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Summary Information

Repository:	Adirondack Research Library
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Biographical / Historical

John Samuel Apperson, Jr. (Apperson) (1878-1963), known to his friends as "Appy", was born to Dr. John Samuel Apperson (1837-1908) and Ellen Victoria Hull Apperson (1840-1887) on April 6, 1878 in Chilhowie, Virginia. Both of his parents supported the Confederacy in various capacities during the Civil War. Dr. John Samuel Apperson served as a hospital steward in the Stonewall Brigade and bore witness to the amputation of Stonewall Jackson's arm (Dr. Apperson's Civil War diaries were published as *Repairing the March of Mars: The Civil War Diaries of John Samuel Apperson, Hospital Steward in the Stonewall Brigade, 1861-1865* by Mercer University Press in 2001). Ellen Victoria Hull Apperson received an official letter of commendation in 1861 for saving a train car of Mississippi Confederate troops from crashing into a wrecked car around a blind-bend of track by ripping off and waving her red petticoat while blocking the moving train's path on the tracks.

John S. Apperson, Jr.'s childhood in postbellum Virginia was reportedly pleasant. The sixth of seven children he shared a close relationship with his siblings and a deep love for his mother. In 1887 Apperson's mother Ellen passed away. After his wife's death, Dr. Apperson moved his family from their home in Chilhowie to Marion Virginia to pursue employment at the Southwest Virginia Lunatic Asylum for one year before leaving to be a founding physician at the Eastern Asylum of the Insane, also in Marion. In the two years after Ellen's death Dr. Apperson employed a string of female housekeepers

to help care for his seven children, however they did not last long. In 1889 Dr. Apperson married his mentor's daughter Elizabeth Black, a marriage which produced four more children.

John S. Apperson found family life with his stepmother unbearable, particularly after his only brother Alfred Hull Apperson left home to attend Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) to become an electrical engineer. John S. Apperson followed his brother's footsteps and began studying electrical engineering at Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College in the late 1890s, although he did not finish his degree. During this time Apperson's relationship with his father grew increasingly strained, particularly with regard to finances.

In 1900 Apperson left Virginia for Schenectady, New York, where he would live for the rest of his life. For his first four years in Schenectady Apperson worked as an electrician before being hired as an engineer by General Electric in 1904, despite his unfinished degree and lack of license. Apperson worked for General Electric until his retirement in 1947.

Apperson's arrival in Upstate New York marked the beginning of his regular outdoor recreational activities, starting with canoe trips around the Schenectady area on the Mohawk River and the Erie Canal before graduating to regular visits to Lake George. It was not long after his introduction to the lake that he began visiting the area year-round and his life-long love affair with Lake George and its islands began. Apperson was known to say that he never married because "Lake George is my wife, and, her islands our children". During this time Apperson was a leader and innovator of outdoor recreation sports in America introducing and updating many winter-sports such as skate-sailing, skate-skiing, cross-country skiing, and downhill skiing. Apperson is considered by many to be the father of skiing in America. Apperson designed and created much of his own and his friends' equipment and purchased outdoor recreation clothing from as far away as Germany.

Apperson's activities as an avid sportsman and fiery conservationist gathered together a large group of likeminded and influential men and women. His sphere included engineers, scientists, artists, authors, politicians, professors, lawyers, and many others. Apperson's associates and close friends included Nobel Prize winner Irving Langmuir, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

It was Apperson's outdoor recreation that led to his fervent conservation activism. As early as 1907 Apperson fought to protect Lake George. First he personally evicted "island squatters" in a relentless battle to enforce the 1885 law limiting or abolishing the use of state land by squatters. These "island squatters" crossed all echelons of society from the poor mountain men in shacks to General Electric executives in stately homes. In 1909 Apperson began his fight to protect the fragile shorelines of Lake George's islands by rip-rapping (placing rock barriers against) the shorelines. Apperson's fight to protect the shorelines led to his popular and successful 1915 pamphlet which garnered state-funded aid in 1917 to continue the struggle to preserve the disappearing islands. Over the next 40 years Apperson continued to support rip-rapping on Lake George by gathering volunteers to carry boulders and topsoil across the lake year-round.

Over the next 50 years Apperson battled lumber and logging companies, paper mills, campers, New York State, and many others in the fight to protect Lake George and the Adirondacks from being exploited for commercial gain. His legacy contains a long list of achievements and victories, which include the fathering of multiple successful grass roots activism organizations; the inclusion of Lake George in the Adirondack State Park in 1931; multiple conservation pamphlets of national impact; a Supreme Court

victory over International Paper Company removing control over the water levels in Lake George from the hands of industry; and the protection of Dome Island as "forever wild".

In addition to his political activities Apperson also held multiple annual retreats in the Adirondacks in order to educate others on the importance of wilderness conservation. Apperson's love and commitment to the wilderness created a true legacy of conservation activism, lighting a spark in the generation of activists that followed, including Paul Schaefer and Howard Zahniser.

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Content Description

The John S. Apperson papers contain 44 cu ft of correspondence, maps, charts, litigation, pamphlets and published materials, photographs, photographic negatives, slides, lantern slides, and audio recordings within 48 boxes and one Map Drawer. Digital surrogates of selected items have been created.

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Arrangement

In order to preserve extant information in the collection, the arrangement of the previous processors has been maintained nearly in its entirety as it came to the processing staff in 2014. Certain deviations needed to be made, as some segments of the papers (such as the maps) had been disarticulated from the collection over time. The arrangement schema has two sub-fonds: Manuscripts and Miscellaneous Materials and Photographic and Audio Materials.

Manuscripts and Miscellaneous Materials has five series: Correspondence, Litigation and Legislation, Organization Records and Publications, Maps, and Sundry. Correspondence contains three sub-series created by the previous arrangers: Chronological Correspondence, Dome Island Correspondence, and General Electric Professional Correspondence. Litigation and Legislation contains Apperson's records from various environmental legislative battles and the litigation records of the "Lake George Trespass" lawsuit. Organization Records and Publications contains the organizational records of select nongovernmental environmental organizations with which Apperson was involved as well as the pamphlets, circulars, and articles that the earlier processors retained. The Maps series contains a large collection of historical maps of wilderness lands in New York. Photographic and Audio Materials contains six series determined by media: Photographic Prints, Photographic Negatives, Ambrotypes, Lantern Slides, 35mm Slides, and Audio Recordings.

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Administrative Information

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Custodial History

Upon John S. Apperson, Jr.'s passing in 1963 his papers were passed on to the Friends of the Forest Preserve where they were stored in a home garage. The papers sat unprocessed, but not untouched, for the next five years. From 1968 to 1998 members of the Friends of the Forest Preserve (primarily Bill White, Phil Ham, and Arthur Newkirk) reorganized Apperson's papers. In 1979 segments of the Apperson papers were bought to the Adirondack Research Center, now Adirondack Research Library (ARL), when it was founded at Union College. From 1979 until 1998 Bill White continued to bring newly processed segments of the Apperson papers to the ARL. The photographic portion of the papers was sizably expanded in 2008 when additional materials were donated to the ARL by Ellen Apperson Brown. In the time between at least 1998 and the beginning of the 2013 Council on Library and Information Resources Hidden Collections grant, which funded the 2014 processing of the Apperson collection, multiple hands passed through his papers, at times reorganizing and adding layers of occasionally conflicting annotations to the photographic materials. In 2011 Union College assumed responsibility for the collections of the ARL on the basis of a long-term loan.

Processing Information

In 2014 under the aegis of the Grass Roots Activism and the American Wilderness: Pioneers in the Twentieth Century Adirondack Park Conservation Movement project, funded by a Hidden Collections Cataloging grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), the Apperson papers were arranged and described to archival standards. Selected items were digitized and uploaded to the New York Heritage digital catalog as well as the Digital Public Library of America. Abigail Simkovic succeeded Ann Mulfort in the role of Project Archivist and Project Manager during the course of this project. Abigail Simkovic, Kimberly Kunker, and Jennifer Moore served as Graduate Assistant Archives Processors. Emily Pastore and Arthur Schutzberg served as Undergraduate Archives Assistants.

Conditions Governing Access

Open to research.

