks.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged as four series. Contents are generally arranged by format and alphabetically thereafter.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1967-2004

Series 2: Writings, 1967-1999

Series 3: Subject Files, 1962-2009

Series 4: Photographic Materials, 1968-2006

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Custodial History

First part of the collection donated by Almy D. Coggeshall, June 2005. The bulk of the collection donated by Martha Leonard and Robert Coggeshall, January 2009. On April 22, 2011, Protect the Adirondacks! placed the collection on permanent loan with Union College.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Adirondacks (N.Y.)
- Environmental degradation -- Adirondack Park (N.Y.)
- Nature conservation -- New York (State) -- Adirondack Forest Preserve
- Skis and skiing
- Skiers
- Snowmobiling -- Environmental aspects
- Wilderness areas -- United States

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1967-2004

Physical Description: 0.38 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, mostly of a professional nature between Coggeshall and environmental agencies, skiing organizations, and individuals concerned with environmental issues in the Adirondacks. Much of the content focuses on snowmobile control, skiing, and tourism. Coggeshall wrote as part of official duties as the President of the Eastern New York Ski Touring Association, a member of the Regional Advisory Council of the DEC, a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club, as well as unofficially as a concerned citizen. The bulk of the correspondence dates from the late 1960s and early 1970s. Materials are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

| Title/Description | Instances |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Adirondack Mountain Club, 1967-1969 | box 1 folder 1 |

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| Adirondack Park Agency, 1976-1980 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Beamish, Richard, 2001 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Boy's Life Magazine, 1968-1969 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Case, Oliver P., 1969 | box 1 | folder 5 |
| Colin, Robert L. | box 1 | folder 6 |
| The Conservation League, 1969 | box 1 | folder 7 |
| Crocker, Arthur M., 1969 | box 1 | folder 8 |
| DEC, 1969-1977 | box 1 | folder 9 |
| Dudley, Charles M., undated | box 1 | folder 10 |
| Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, 1968-1969 | box 1 | folder 11 |
| Fleck, Joel J., 1967 | box 1 | folder 12 |
| Frese, Paul, 1970 | box 1 | folder 13 |
| Glider, Victor, 1970 | box 1 | folder 14 |
| Goodwin, Tony, 2001 | box 1 | folder 15 |
| Graydon, Leonard R., 1968-1969 | box 1 | folder 16 |
| Gregory, Peter T., 1969 | box 1 | folder 17 |
| Healy, Terry, 1979 | box 1 | folder 18 |
| Henderson, Bob, 1969 | box 1 | folder 19 |
| Hope, Leighton A., 1967-1968 | box 1 | folder 20 |
| Horan, Joseph J., 1970 | box 1 | folder 21 |
| Ives, W.G., 1969-1970 | box 1 | folder 22 |
| Jerry, Harold Jr., 1970 | box 1 | folder 23 |
| King, Lawrence, 1969-1970 | box 1 | folder 24 |
| Knopp, Timothy B., 1975 | box 1 | folder 25 |
| Langan, Laura, 1969 | box 1 | folder 26 |
| Lipman, Martin, 1970 | box 1 | folder 27 |
| Masters, Andrea, 2003 | box 1 | folder 28 |
| Mattesich, Rudolf, 1969-1970 | box 1 | folder 29 |
| Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1970-2004 | box 1 | folder 30 |
| Moritz, Carl Jr., 1970 | box 1 | folder 31 |
| Mulholland, William D., 1968 | box 1 | folder 32 |
| Nellis, John W., 1979 | box 1 | folder 33 |

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| Newhouse, David, 1969 | box 1 | folder 34 |
| Newkirk, Arthur, 1970 | box 1 | folder 35 |
| Norton, Robert B., 1969-1970 | box 1 | folder 36 |
| Parkinson, Ken, 1970 | box 1 | folder 37 |
| Petty, William, 1968 | box 1 | folder 38 |
| Shapiro, Norman, 1969 | box 1 | folder 39 |
| Ski Touring Council, 1969-1970 | box 1 | folder 40 |
| Smith, Walter C., 1971 | box 1 | folder 41 |
| Verner, William K., 1968 | box 1 | folder 42 |
| Virginia Trail Association, 1979 | box 1 | folder 43 |
| Woodford, Albert J., 1969 | box 1 | folder 44 |
| Wyckoff, Jerome, 1970 | box 1 | folder 45 |
| Young, Robert E., 1969-1973 | box 1 | folder 46 |

