



Schuylerville Public Library Artifact Collection Finding Aid

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Reference Code: 2017-002

Name and Location of Repository: Schuylerville Public Library, 52 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, New York 12871.

Title: Schuylerville Artifact Collection.

Date: Circa Twentieth Century.

Extent: 10 framed items, 3 unframed items, 3 plaques, and 2 three-dimensional objects

Creator: Schuylerville Public Library.

Language: English

Abstract: The Schuylerville Library Artifact collection contains eighteen items in various formats relating to Schuylerville. Items include artwork, prints, photographs, three-dimensional objects, plaques, and documents. Many of the items are housed within frames. The materials are kept in storage areas both on and off site.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Schuylerville Public Library was established in 1894 and chartered in 1905 to serve the local population. In 1968, the library moved to its current location at 52 Ferry Street, downtown Schuylerville, New York. The Library was re-chartered as a School District Library in 2013 and now serves a population of approximately 10,000 from Saratoga County. Schuylerville Public Library is a member of the Southern Adirondack Library

System (SALS), which shares a computerized cataloging system with the Mohawk Valley Library System.

The mission of the Library is “to assemble, preserve and provide printed, audio, video and other electronically accessed materials that will meet the educational, informational, cultural and recreational interests and needs of the community serviced by the Library and in compliance with local, state and federal laws. The Library will be a source of refuge, inspiration and safe harbor to all patrons who seek the services it provides.”

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Schuylerville Library Artifact collection contains eighteen items in various formats relating to Schuylerville. Items include artwork (3 items), prints (6 items), photographs (2 items), three-dimensional objects (2 items), plaques (3 items), and documents (2 items). Many of the items are housed in frames. The materials are kept in storage areas both on and off site.

There are a few items that may be of interest to researchers studying the area. One of the pieces of artwork shows Schuyler Mansion and was painted from a photograph taken in 1981. Five of the prints depict images of different areas around old Schuylerville. The two photographs represent Victory Mills. The three plaques in the collection were created for the Schuylerville Public Library. One of the framed documents contains newspaper clippings and the commemorative stamp from the bicentennial celebration in 1977. Both of the three-dimensional objects depict the Saratoga Monument. These objects are on display on the shelving above the Local History Collection.

As there is no original order or provenance, items in this finding aid are organized by the following classifications: Artwork; Prints; Photographs; Plaques; Framed Documents; and Objects.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE ELEMENTS

Conditions Governing Access: Collection is open for research.

Physical Access: The items in this collection are kept in storage. Researchers must request items in advance.

Technical Access: There are no technical restrictions to this collection.

ACQUISITION AND APPRAISAL ELEMENTS

Custodial History: The Collection started when the library opened in 1968.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Donations have been made throughout the Library's history from numerous members of the community.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Preferred Citation: [Description of Item, Date,] Schuylerville Artifact Collection, Schuylerville Public Library, Schuylerville, New York.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Subject

American Revolution

American Revolution, 1775-1783

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1976

American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976, on postage stamps

Schuyler House (Schuylerville, N.Y.)

Saratoga Monument (Schuylerville, N.Y.)

Name

Boda, Maggie

Francis, Harold

Fremont, Robert

Grom, William

Corporate Name

Schuylerville Public Library (Schuylerville, N.Y.)

Geographic

Saratoga Springs (N.Y.)

Schuylerville (N.Y.)

Victory Mills (N.Y.)

RELATED MATERIALS

Related materials to those kept in this collection can be found at the following repositories: Saratoga Room, Saratoga Springs Public Library; Brookside Museum Archive; and the New York State Archives.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Description based on DACS, *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2013). Finding aid written by Katherine Federiconi, 2017.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Artwork

Item: Two men duck hunting in rowboat, presented by Kay Lee, pencil sketch, 11”x 9” framed, 2014 November.

Item: Decamping women and children, by Harold Francis Walenta, painting on canvas, 39”x 27” framed, 1976.

Item: “Schuylerville from 1981 Photo” Schuylerville, N.Y., by FJL, painting on bristle board. 18”x12”, 1981.