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Collection Inventory

Manuscripts & Miscellaneous Materials

Physical Description: 25.5 Cubic Feet

Correspondence

Physical Description: 12 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Physical Description: 213 Folders

Scope and Contents

The Correspondence and Manuscripts series contains documents written over the course of John S. Apperson, Jr.'s lifetime, 1878-1963. These documents include correspondence, litigation, maps, drawings, charts, published materials, as well as other sundry documents. At the end of the Correspondence Series are two sub-series, one containing the majority of correspondence relating to Dome Island (some of which post-dates Apperson) and the second containing Apperson's professional correspondence involving General Electric, 1901-1947.

Chronological Correspondence

Physical Description: 55 Folders

Physical Description: 196 Folders

Title/Description	Instances	
1899-1909, 1899-1909	box 32	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		
Scope and Contents		
The first mentions of skate sailing as well as Apperson's concerns for the islands in Lake George are found in this earliest correspondence. In 1906 Apperson was modifying skate blades and purchasing spars to make his own sails. In 1909 he purchased his first camera.		
1910, 1910	box 32	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Apperson's 1910 correspondence greatly concerns fire stations in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. In this year he also received correspondence from a General Electric colleague in Japan.

1911, 1911

box 32

folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson's correspondence concerns the construction of many sets of skate sails and skate spars for his friends and associates. Apperson orders a sewing machine for the sails and charges it to his General Electric account. Apperson's Japanese correspondence continues. A July 15th letter recounts the damage incurred to Apperson's canoe by the rail road company as it was shipped to him. On December 18th Apperson receives a letter from Irving Langmuir.

1912, 1912

box 32

folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1912 concerns mostly outdoor recreation topics, such as skate sailing and sleeping bags. Apperson had problems with his new boat motor and also had to repair his canoe. This folder contains water crest measurements at the Lake George Dam.

1913, 1913

box 32

folder 5

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

On June 7th Apperson was invited to join the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks. Apperson continued to experience boat motor issues for many years. On August 28th Apperson received a letter from Irving Langmuir.

1914, 1914

box 32

folder 6

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

In March of 1914 Apperson worked with William College students to connect them to the great outdoors. Beginning in December of this year Apperson

corresponded with William Hornaday, and others,
regarding the leasing of state-owned lands.

1915, 1915

box 32

folder 7-8

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

1915 marks Apperson's first major involvement in the political sphere. A state-wide Constitutional Convention was held which proposed altering Article 7- Section 7, which concerns the protection of New York State lands. During this year Apperson produced his first major pamphlet, which he used to inform the public of the dangers of altering Article 7- Section 7 posed.

1916, 1916

box 32

folder 9-10

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson registered a barge for riprap work on Lake George which he christened "Art 7- Sec 7". In June and July of this year he corresponded with the Glens Falls photographer Seneca Ray Stoddard. In October Apperson's correspondence concerned Dome Island. There are many references throughout this year to the photographic documentation of both the damage done to the islands and shorelines of Lake George as well as the riprap work done to repair the shorelines.

1917, 1917

box 32

folder 11-12

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

1917 marked the beginning of state conservation of the Lake George islands. On May 24th Governor Charles Whitman signed a bill to appropriate \$10,000 specifically for work on Lake George. Even though he had no official role on the project, Apperson was in constant contact with the teams as they went about their work. He loaned his barge and convinced D. A. Loomis of the Lake George Steamboat company to loan a barge as well.

1918, 1918

box 32

folder 13-14

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

1918 marks the year that the impact of WWI was felt by Apperson. A great deal of this year's correspondence relates to the war effort, including the notification of many General Electric employees of their deferred

conscription status. During this time as well Jay Taylor rapped over 30 islands on Lake George and Apperson attempted to make weekly visits to examine the work. Apperson corresponded with General Electric employees in both Cuba and Japan in this year.

1919, 1919

box 32

folder 15-17

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

1919 marks the beginning of the decades long struggle with the International Paper Company in Ticonderoga, NY. International Paper's high dam and added splash boards held water back from its natural outlets on the northern end of Lake George. Lake George residents and recreationists complained of being flooded out of the area. The Conservation Commission was unable to reach a settlement with International Paper this year.

1920, 1920

box 32

folder 18-19

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1920 Apperson purchased a small property on Tongue Mountain from Thomas Coolidge and made several renovations and repairs over the course of the year. In April Apperson, G. Hall Roosevelt, and William Dalton purchased the Lakeview Hotel Property in Bolton, NY. Apperson converted the ice house on the property into a cabin for his personal use.

1921, 1921

box 32

folder 20-21

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson and Jim Crawley spent a great deal of time arranging the dedication ceremony for the American Canoe Association on Lake George. Over 100 people attended the event and Apperson struggled to arrange housing.

1922, 1922

box 33

folder 1-3

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

During this year Apperson, Langmuir, and three others embarked on an extensive skiing trip to Haystack Mountain in the Adirondacks through the Upper

Ausable Valley. Apperson moved to a new department in General Electric.

1923, 1923

box 33

folder 4-7

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1923 Apperson began petitioning New York State to pass an appropriations bill in order to purchase land on the Lake George shoreline and protect the lake's remaining undeveloped areas. On May 10th the bill was passed granting \$75,000 for the state to purchase Tongue Mountain. Apperson helped facilitate the purchase of many properties for the state. Correspondence with the Loines family is prominent from this point forward.

1924, 1924

box 33

folder 8-11

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In October of this year Apperson purchased another tract of land on Tongue Mountain. The state conducted a land survey to construct a road from Bolton, NY, through Tongue Mountain. The Loines family were very concerned that the road would cut across their land.

1925, 1925

box 33

folder 12-13

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson served on many state committees concerning the wilderness. He fought and chronicled a white pine blister outbreak on many trees in his Lake George property. The American Canoe Association used Apperson's Lake George property as their base of operations for their executive committee.

1926, 1926

box 33

folder 14-15

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1926 Apperson unsuccessfully petitioned the state to purchase and protect Dome Island on Lake George. In June Apperson began construction on a dock for his Lake George property. In this year Apperson helped construct a covenant for the landowners of Tongue Mountain in which they promise to keep their lands

undeveloped in order to preserve the natural beauty of the Narrows of Lake George.

1927, 1927

box 33

folder 16-17

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson purchased a Chris-Craft motorboat which he christened "Article 7- Section 7". Unfortunately, the boat immediately started giving him problems. Apperson's relationship with the Loines family continued. His assistance to the family regarding the proposed state highway led the Loines family to sell tracts of land to New York State.

1928, 1928

box 33

folder 18-19

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

Early in this year Apperson expanded his Lake George property by first purchasing a portion of Dalton's shares and then a portion of Langmuir's shares of the original Lakeview Hotel property. This year contains multiple letters from Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

1929, 1929

box 34

folder 1-2

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In January Apperson sold a portion of the Lakeview Hotel Property to A. Kilgour Christie which included a large house and 500 feet of shoreline. Apperson and Alexander MacDonald, the New York State Conservation Commissioner, came to a gentleman's agreement in which MacDonald promised the state would purchase several tracts of land that Apperson had previously purchased to protect from development. MacDonald went back on his word, infuriating Apperson. This year also contains a great deal of correspondence with the Roosevelts.

1930, 1930

box 34

folder 3-7

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1930 Apperson was contacted for the first time by Raymond Torrey of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks. This folder contains a January 6th certificate appointing Apperson as treasurer for the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks. In this year's correspondence Apperson rails against this

year's legislative bills, stating that concerning lumbering and building structures 1930 was the worst year for conservation since 1915.

1931, 1931

box 34

folder 8-13

Physical Description: 6 Folders

Scope and Contents

1931 greatly concerns proposed legislation. A large amount of correspondence concerns Apperson, the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, and the Adirondack Mountain Club's strong opposition to the proposed Hewitt Amendment and their support of the proposed Baxter Amendment. Apperson and these organizations campaigned heartily. Henry Morgenthau was appointed as Conservation Commissioner in March. In mid-March Governor Roosevelt extended the size of the Adirondack State Park. Apperson and Paul Schaefer met for the first time in June.

1932, 1932

box 34

folder 14-17

Physical Description: 5 Folders

box 35

folder 1

Scope and Contents

High water on Lake George created by the International Paper Company's dam in Ticonderoga, NY, continued to be a major problem and continued to be for the next 30 years. Apperson organized speeches and political meetings concerning new environmental legislation and distributed thousands of pamphlets. In this year he purchased a new camera and corresponded with both Paul Schaefer and Vincent Schaefer.