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Writings, 1967-1999

Physical Description: 0.19 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Published and unpublished writings on ethics, skiing, snowmobiles, land use, Adirondack history, recycling, and other wilderness topics. Includes manuscript drafts of articles as well as final published versions. Articles were published in Wilderness Camping Magazine, The Conservationist, National Wildlife, Adirondac, and various organizational newsletters. Manuscript materials also include transcriptions of personal recollections presented at conferences and events.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Contributions of Almy Coggeshall to the Adirondack Forest Preserve, undated | box 2 | folder 1 |
| "Comments on the Multiple Use Trail Concept", Almy Coggeshall, undated | box 2 | folder 2 |
| "Recollections of John Apperson", Almy Coggeshall, undated | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Manuscripts, 1974-1999 | box 2 | folder 4 |
| Published Articles, 1969-1999 | box 2 | folder 5 |
| Ski Touring Articles, 1967-1970 | box 2 | folder 6 |

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Subject Files, 1962-2009

Physical Description: 1.57 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Files compiled by Coggeshall on wilderness topics used for administrative and information purposes. These include publications, maps, newspaper clippings, articles, reports, surveys, and other records. Some folders contain notes written by Coggeshall to give the researcher a broader context into the background of specific issues facing the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Materials are arranged alphabetically.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Adirondack Club and Resort Proposal, 2007 | box 3 | folder 1 |
| Adirondack Club and Resort Proposal Site Maps, 2007 | box 3 | folder 2 |
| Adirondack Mountain Club Conservation Committee on Ski Touring, 1969-1971 | box 3 | folder 3 |
| Adirondack Park Agency Committee on Wilderness Area Nonconforming Uses, 1975 | box 3 | folder 4 |
| Adirondack Park Agency Master Plan Ski Touring, 1972 | box 3 | folder 5 |
| Administration of Public Lands, 1969-1972 | box 3 | folder 6 |
| Camping and Campsite Maintenance, 1974-1984 | box 3 | folder 7 |
| Clippings on the Environmental Movement, 1970-1971 | box 3 | folder 8-9 |
| Hearings before the U.S. Senate Committee on Parks and Recreation, 1970-2008 | box 3 | folder 10 |
| Helderberg Ski Club Membership, 1975 | box 3 | folder 11 |
| High Peaks Commission, 1974-2008 | box 3 | folder 12 |
| High Peaks Committee Department of Environmental Conservation, 1975 | box 3 | folder 13 |
| High Peaks Studies, 1975 | box 3 | folder 14 |
| High Peaks Wilderness Advisory Committee Summary Findings Report, 1977 | box 3 | folder 15 |
| Inventory of Trails and Routes in the Adirondack Forest Preserve for Nordic Skiing, undated | box 3 | folder 16 |
| Plan for Removal of Lean-tos over 3500 Feet, undated | box 3 | folder 17 |
| Man, Machine and Snow, 1975 | box 4 | folder 1 |
| Manuscripts on High Peaks Skiing by Richard Tucker, 1998 | box 4 | folder 2 |
| Miscellaneous, 1967-2008 | box 4 | folder 3-4 |
| National Committee for the Protection of Trail Country, 1962-1965 | box 4 | folder 5-6 |
| Newspaper Clippings, 1968-2000 | box 4 | folder 7 |