Prints

Item: “Broadway, Schuylerville, N.Y.”, by Maggie Boda, limited color dot matrix print, 17”x12” framed, undated. *From estate of Robert Fremont and donated by Trace Priest to Schuylerville Public Library on 2015 August 1.*

Item: “Old Schuylerville Saw Mill, Smithville, N.Y.”, black and white carving on wooden frame, 8”x6” in a 13”x11”, undated. *Donated by Peter Young.*

Item: “Schuylerville N.Y. at Mount Vernon, V.A. April 19, 1924”, group photograph of 17 people, 11”x9” framed, past photograph serv. 2008.

Item: “Schuylerville, New York, 1897.” ca. 1897 by WMA. Kelly, black and white, ten location pictures and 34 formal headshots of “prominent” men, 33”x26.5” framed, undated. *Donated to Schuylerville Public Library by James Carscadden from Harry/Margaret “Bebe” Carmen Estate “Villa Maria” 2010 August 20.*

Item: “Schuylerville, N.Y.”, drawn and published by L.R. Burleigh in Troy N.Y., black and white map with markings of buildings in 1889 and historic sites and military positions, 32”x21.5” framed, 1889. *First copy donated to Schuylerville Public Library by Penny Downs 2007 October 24. Second copy “is a gift to Schuylerville Public Library from Curtis H. Bauer 1927 - 2007 Schuylerville High School class of 1945.”*

Item: “Saratoga Wedding Congress Park” by Richard Salls, painting, No. #161/850, 27”x 22.5”, undated. *Signed by artist.*

Photographs

Item: Untitled, black and white, captioned “these girls were all from Victory Mills old home week around 1912”, 15”x13” mounted and framed, undated. *Donated by Mrs. Peter Young to the Village Historian Tom Wood on 1986 June 14.*

Item: Victory Mills, by Epler & Arnold, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., black and white, mounted, 25”x21”, undated. *Purchased from Mrs. Mamie Hughes Farrell by Peter and Victoria Young on 1963 October 10.*

Plaque

Item: “Gift to Schuylerville Free Library Association and Schuylerville Public Library”, wood with 40 metal plates (-1 missing plate), 33 plated engraved with names, 13”x20”, undated.

Item: “In Memory of Bessie P. Hass Librarian 1956-72 presented at trustees”, metal on wood., 10”x 8”, undated.

Item: “This Collection in memory of Christopher M. Wiley our dear friend and patron July 14, 1970 - July 4, 201 Schuylerville Public Library”, metal on wood, 9”x 7”, undated.

Framed Documents

Item: Bicentennial Collection 15”x12”. *Donated by Walker Grom 3/16/2015.*

- Newspaper clipping, “The Stamp: U.S. Postal Service decides on Schuylerville”, picture of K. Walter Grom, *The Saratogian*, 1977 May 4
- Newspaper clipping, “Burgoyne’s surrender site added to Saratoga National Historical Park. Opening takes place Saturday”, picture “Surrender at Saratoga 1777”, by John Trumbull, 2013 June 1.
- (2) 200th anniversary commemorative envelopes with U.S. Bicentennial 13cent stamps featuring “Surrender at Saratoga 1777”. Postmarked October 7th, 1777 and October 1777, 12871 zip code.

Item: 2 framed checks, 17”x14”, “presented in memory of Judge Robert Fremont”, signed by M @ Lee Bros., stamped with 2cent stamps.

- No. 716 dated November 25, 1874 for \$227.09 to Z.F. Wilson & co.
- No. 783 dated March 24, 1875 for \$37.07 to Main & Hastings

Objects

Item: “Schuylerville, N.Y. 1776”, ceramic model of the Saratoga Monument, Base: 6”x 6”, Height: 14”, undated.

Item: Commemorative ceramic plate featuring Saratoga Monument, approximately 9” diameter, 1” “thick”, manufactured in England by Wedgwood for Elinore B.F. Allen IV, stamped “Wedgwood 2 R 57”, undated.