1933, 1933

box 35

folder 2-7

Physical Description: 6 Folders

Scope and Contents

In January the New York State Conservation League was formed. This group of Apperson and his associates began focusing on the issues of a proposed state road along Long Lake, the protection of Prisoner Island, and a proposed amendment to Article 7- Section 7. In May Vincent Schaefer performed riprapping on Ship Island in consultation with Ranger Taylor. In order to facilitate the fight towards removing the artificial dam at Ticonderoga Apperson commissioned W. G. Watts to perform research on the original stone barrier at the north end of Lake George.

1934, 1934

box 35

folder 8-12

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson's major conservation fight in 1934 was the proposed road and monument on Whiteface Mountain. In February of this year Apperson and his associates formed the New York State Forest Preserve Association. In May the NYFPA defeated the Whiteface Mountain bill; additionally Governor Lehman approved an appropriations bill to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. In July the New York Forest Preserve Association met for their first annual meeting at Apperson's Lake George property Camp Chilhowie. The Association produced "The Tragic Truth about Erosion" pamphlet in August. It was a huge hit and was distributed nationwide, due largely to the support of H. H. Bennett of the US Department of the Interior. He became a friend of Apperson's and stayed involved in New York conservation for several decades.

1935, 1935	box 35	folder 13-18
<u>Physical Description:</u> 7 Folders	box 36	folder 1

Scope and Contents

In February of 1935 H. H. Bennett, of the U.S. Department of the Interior, traveled to Schenectady in order to meet with Apperson. Dome Island was once more for sale and Apperson organized to purchase and protect the island. In August Apperson hosted a small group of environmentalists in order to plan their next moves.

1936, 1936	box 36	folder 2-9
<u>Physical Description:</u> 8 Folders		

Scope and Contents

In March of this year Apperson incorporated the New York Trails Conference. Apperson, Vincent Schaefer, Langmuir, and Torrey were among its first directors. In this year the Forest Preserve Association continued to receive requests for "The Tragic Truth About Erosion". In the aim of forest fire prevention, Apperson and his associates supported a slash removal bill despite the Conservation Commissioner's opposition. In the summer Apperson continued to take documentary photographs of the degradation of the Lake George islands. The Forest Preserve Association again held their annual meeting on Apperson's Lake George property.

1937, 1937	box 36	folder 10-15
<u>Physical Description:</u> 6 Folders		

Scope and Contents

The core of the 1937 correspondence concerns preparations for the upcoming constitutional convention. Attached to a letter in this year is a collection of Apperson's correspondence from 1919-1937 concerning Lake George water levels. The Forest Preserve Association once more held their annual meeting on Apperson's Lake George property.

1938, 1938	box 36	folder 16-17
<u>Physical Description:</u> 7 Folders	box 37	folder 1-5

Scope and Contents

For the 1938 New York Constitutional Convention Apperson gathered support for Article 7- Section 7 from over 40 organizations and 500 affiliated groups. A bill was defeated that would have allowed the state to charge for the use of their campsites. After George Foster Peabody passed away in May Apperson established a memorial fund for the purpose of purchasing land on Lake George in his honor.

1939, 1939	box 37	folder 6-9
<u>Physical Description:</u> 4 Folders		

Scope and Contents

The majority of 1939's correspondence concerns either the George Foster Peabody Memorial Fund or "The Tragic Truth About Erosion" pamphlet. A great deal was accomplished concerning the Peabody fund: a plaque was designed and purchased for a French Point memorial and 42 acres were purchased and transferred to state ownership. Raymond Torrey and Robert Marshall passed away.

1940, 1940	box 37	folder 10-13
<u>Physical Description:</u> 4 Folders		

Scope and Contents

As war tensions mounted Apperson shifted his focus to national defense preparedness. Apperson received 75 chestnut saplings for Dome Island from Alvin Whitney at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden.

1941, 1941	box 37	folder 14-16
<u>Physical Description:</u> 4 Folders	box 38	folder 1

Scope and Contents

In 1940 Apperson facilitated the sale of the Knapp estate in the Lake George area, more than 7,500 acres, to New

York State to be conserved as wildlands. Governor Lehman signed the appropriations bill for this sale in April. Apperson's commitment to regulating the water levels redoubled when the lake experienced the lowest water levels since 1920. Apperson lobbied against a bill to build ski trails on Whiteface Mountain, which was defeated in the election.

1942, 1942

box 38

folder 2-5

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1942 Apperson, along with New York State, filed a lawsuit against International Paper Company over their use of the dam in Ticonderoga, NY to control the water levels in Lake George. With gasoline rationing imposed during WWII Apperson requested additional gasoline for his constant trips to Lake George.

1943, 1943

box 38

folder 6-12

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

The "Lake George Trespass" lawsuit against International Paper Company continued. The Lake George Association supported the International Paper Company, much to Apperson's chagrin. Apperson went on the offensive showing his slides and film to the attorney general to advocate for their cause. As the case suffered from many delays, Apperson and associates were forced to raise over \$800 in order to pay their attorney, R. Moot, for his services.

1944, 1944

box 38

folder 13-18

Physical Description: 7 Folders

box 39

folder 1

Scope and Contents

Apperson gathered 145 signatures from Lake George shoreline owners on a petition urging Governor Dewey to hasten the litigation process in the suit against the International Paper Company. Over the summer Apperson and associates formed the Lake George Protective Association as they felt the Lake George Association was no longer representing the interests of the lake and its residents.

1945, 1945

box 39

folder 2-6

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

The "Lake George Trespass" suit against the International Paper Company continued. Apperson gave a presentation at the Albany Institute of History and Art to rally support for the cause. Apperson convinced Rockwell Kent to testify for the state.

1946, 1946

box 39

folder 7-10

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In addition to the continuing legal battle with the International Paper Company over their use of the dam in Ticonderoga, NY, Apperson challenged the Black River Regulation Board and the Adirondack Moose Committee in this year.

1947, 1947

box 39

folder 11-15

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

In March of this year Apperson retired from General Electric. He continued the legal battle against the International Paper Company over water levels in Lake George. In September of this year the plaintiffs in the case, supported by the New York Attorney General, appealed Judge Ryan's ruling. The conservation struggles over the proposed Black River and Moose River flooding continued as well.

1948, 1948

box 39

folder 16-18

Physical Description: 4 Folders

box 40

folder 1

Scope and Contents

1948 was consumed with the fight against the proposed Panther Mountain dam. A small appropriation was passed by New York State in September to fund the riprapping of selected islands in Lake George.

1949, 1949

box 40

folder 2-5

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson continued to fight the proposed Panther Mountain dam. In March he spoke to the Federated Garden Clubs of New York and was honored with a silver medal for his decades of conservation work.

1950, 1950

box 40

folder 6-10

Physical Description: 5 Folders

Scope and Contents

In April Apperson received word that they had achieved victory against the proposed Panther Mountain dam. The lawsuit against the International Paper Company over water levels in Lake George continued to be delayed in court. In November Apperson's Lake George property sustained severe damage due to the "Big Blowdown" storm.

1951, 1951

box 40

folder 11-13

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1951 Apperson spent over \$300 to repair the damage to his Lake George property from the severe November 1950 storm known as the "Big Blowdown". In April he purchased a tract of land from Langmuir for \$5,000. September brought long awaited movement in the lawsuit against International Paper Company over water levels in Lake George.

1952, 1952

box 40

folder 14-17

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

The Hammond-Ostrander bill was introduced which proposed shifting the power to flood land to the people. A second bill was proposed that would have granted the state the right to flood more than the previously stipulated 1% of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. In September Apperson, Atwater, and Newkirk withdrew from the Adirondack Moose River Committee.

1953, 1953

box 40

folder 18-20

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

The months of January and February were consumed by preparations for the appeal hearing in the lawsuit against International Paper Company. In March victory was attained when the court decided in favor of New York State. Apperson began his discussions with the Nature Conservancy over Dome Island in September.

1954, 1954

box 41

folder 1-4

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In 1954 Apperson was very concerned with the proposed amendment for the Adirondack Northway. The New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy was very interested in purchasing and conserving Dome Island, however, the chapter was only one year old and did not have the funds. Langmuir was appointed chair of the Nature Conservancy's Dome Island committee. Whitney arranged for several members to visit Apperson's Lake George camp in order to view Dome Island in October.