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| Nordic Skis and Snowmobile Survey, 1974 | box 4 | folder 8 |
| Obituaries for Anne and Almy Coggeshall, 2009 | box 4 | folder 9 |
| Partridge Run Controversy, 1969-1974 | box 4 | folder 10 |
| Publications, Free Country Times, 1973 | box 4 | folder 11 |
| Publications, Land Use Planning, 1974 | box 4 | folder 12 |
| Publications, Shawangunk Mountains, 1981-1995 | box 4 | folder 13 |
| Publications, Ski Touring Council, 1967-1970 | box 4 | folder 14 |
| Publications, Ski Touring in the Northeastern United States, 1967 | box 4 | folder 15 |
| Publications, Snowmobiling and Off Road Vehicles, 1968-1973 | box 4 | folder 16 |
| Publications, Winter Hiking in the New York State Forest Preserve, undated | box 4 | folder 17 |
| Publications, Writings on Wilderness, 1966-1974 | box 4 | folder 18 |
| Recreational Cars, 1965-1972 | box 4 | folder 19 |
| Recreation Policy for Federal Lands, 1978 | box 4 | folder 20 |
| Report on Ridge Runners Program, 1974-1975 | box 4 | folder 21 |
| Roger's Rangers Run, 1967-1971 | box 4 | folder 22 |
| Roger's Rangers Run Manuscripts, 1972-1974 | box 4 | folder 23 |
| Roger's Ranger Run Map, undated | box 4 | folder 24 |
| Roger's Rangers Run Report on Procedures, 1971 | box 4 | folder 25 |
| Rules and Regulations of Operation of Motorized Vehicles, 1965 | box 4 | folder 26 |
| Ski Touring Charts, 1974-1979 | box 4 | folder 27 |
| Ski Touring Council Minutes, 1979 | box 4 | folder 28 |
| Ski Touring Council Schedules and Workshops, 1968-1970 | box 4 | folder 29 |
| Ski Touring Publications, 1968-1970 | box 4 | folder 30 |
| Ski Touring Performance of Older Men and Women in Washington's Birthday Race, 1971 | box 4 | folder 31 |
| Ski Touring Survey on How Fast People Ski, undated | box 4 | folder 32 |
| Ski Touring Trails, 1970 | box 4 | folder 33 |
| Snowmobile Clippings and Articles, 1968-1974 | box 4 | folder 34 |
| Snowmobile Conference Proceedings, 1969 | box 4 | folder 35 |
| Statement and Recommendations of Sierra Club on Off Road Vehicles, 1972 | box 4 | folder 36 |
| Statements by Almy Coggeshall Representing Eastern New York Ski Touring Association, 1972 | box 4 | folder 37 |

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| Statement by Constitutional Council for the Forest Preserve Position on Snowmobiles, 1969 | box 4 | folder 38 |
| Statements Made at Public Hearings Regarding Off Road Vehicle Issue, 1971-1976 | box 4 | folder 39 |
| Statement of William Frenette on Master Plan of the Adirondack Park Agency, 1972 | box 4 | folder 40 |
| Statements to New Hampshire Off Road Vehicle Study Committee, undated | box 4 | folder 41 |
| Trails, 1968-1971 | box 4 | folder 42 |
| Trail Maps for Snowmobiles and Skis, 2004-2006 | box 4 | folder 43 |
| Trails Recommended for Ski Touring on State Lands Near the Capital District, 1969 | box 4 | folder 44 |
| Trash and Solid Waste Removal, 1966-1973 | box 4 | folder 45 |
| White, William , 1969-2004 | box 4 | folder 46 |
| Wilderness Management Reports and Issues, 1974-1975 | box 4 | folder 47 |
| Wilderness Philosophy, 1974 | box 4 | folder 48 |
| Wind Energy, 2004-2008 | box 4 | folder 49 |
| Winter Hiking in New York State, 1970 | box 4 | folder 50 |

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Photographic Materials, 1968-2006

Physical Description: 0.38 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives depicting winter recreational activities, skiers, friends, and trail maintenance. The bulk of the photographs are black and white prints made from 35 mm film. Many of the photographs are the originals of images used in 25 Ski Tours in the Adirondacks written by his wife Anne and himself in 1979.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Berle Photographs, 1977-2006 | box 5 | folder 1 |
| Cross County Skiing Photographs, 1968-2006 | box 5 | folder 2-5 |
| Miscellaneous Photographs, 1970-2003 | box 5 | folder 6 |
| Snowmobile Trail Effects, 1968-1971 | box 5 | folder 7 |
| Wilderness Management Photographs, 1968-1970 | box 5 | folder 8 |
| Winter Recreation, 1969-1980 | box 5 | folder 9 |
| Negatives, 1969-1990 | box 5 | folder 10 |