1955, 1955

box 41

folder 5-8

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

Detached parcels of land in the Adirondack Forest Preserve were a major conservation issue in this year. A bill was introduced that would allow the state to sell these parcels. Joseph Illick wrote a report approving the bill. Apperson notes the February hearing on the issue had an excellent conservation turnout. March brought victory over the proposed Panther Mountain dam. In December the Nature Conservancy began the official process to acquire Dome Island.

1956, 1956

box 41

folder 9-11

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

Proposals continued to be made to sell over 400 parcels of detached lands in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. By March the Nature Conservancy had raised \$6,700 for the purchase of Dome Island. By September \$12,000 had been raised. In December Apperson transferred Dome Island to the Nature Conservancy's care.

1957, 1957

box 41

folder 12-14

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

On January 7th the Federated Garden Club donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of Dome Island. On January 27th the Nature Conservancy held an event to recognize Apperson and to officially transfer possession of Dome Island. In 1957 Apperson and associates revised their "Lake George: a Mill Pond" pamphlet. Langmuir passed away on August 13th, and Apperson was made president of the Lake George Protective Association.

1958, 1958

box 41

folder 15-17

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

The proposed Adirondack Northway was a great cause of debate. Apperson conducted inventories of his Lake George properties and his Schenectady home.

1959, 1959

box 41

folder 18-20

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson created the "Your Northway" pamphlet in order to educate the public on the proposed Adirondack Northway and to support the proposed Champlain Mountain route which would leave the Adirondack Forest Preserve intact. Unfortunately, they lost the vote on the Northway route. In August Apperson was made an honorary member of the Nature Conservancy.

1960, 1960

box 42

folder 1-4

Physical Description: 4 Folders

Scope and Contents

In January Apperson's associate Rienow was in an accident with a saw in which he severely damaged his left arm and hand. Whitney and Bennett passed away in the summer.

1961, 1961

box 42

folder 5-6

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

In this year Apperson was concerned with the proposed the Cooke-Sadler bill, which would have regulated the water levels of Lake George.

1962, 1962

box 42

folder 7-8

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson corresponded with the Nature Conservancy regarding the upkeep of Dome Island. They conducted a vegetation survey together. Apperson praises Rachel Carson's Silent Spring. Apperson was hospitalized in November due to an accident.

1963, 1963

box 42

folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1963 contains documentation of many of donations to the John S. Apperson memorial fund.

Undated box 42 folder 10-12

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

These folders contain all of the undated letters in the collection.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Alfred E. Smith Letters (originals) box 50

Dome Island Correspondence

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Scope and Contents

Correspondence concerning the preservation and protection of Dome Island in Lake George. Ranging nearly 80 years, this sub-series begins in 1917 with Apperson's first conservation work on the island; through his decades of unsuccessful attempts to persuade New York State to purchase the island; to Apperson's eventual purchase of the island in 1939 and his endowed donation of the island to the Nature Conservancy in 1956 to be held in perpetual preservation. This sub-series also contains correspondence concerning the governance of Dome Island by the Nature Conservancy after Apperson's death and documents from the Dome Island Memorial Sanctuary.

Title/Description	Instances	
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1917-1950, 1917-1950 box 42 folder 13

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence about Apperson's attempts to get the state to purchase Dome Island.

1954, 1954 box 42 folder 14

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence about the Dome Island Fund.

1955, 1955 box 42 folder 15

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence about raising funds for the Dome Island Fund.

1956, 1956	box 42	folder 16
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Dome Island Fund and Nature Conservancy correspondence.

1959-1980, 1959-1980	box 42	folder 17
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Dome Island governance by Nature Conservancy after Apperson's death.

1990s, 1990s	box 42	folder 18
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Dome Island Memorial Sanctuary meeting minutes.

Undated	box 42	folder 19
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

These folders contain correspondence between Apperson and the Nature Conservancy about the conservation of the island under Apperson's ownership and the eventual transferal over to the Conservancy.

General Electric Professional Correspondence

Physical Description: 10 Folders

Physical Description: 11 Folders

Scope and Contents

This sub-series contains Apperson's professional correspondence from his 47-year career at General Electric.

Title/Description	Instances	
1901-1909, 1901-1909	box 42	folder 20
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1910, 1910	box 42	folder 21
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1911, 1911	box 42	folder 22
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1912, 1912	box 42	folder 23
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1913-1919, 1913-1919	box 42	folder 24
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence. Contains references to General Electric's role in the WWI effort.

1920, 1920	box 42	folder 25
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1921, 1921	box 42	folder 26-27
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence. Contains reference to personnel issues between Apperson and other employees.

1922, 1922	box 42	folder 28
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

1923-1947, 1923-1947

box 42

folder 29

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's professional correspondence.

Litigation & Legislation

Physical Description: 3.6 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 10 Folders

Physical Description: 47 Folders

Scope and Contents

The majority of the litigation records concern the lawsuit known as the "Lake George Trespass" (State of New York et al v. System Properties et al) which was brought by the State of New York over the International Paper Company which owned and operated the dam at the northern outlet of Lake George in Ticonderoga. For years the shore owners had been forced to deal with both unnaturally high and low water levels based on the actions of the mill owners. Apperson, Langmuir and others supported the State's cause and were very involved in the case as the debate dragged out over decades. Spelling irregularities in the original files have been retained.

Title/Description	Instances	
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Fire Truck Trails, 1935

box 43

folder 1

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1935 committee majority and minority reports relating to the problem of forest fire truck trails in the Adirondacks.

Lake George Deeds, 1923-1939

box 43

folder 2

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Deeds for land sales and transfers on Lake George.

Lake George Gage Levels, 1945-1947

box 43

folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Blueprint copies of water level gage readings.

Lake George Land Grants, 1918-1922

box 43

folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Land grants for small parcels around the Lake George region.

Lake George Riprapping Appropriation, Work Logs, 1917 box 43 folder 5-6

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

These folders contain Doherty and Taylor's journals and detailed reports of all the riprap work done on the Lake George islands with the appropriation funds received from the state. They report how many men worked each day and the calculated out how much money it cost to move each ton of rocks.

Lake George State Park, 1923 box 43 folder 7

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Park proposal and act establishing the park.

"Lake George Trespass," State of New York v. System Properties

box 43-45

Drawer 7

Physical Description: 22 Folders

Physical Description: 31 Folders

Scope and Contents

John S. Apperson Jr. was very concerned with the condition of the islands of Lake George. When New York State took System Properties to court over the issue of high water levels Apperson and several of his associates joined the State's side in the case. Apperson preserved many documents from the case which are grouped together under the heading "Lake George Trespass," State of New York et al v. System Properties et al.

Title/Description

Instances

Apperson Case Files, 1946 box 43 folder 8

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Copy of the Reply Brief of the Defendant.

Apperson Case Files, 1953 box 43 folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Bills and resolutions about the Lake George water levels.

Committee Meetings, 1923-1955	box 43	folder 21
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Records of committee meetings regarding Lake George.

Correspondence and Legal Forms, 1915-1948	box 43	folder 22-23
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Folders		

Court Documents, 1942-1952	box 43	folder 24-25
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Folders		

Scope and Contents

Various legal documents relating to the decades long court case.

Evidence, 1835-1945	box 43	folder 26
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Exhibits, 1794-1949	box 43	folder 27-29
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Folders		

Scope and Contents

These exhibit pieces include a Cochran Field Book from 1794 as well as Watkins' Field Notes from 1816.

Exhibits, Photostats, 1947	Drawer 7	folder 9
<u>Physical Description:</u> 9 Items		

Exhibits, Oversize	Drawer 7	folder 8
<u>Physical Description:</u> 25 Items		

Findings of Fact	box 45	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Joint Legislative Committee, 1943	box 45	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of committee members as well as meeting minutes.

Miscellaneous, 1815-1944	box 45	folder 3
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Contains water level charts, rainfall levels, and property values.

Plaintiff's Exhibit Books box 44

Physical Description: 4 Items

Scope and Contents

These four bound volumes contain official court documents which Apperson and associates submitted as exhibits.

Record on Appeal, 1945 box 44

Physical Description: 4 Items

Scope and Contents

These four bound volumes contain the record of the appeal against Judge Ryan's ruling in favor of System Properties.

Reports, 1909-1944 box 45 folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, resolutions, and water level charts.

Riprarian Rights of International Paper Company, 1932 box 45 folder 5-6

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

170 page legal report documenting the right of the International Papers Company to use their dam at the outlet of Lake George.

Lake Placid Covenant, 1921 box 45 folder 7

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

People's Agreement and Covenant, 1921.

Tongue Mountain Tract, Owner's Resolution, 1929 box 45 folder 8

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Private owners deeds and a group resolution related to land parcels on the Tongue Mountain Tract.

Sundry New York State Legislation, 1915-1954

box 45

folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains comments on proposals, governor comments, and addresses.

Organization Records & Publications

Physical Description: 2.2 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 42 Folders

Physical Description: 55 Folders

Scope and Contents

This series contains many items on a wide variety of conservation and outdoor recreation related topics of both local and national note. Most of the items were published by Apperson himself, however some of the items were published by the Forest Preserve Association.

Title/Description	Instances
21st Century Environmental Bond Act, 1990	box 46 folder 1
Adirondack Forest Preserve, 1934-1951	box 46 folder 2
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder	
Scope and Contents	
Preparations for the 50th anniversary of the Adirondack Forest Preserve, and other Conservation Department documents relating to the Adirondack Forest Preserve.	
Adirondack Forest Preserve, 50th Anniversary Correspondence, 1928-1935	box 46 folder 3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder	
Scope and Contents	
Correspondence with George Foster Peabody, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt about New York State purchasing land on Lake George. Also includes some correspondence about celebrating 50 years of conservation in New York State.	
Adirondack Mountain Club, 1939-1964	box 46 folder 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder	

Scope and Contents

Publications produced by the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Adirondack Northway Clippings, 1948-1958	box 46	folder 5
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Publications related to the Adirondack Northway project and the several proposed routes for the highway.

American Chestnut on Dome Island Clippings, 1995	box 46	folder 6
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Articles by Arthur Newkirk about the American Chestnut trees on Dome Island.

American Forests, 1934-1943	box 46	folder 7
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains non-contiguous issues from 1934-1956.

Appalachia, 1939-1998	box 46	folder 8
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains the June 1963 and December 1939 issues.

Appalachian Mountain Club, 1989	box 46	folder 9
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains two club pamphlets.

Apperson Publications & Clippings, 1936-1961	box 46	folder 10
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Articles, pamphlets, and letters to the editor written by Apperson.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Booklets, 1925	box 46	folder 11
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains two merit badge booklets, "Conservation" and "Stalking".

Buck Mountain Bugle, 1995	box 46	folder 12
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Spring 1995 issue.

Conservation Clippings, 1915-1995	box 46	folder 13-14
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

These folders contain clipped articles from a variety of conservation publications.

Conservation Committee Public Hearing, 1938-06-23	box 46	folder 15
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Public Hearing held June 23, 1938.

Conservation Foundation, 1952-1962	box 46	folder 16
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Annual Reports from 1959 and 1961.

Ellen Apperson Brown Clippings, 1995-2000	box 46	folder 17
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Articles written about Apperson, including his obituary.

Environmental Science Clippings, 1992-2004	box 46	folder 18
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

A mixture of newspaper clippings and photocopies of articles.

The Facts about Panther Mountain Reservoir, 1948-1953	box 46	folder 19
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains two different editions (1948, 1953) of the pamphlet "The Facts about Panther Mountain Reservoir."

Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, 1949-1965	box 46	folder 20-21
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

A selection of Club newsletters from the 1940s-1960s.

Forest Preserve Association, 1930-1965	box 46	folder 22-23
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

A variety of Apperson's articles, pamphlets, and other publications of the Forest Preserve Association.

German Outfitting Catalogue, 1911	box 46	folder 24
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

A German outfitting catalogue for outdoor activities. Contains many illustrations of products.

Izaak Walton League, 1922-1923	box 46	folder 25
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Two newsletters from 1922 and 1923.

Lake George Association, 1911-1945	box 46	folder 26
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Constitution, bylaws, reports, and articles.

Lake George Cruiser Colony, 1961	box 46	folder 27
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

In 1961 the State allowed many docks to be created on a small bay on Lake George. Apperson did not approve of the overcrowding and commercialization of his beloved lake.

Lake George Islands Pamphlet, 1915	box 46	folder 28
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's Lake George Islands pamphlet, created to be shared with state legislators in an attempt to receive an appropriation to riprap during the 1915 Constitutional Convention.

Lake George Islands Pamphlet, Mockup, 1915	box 46	folder 29
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson's handmade mockup for the Lake George Islands pamphlet created to be shared with state legislators in an attempt to receive an appropriation to riprap during the 1915 Constitutional Convention.

Lake George Mirror, 1950-1959	box 46	folder 30
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains non-contiguous issues from the 1950s.

Lake George Park Commission, 1974	box 46	folder 31
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1974 newsletters

Lake George Protective Association

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Physical Description: 8 Folders

Title/Description	Instances	
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Correspondence, 1940s, 1940s	box 47	folder 1
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Bylaws, articles, and member correspondence.

Correspondence, 1950s	box 47	folder 2
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Association correspondence.

Correspondence, 1960s, 1960s

Physical Description: 1 Folder box 47 folder 3

Scope and Contents

Association correspondence

Dues, 1960-1967, 1960-1967 box 47 folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

A notebook containing the record of yearly dues.

Meeting Minutes, 1964-1966, 1964-1966 box 47 folder 5

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Correspondence and meeting minutes.

Ballots, 1968, 1968 box 47 folder 6

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Member submitted ballots.

Publications box 47 folder 7-8

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

Association publications.

Miscellaneous , 1916-1962 box 47 folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains a number of articles and pamphlets including, "In Support of the Whiteface Mountain Amendment" from 1942 and "Vote for Proposition Number 1" from 1916.

Mount Marcy Clippings, 1937-1966 box 46 folder 32-33

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

1937 article about the 100th anniversary of the first ascent of Mt. Marcy and articles on Mt. Marcy from the Adirondac.

Nature Conservancy Annual Reports, 1994-1997 box 46 folder 34

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains two annual reports from 1994 and 1997.

Newspaper Clippings, 1990s, 1990 box 47 folder 10-12

Physical Description: 3 Folders

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of articles on topics relevant to the Forest Preserve Association.

New York Fish, Game, and Forest League, 1932-1933 box 46 folder 35

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Pamphlets and convention programs.

New York State Conservation Commission, 1910-1957 box 46 folder 36

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Annual Reports and articles.

Richard Moot Clippings box 46 folder 37

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Article by attorney Richard Moot arguing against the Selective Service Act.

Schenectady County Conservation Council Annual Reports, 1936-1950 box 46 folder 38

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1936-1937 Annual Report.

Ski Trail Maps, 1931 box 46 folder 39

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Maps and trails in New York and Vermont mountains.

Soil Conservation Service, 1936-1947 box 46 folder 40

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

1930s and 1940s articles and newsletters.

Warwick Carpenter Publications & Clippings, 1922	box 46	folder 41
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Conservation articles written by Warwick Carpenter.

Wilderness Society, 1936-1951	box 46	folder 42
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Articles and newsletters published by the Wilderness Society.

Oversize, 1929-1931	box 46	folder 43
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Maps

Physical Description: 4.4 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 101 Items

Scope and Contents

John S. Apperson's maps range from historic to contemporary and generally cover the Lake George region. The collection contains maps of more detail, including individual maps of Lake George's islands, the area of the Outlet Dam, and the property lines around Bolton, New York. There are photostats of mainly historic maps within these papers that were used as exhibits by Apperson in the Lake George Trespass trial. Apperson's maps also include a map of the Catskills region of New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Hydrographic Survey of Lake George by S. R. Stoddard, 1906 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Items	Drawer 7	folder 5
Lake George and Lake George Islands, 1925-1960 <u>Physical Description</u> : 5 Items	Drawer 7 box 31	folder 2
Lake George Lots and Tracts, 1763-1942 <u>Physical Description</u> : 12 Items	Drawer 7	folder 3-4
Photostats, 1756-1951 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Items	Drawer 7	folder 6
Ticonderoga Dam Outlet, 1933 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Items	Drawer 7	folder 1

Sundry, 1897-1958

<u>Physical Description</u> : 65 Items	Drawer 7 box 49	folder 7
1916 Fire Protection Map of the Adirondack Park, 1916 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	box 49	folder 1
1927 State Land Map, 1927 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Item	box 49	folder 2
1927 Forest Preserve Association Presentation Map, 1927 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	box 49	folder 3
1938 Forest Preserve Map, 1938 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	box 49	folder 4
Mountain Maps, 1902-Undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 14 Items	box 49	folder 5
"No. 1" State Land Maps <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 Items	box 49	folder 6
"No. 2" State Land Maps <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 Items	box 49	folder 7
"No. 3" State Land Maps <u>Physical Description</u> : 6 Items	box 49	folder 8
"No. 4" State Land Maps, 1911-1953 <u>Physical Description</u> : 10 Items	box 49	folder 9

Sundry

Physical Description: 2 Cubic Feet

Physical Description: 19 Folders

Physical Description: 21 Folders

Title/Description	Instances	
Apperson Biography, Forward Drafts <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder	box 48	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
<p>After John Apperson's death several of his associates came together to organize his papers and prepare a biography which was never published. This folder contains drafts of the forward.</p>		
Apperson Biography, Chapter 1 Drafts, 1994 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder	box 48	folder 2

Scope and Contents

After John Apperson's death several of his associates came together to organize his papers and prepare a biography which was never published. This folder contains drafts of the introductory chapter.

Apperson Biography, Chapter 2 Drafts, 1996 box 48 folder 3

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

After John Apperson's death several of his associates came together to organize his papers and prepare a biography which was never published. This folder contains drafts of the second chapter.

Apperson Biography, Chapter 3 Drafts, 1995 box 48 folder 4

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

After John Apperson's death several of his associates came together to organize his papers and prepare a biography which was never published. This folder contains the drafts of the third chapter.

Apperson Biography, Correspondence & Notes, 1982-1994 box 48 folder 5-6

Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

These folders contain both correspondence and notes by Apperson's associates as they gathered information to write a biography on Apperson.

Apperson Biography, Chet Simms Materials, 1928-1999 box 48 folder 7

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Additional drafts and chronologies of Apperson material.

Apperson Biography, Ellen Apperson Brown Materials box 48 folder 8

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

A partial draft of an unpublished biography of Apperson by Ellen Brown.

Apperson Biography, Family History, 1999 box 48 folder 9

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Family history written by Apperson's great-niece Ellen Apperson Brown.

Apperson Collection, Processing Correspondence, 1963-2000	box 48	folder 10-11
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

Scope and Contents

Correspondence written by Apperson's associates as they began to gather and organize his papers.

Apperson Collection, Arthur Newkirk Processing Notebook, 1968-1983	box 48	folder 12
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Arthur Newkirk kept very detailed notes of how he and his friends went about organizing and preserving Apperson's papers after his death. This notebook outlines who took charge of what parts of the papers and when they did their work.

Apperson Exhibit, 1981	box 48	folder 13
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Contains plans and ephemera from a 1981 Apperson exhibit.

Artifacts	box 30
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Physical Description: 22 Items

Physical Location: Removed to Schaffer Library at Union College for exhibit: portable tripod in leather case; one clinometer, brand Suunto c. 1955, in a leather belt case used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one compass, brand Suunto c. 1955, in a leather belt case used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one 100 foot tape measurer, brand Evans c. 1955, used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one 100 foot tape measurer, brand Evans c. 1955, used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; rolodex in metal box; camping stove; brass compass with broken glass; nautical compass; Conservation Commission hunting license pin, issued 1917, license #2490; Conservation Commission hunting license pin, issued 1918, license #211697; 2 field notebooks documenting Apperson's photographic excursions; stamp with two signatures, one John S. Apperson's, other unknown;

Scope and Contents

Contains one clinometer, brand Suunto c. 1955, in a leather belt case used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one compass, brand Suunto c. 1955, in a leather belt case used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one 100 foot tape measurer, brand Evans c. 1955, used for surveying Dome Island by the Eastern New York chapter of the Nature Conservancy; one field notebook, 1941, documenting Apperson's photographic excursions to collect evidence for the Lake George Trespass lawsuit; one Garden Club Medal, 1960; three tree core samples from specimens on Dome Island, undated; and photographic housing items retained to support future exhibits; camp meal bell; camping stove; brass compass with broken glass; Conservation Commission hunting license pin, issued 1917, license #2490; Conservation Commission hunting license pin, issued 1918, license #211697; Dome Island campsite stakes; Eyeglasses in case; field notebook documenting Apperson's photographic excursions; rolodex in metal box; nautical compass; portable tripod in leather case; stamp with two signatures, one John S. Apperson's, other unknown; tree coring device with green cloth bag.

Charts	box 29	folder 3
<u>Physical Description:</u> 7 Items	box 31	

Scope and Contents

Contains charts created by Apperson demonstrating both statistical data on the use of land in the Adirondack region and charts containing the data from multiple year studies of water levels in Lake George. Additional charts are found in the collection interfiled within Litigation.

Donald Williams Presentations	box 48	folder 14
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Adirondack presentations given by Donald Williams.

Jeanie Newkirk Camp Fire Girl Essay, 1957	box 48	folder 15
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Jeanie Newkirk was Arthur Newkirk's daughter. When she needed to do a Campfire Girl report she went to Lake George and did some island conservation work. Included

in the report is her thank you note for Apperson's help and her sketch of her work.

Postcards	box 14	folder 16
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Physical Description: 59 Items

Scope and Contents

Apperson's papers included a small collection of postcards relating to Lake George and the Adirondacks, which are together in this file.

Signs	box 29	folder 4
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Physical Description: 11 Items

Scope and Contents

Contains signs from both the Lake George and Adirondack region as well as signs used by Apperson in his various lectures and presentations.

Stereoscopes	box 30	
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Physical Description: 2 Items

Sundry	box 48	folder 16
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

A few copies of photographs and newspaper articles. Also includes an undated record of hikes taken in one year.

Apperson Biography Manuscript	box 48	folder 17
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Photographic & Audio Materials

Physical Description: 18.5 Cubic Feet

Photographic Prints

Physical Description: 11 Boxes

Physical Description: 8 Folders

Physical Description: 174 Folders

Scope and Contents

The files from the previous processors have been maintained almost in their entirety. There are instances where these files deliver less than is desired, such as in Box 14, File 1 where three events had been combined indistinguishably into one file. However, in some sub-series the previous processors provided plethora of information, such as may be seen in the Dome Island prints sub-series and its 91 files. Each of the files within this series have an individual scope and content note. Apperson himself annotated the backside of the vast majority of

his photographs which provide truly excellent documentary evidence to the history of the region and Apperson's mind and personality. 4x6 and 5x7 prints are in boxes 14-17, 8x10 prints are in box 22, 11x14 prints are in boxes 23-24, oversize prints are in boxes 25-29, and tightly rolled prints in need of conservation are in box 31.

Apperson's Associates & Conservation Activities	box 14	folder 1-4
	box 15	folder 2, 3, 6
	box 22	folder 2-5
	box 28	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 9 Folders		
<u>Physical Description:</u> 12 Folders		
Title/Description	Instances	
Camp Chilhowie, ACS Meeting, Apperson Cove, 1921-1960	box 14	folder 1
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		
Scope and Contents		
The previous processors combined three events into one file. These images depict Apperson with his friends and associates in various Adirondack and Lake George daily life and events.		
Chapel Pond Highway Construction , 1932-1933	box 15	folder 3
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Folders	box 28	folder 2
Scope and Contents	box 22	folder 4
These photographs document the construction of the Chapel Pond Highway and its effects on the environment. Many of the oversize items are mounted and annotated from a lecture or presentation given by Apperson on the subject on an unknown date.		
Civilian Conservation Corps Camps, 1935-1936	box 14	folder 3
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		
Scope and Contents		
Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Lake George with Apperson notations on the back of each photograph which include the exact date of each photograph.		
Forest Preserve Association Tabling , 1950-1960	box 22	folder 5
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		
Moose River Plains Trip, 1946-01	box 14	folder 2
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

A January trip to the Moose River Plains with many scenic winter forest views, snowshoeing, and measurements of felled trees.

Perkins Clearing, 1900-1930	box 14	folder 4
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Photographs of the Perkins Camp in Perkins Clearing over three decades.

Rock Work on the Narrows with the Campfire Girls, 1908-1919	box 15	folder 6
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

These photographs portray multiple parties of men, women, and children performing rock work and riprapping on the Narrow of Lake George. The parties involved are a variety of Apperson's associates, but also include a troop of Camp Fire Girls.

Schenectady Erie Blvd. Pumping Station Public Works Administration Project , 1936	box 15	folder 2
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

In 1936 the Public Works Administration funded a project in Schenectady, NY, to build a pumping station on Erie Blvd. Apperson captures photographs of multiple stages of the project from beginning to end. This file also contains one photograph of Boy Scouts Troop #29 planting trees at the project site.

Sundry	box 14	folder 5
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Physical Description: 2 Folders

	box 22	folder 2
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Scope and Contents

Keeping within the previous processor's arrangement of Friends and Associates, this file contains photographs of Apperson and his associates that were unable to be identified and sorted into their own sections. This file includes many single images of historical and documentary significance, including a photograph of Theodore Roosevelt and his daughter picnicking, Apperson and others in front of the newly erected

"Entering Adirondack Park" sign, as well as many scenes of general boating and camping.

Dome Island	box 17	folder 1-90
<u>Physical Description</u> : 91 Folders	box 22	folder 9
<u>Physical Description</u> : 91 Folders		
Scope and Contents		
<p>The previous processors of these papers separated the Dome Island photographs into 90 envelopes, each bearing unique descriptive and identification data. In this arrangement the previous separation has been preserved in its entirety. The title of each file within the Dome Island sub-series is a transcription from the envelope of the previous processors. This information includes photograph attribution, dates, subjects, and location. As the paper's previous processors provided this information, its veracity cannot be certified. However, each of the previous processors were familiar with Apperson, this collection, and the area of Dome Island. Many of these file headings use common vernacular, which was retained during the envelope transcription. The envelopes were transcribed by an undergraduate student assistant.</p>		
Title/Description	Instances	
Dome Island, 1917-1963	box 17	folder 1-90
<u>Physical Description</u> : 90 Folders		
<u>Physical Description</u> : 90 Folders		
Dome Island, Oversize	box 22	folder 9
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder		
Lake George	box 15	folder 1, 5, 7, 13, 14
<u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Folders	box 22	folder 1, 6-8
<u>Physical Description</u> : 19 Folders	box 23	folder 1-3, 6-8
	box 26	folder 1
	box 27	folder 1-2
	box 31	
Title/Description	Instances	
Aerial Views of Lake George, 1940-1960	box 26	folder 1
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Later in his life Apperson collected photographs on aerial views of Lake George and its islands shot from aircraft.

Blowdown on Lake George , 1950 box 15 folder 1

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Photographs of the damage from the Great Blowdown in Lake George in 1950. Apperson annotated the back of each photograph to note the location.

Island Squatters and Other Front Buildings , 1908-1917 box 15 folder 5

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

In these photographs Apperson documents the illegal buildings erected on state owned land in Lake George. These buildings range from simple wooden bases for canvas tents to elaborate Victorian style homes.

Scenic Views of Lake George , 1890-1963 box 15 folder 7

Physical Description: 9 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson took near innumerable photographs depicting scenic vistas of Lake George. His artistic eye was impeccable for capturing the beauty and majesty of the Adirondack region and nowhere may this be seen as well as in his scenic views of Lake George.

box 27 folder 1
box 27 folder 2
box 22 folder 6-8
box 23 folder 7-8
box 31

Winter Trips to Lake George, 1910-1950 box 14 folder 11

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This small file of winter trips to Lake George was created by the previous processors. It contains a collection of sundry winter excursions. In order to preserve this collection it has been retained and an additional Sundry Winter Excursions has been created in the following file.

Sundry, Lake George box 15 folder 13

Physical Description: 4 Folders

box 23 folder 1-3

Scope and Contents

This file contains sundry photographs of Lake George.

Sundry, Riprapping box 15 folder 14

Physical Description: 3 Folders box 22 folder 1

Scope and Contents box 23 folder 6

This file contains sundry photographs of riprapping and rock work in Lake George.

Lake George Water Levels

Physical Description: 6 Folders

Physical Description: 37 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson meticulously documented the shorelines of Lake George and its islands in photographs for over fifty years of his life.

box 16 folder 1-22

box 15 folder 4, 12, 15, 17

box 22 folder 11-13

box 23 folder 9-14

box 25 folder 1-2

box 28 folder 1

Title/Description

Instances

High Water Levels and Shoreline Damage, 1910-1960 box 16 folder 1

Physical Description: 3 Folders box 25 folder 1-2

Scope and Contents

Apperson kept multiple copies of his water level photographs, but the two series with the most annotations were his personal copies and his record copies. This file contains Apperson's record copies, which have more official annotations than his personal copies, but, still contain Apperson's irascible voice.

Outlet Dam and Natural Dam at Ticonderoga, NY box 15 folder 4

Physical Description: 2 Folders box 28 folder 1

Scope and Contents

These photographs document the damage done by the International Paper Company from their use of the Ticonderoga Dam in Lake George. Many of these photographs were used as exhibits in the Lake George Trespass Case and to illustrate the "Lake George: A Mill Pond" publication. The images range from water level measurements to flooded docks to the International Paper Company's garbage in the water and its effects on wildlife.

Personal Copies of High Water Photos, 1910-1941 box 15 folder 17

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson kept multiple copies of his water level photographs, but the two series with the most annotations were his personal copies and his record copies. This file contains Apperson's personal copies, which have less restrained language in their annotations.

Water Levels Chronology, 1910-1941	box 16	folder 2-22
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Physical Description: 20 Folders

Physical Description: 20 Folders

Scope and Contents

These 20 files contain shoreline images captured by Apperson over 30 years separated by the date of their capture.

Sundry Shorelines	box 15	folder 12
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Folders	box 22	folder 11-13

Scope and Contents

This file contains sundry shoreline photographs that do not have identifying annotations.

Sundry Water Levels and Erosion	box 15	folder 15
<u>Physical Description</u> : 7 Folders	box 23	folder 9-14

Scope and Contents

This file contains sundry photographs of erosion in Lake George.

Lumbering and Logging

Physical Description: 7 Folders

Physical Description: 11 Folders

Scope and Contents

Apperson documented several logging and lumbering operations and activities in the Lake George, general Adirondack, and upper Hudson Valley areas. These photographs include the works on individuals harvesting trees, logging companies, and lumberjack camps.

box 15	folder 8-11
box 22	folder 3
box 23	folder 4-5
box 26	folder 2

Title/Description

Instances

Logging Operation on the Upper Hudson River, 1930-1939	box 15	folder 9
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Apperson documents many parts of a logging operation on the upper Hudson River in the 1930s. These photographs include documentation of the camps the loggers lived in, the logging itself, and the transportation of the logs through the waterways.

Lumbering and Hunting Camps, 1907-1913	box 15	folder 11
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson documents camps in the Adirondacks used for both lumbering and hunting.

Lumbering on Lake George, 1912-1913	box 15	folder 10
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

These photographs contain mainly images of Lake George filled with floating logs mid-transportation.

Lumbering on Rocky Peak Ridge, 1932-1935	box 15	folder 8
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Apperson documents the effects of lumbering on Rocky Peak Ridge, including the clear-cut regions and the vandalism of trails and signs in the region.

Sundry Lumbering, 1907-1939	box 22	folder 3
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Physical Description: 4 Folders

box 23	folder 4-5
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box 26	folder 2
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Summer Excursions

Physical Description: 4 Folders

box 14	folder 13-15
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Physical Description: 4 Folders

box 26	folder 4
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Scope and Contents

In addition to the specifically identified summer excursions in the Adirondacks this sub-series contains photographs of Apperson's fishing, hiking, boating, as well as other warm weather outdoor activities.

Title/Description

Instances

Canoeing on the Mohawk River, 1906	box 14	folder 14
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Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This is a single photograph of Apperson canoeing on the Mohawk River in 1906. This file was created by the previous processors' of the papers.

Year-round Camping on Dollar Island, 1907-1935 box 14 folder 13

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

Photographs of camping trips on Dollar Island in all weather and complexities. The campsites in this file range from intricately outfitted campsites to lean-tos underneath old wooden boards. There are many photographs of women camping.

Sundry Summer Excursions box 14 folder 15

Physical Description: 2 Folders

box 26 folder 4

Scope and Contents

A collection of fishing, canoeing, surfboarding, and hiking. Contains a photograph of a canoe with a swastika, c. 1910.

<p>Winter Excursions</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 6 Folders</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 9 Folders</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>In addition to the specifically identified winter excursions in the Adirondacks this sub-series contains photographs of Apperson's skate sailing, ice fishing, as well as other winter outdoor activities.</p>	box 14	folder 6-12
	box 22	folder 10
	box 24	
	box 26	folder 3

Title/Description	Instances	
Ausable Lake with AMC, 1927	box 14	folder 6
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		
Scope and Contents		
A mixed gender excursion to Ausable Lake featuring a horse-drawn sleigh, women cross-country skiing in white fur coats, and scenic views of heavy snow laden environment.		

Night Hawk Lake, Quebec, CA, 1910 box 14 folder 10

Physical Description: 1 Folder

Scope and Contents

This small file contains photographs of an Apperson family trip to Québec in winter.

Skatesailing , 1908-1950	box 14	folder 9
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Folders	box 24	

Scope and Contents

Contains photographs of Apperson and his associates skate sailing in Lake George and on the Mohawk River. This file contains nearly 40 years of skate sailing, ranging from Apperson's early attempts with a quilt as a sail to his younger relations and associates skate sailing in the 1940s.

Ski Trip to Mt. Marcy with Dartmouth College, 1914	box 14	folder 8
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

Photographs from a ski trip Apperson lead for the men of Dartmouth College. The men of the Dartmouth College ski team. These photographs feature the uniform of the ski team, the men at camp and in the snow, and one photograph of a snow filled empty frame of a building.

Ski Trip to Mt. Marcy, 1911	box 14	folder 7
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 Folder		

Scope and Contents

An early cross-country ski trip in very deep snow featuring photographs of the ski camp as well as Apperson and associates summiting Mt. Marcy. The outfitting gear in this trip is very similar to that found in the 1911 German Outfitting Catalogue found in the Miscellaneous series of these papers.

Sundry Winter Excursions	box 14	folder 12
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 Folders	box 26	folder 3
Scope and Contents	box 22	folder 10

A collection of sundry winter excursions not included in the previous processors' Winter Trips to Lake George file.

Sundry

Physical Description: 1 Folders
Physical Description: 2 Folders

box 15	folder 16
box 28	folder 3

Scope and Contents

The file contains sundry photographs by Apperson, some of which are from outside the Lake George and Schenectady region. These outside photographs include a photograph of Apperson in a sailboat in the ocean, as well as one of a beached whale in the Boston area. There is one photograph of a project of Apperson's in General Electric that appears to be the inside of a turbine.

Title/Description	Instances	
Sundry	box 15	folder 16
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Folders	box 28	folder 3

Photographic Negatives

Physical Description: 11 Boxes

Physical Description: 1524 Items

Scope and Contents

Apperson organized most of his negatives into various envelopes with a description written on the outside. In order to preserve a sense of Apperson's persona in the physical arrangement of the collection these envelopes have been scanned and printed on archival paper along with a transcription of Apperson's annotations and placed within the binder boxes of the plastic negatives sub-series. All of the plastic negatives, regardless of size, are housed in binder boxes and have been organized by content. Within the miscellaneous items of the collection are kept a few of Apperson's items relating to his housing and organization of his many plastic negatives. There are three sizes of glass plate negatives in these papers. For terms of simplicity these have been designated "small," "medium," and "large". The bulk of the small negatives are 3.5"x5.5", the bulk of the medium negatives are 4"x6", and the bulk of the large negatives are 8"x10".

Title/Description	Instances	
Apperson's Associates, 1899-1963	box 20	folder 1
<u>Physical Description</u> : 321 Items		

Scope and Contents

These negatives depict photographs of Apperson and his various associates. Many of the photographs were taken in various Adirondack camps.

Dome Island, 1899-1963	box 19	folder 1
<u>Physical Description</u> : 172 Items		

Scope and Contents

This file contains all of the plastic negatives relating to Dome Island in the John S. Apperson papers.

Lake George Shorelines and Riprapping, 1900-1950	box 19	folder 2
<u>Physical Description</u> : 140 Items		

Scope and Contents

These negatives depict the meticulous documentation of Lake George and its islands' shorelines captured by Apperson over half a century.

Lake George, 1899-1963	box 19	folder 5
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Physical Description: 112 Items

Lumbering and Logging, 1912-1936	box 19	folder 3
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Physical Description: 21 Items

Scope and Contents

This file contains off the plastic negatives from the photographs Apperson captured documenting several logging and lumbering operations and activities in the Lake George, general Adirondack, and upper Hudson Valley areas. These photographs include the works on individuals harvesting trees, logging companies, and lumberjack camps.

Public Works Administration and Boy Scouts, 1936	box 19	folder 4
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Physical Description: 18 Items

Scope and Contents

In 1936 the Public Works Administration funded a project in Schenectady, NY, to build a pumping station on Eerie Blvd. Apperson captures photographs of multiple stages of the project from beginning to end. This file also contains one photograph of Boy Scouts Troop #29 planting trees at the project site.

Summer Sports and Excursions , 1899-1963	box 20	folder 2
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Physical Description: 90 Items

Scope and Contents

These negatives depict various summer activities including hiking, boating, swimming, and camping in the Lake George area.

Winter Sports and Excursions , 1899-1963	box 18	
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Physical Description: 555 Items

Scope and Contents

This is by far the largest of the files containing Apperson's plastic negatives, encompassing an entire binder box. These images include skate sailing, ice fishing, skiing, as well as other winter activities and excursions.

Glass Plate Negatives, 1890-1920	box 6-13	
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Physical Description: 95 Items

Scope and Contents

There are three sizes of glass plate negatives in these papers. For terms of simplicity these have been designated "small," "medium," and "large". The bulk of the small negatives are 3.5"x5.5", the bulk of the medium negatives are 4"x6", and the bulk of the large negatives are 8"x10". The large format glass negatives include two scenic views of Lake George and four images of John S. Apperson's hometown in Virginia. The Virginia images portray extended Apperson family photos and images of the Virginia countryside.

Ambrotypes

Physical Description: 4 Items

Physical Description: Glass Plate Positives 1-4 Photographic Prints

Scope and Contents

The four ambrotypes (glass plate positives) in the collection depict early Adirondack winter hiking. The figures hiking in these photographs may be wearing outfitting gear found in the 1911 German Outfitting Catalogue found in the Organization Records and Publications series within these papers.

Title/Description	Instances
Ambrotypes, 1914-1917	box 6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Items	

Lantern Slides

Physical Description: 80 Items

Scope and Contents

The collection contains 80 lantern slides. The majority of the lantern slides depict skate sailing, winter hiking, shoreline erosion, and lumbering.

Title/Description	Instances
Lantern Slides, 1890-1920	box 1-6
<u>Physical Description</u> : 80 Items	

35mm Slides

Physical Description: 1 Box

Physical Description: 515 Items

Scope and Contents

The slides arrived for processing grouped into three numbered "files" by the papers' previous processors along with a collection of 100 A. E. Newkirk Slides and a file of "Apperson Associates" slides. The original order of the

slides is unknown, however, the "files" arrangement has been retained along with an item-level identification for each slide prepared by Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks volunteers familiar with the collection.

Title/Description	Instances
File One <u>Physical Description</u> : 100 Items	box 21
File Two <u>Physical Description</u> : 99 Items	box 21
File Three <u>Physical Description</u> : 161 Items	box 21
A. E. Newkirk Slides <u>Physical Description</u> : 100 Items	box 21
Apperson Associates Slides <u>Physical Description</u> : 55 Items	box 21

Audio Recordings

Physical Description: 2 Items

Title/Description	Instances
"Speeches at Caldwell's Dinner" , 1957-03-23 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Reels	box 30
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Speeches from Caldwell's Dinner featuring J. S. Apperson, C. B. Caldwell, R. Lowe, J. Thomas, J. B. Newkirk, W. M. White, and O. Eisenhower with some recording of the "start of above party after Eisenhower speech".</p>	

"Talk at Leatherstocking Club," Oswego, N.Y. , 1955-05-05 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Reels	box 30
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Scope and Contents

Magnetic audio recording of lectures by Atwater, Ham, and Gaylord at the Leatherstocking Club in Oswego, N.Y., on May 5, 1955. Play at 3 3/4 speed.

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