COLLECTION SUMMARY

Reference Code: 2017-001

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

Title: Schuylerville Local History Collection.

Date: circa 1854 – 2015.

Extent: 6 cubic feet (14 document boxes, 1 oversize box)

Creator: Schuylerville Public Library.

Language: English

Abstract: The Schuylerville Public Library Local History Collection consists of materials that span the years of 1854-2015. The materials included represent the Schuylerville Public Library; governance, reports, and projects within the Town of Saratoga and Saratoga County; pamphlets and ephemera; local family histories; correspondence; records relating to the American Revolution era; published materials of local organizations and authors; photographs; newspaper clippings; and select Saratoga County magazines. This collection documents aspects of the history of Schuylerville and the surrounding communities.

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 Public Library Local History Collection consists of materials that span the years of 1854-2015. The materials included represent the Schuylerville Public Library; governance, reports, and projects within the Town of Saratoga and Saratoga County; pamphlets and ephemera; local family histories; correspondence; records relating to the American Revolution era; published materials of local organizations and authors; photographs; newspaper clippings; and select Saratoga County magazines. This small, but developing collection holds much research value.

The Schuylerville Public Library has two noteworthy research areas, and the Local History Collection contains series in both: The American Revolution and Genealogy materials. The American Revolution is significant because Schuylerville, also known as Old Saratoga, was the site of the famous turning point battle, the Battle of Saratoga, also known as the Saratoga Campaign. The American Revolution series contains a wide variety of materials reflecting the time period, including a number of academic reports on the battle itself. The series also includes a plethora of ephemera from the bicentennial celebration in 1977.

The Local Family Records series includes family lineages from various local families, but also contains quite an interesting collection of correspondence involving the Webster family and their relatives, dating from 1854 to 1925. There are also a significant amount of papers relating to the legal aspects surrounding William B. Webster’s death in the early twentieth century. These papers and correspondence reflect society during this time period, as researchers are able to see how families interacted when separated by distance. Included in this series are also a handful of different family’s complete lineages.

The Local Governance, Projects, and Reports series contains the project reports for the Independent Towers LLC and National Grid. The Independent Towers LLC Company wished to build a one hundred foot Telecommunications Tower. The National Grid project was to rebuild about fourteen miles of 115 kV double-circuit electric transmission facilities from the Mohican Substation in Saratoga County to the Battenkill Substation in Washington County. The items in this series contain the project reports, supplementary documents, and the response from the community, which was not entirely positive.
These are just a few of the noteworthy records a researcher may find in this collection. Let it be noted that this collection has passed through the hands of several archives interns. As a result, some of the items have been encased in Mylar and include a numbering system that is no longer applicable.

**SYSTEM OF ARRANGEMENT**

The collection is arranged in ten series. As there was no original order or provenance, the items in this collection are artificially arranged by subject.

**Series 1: Schuylerville Free Library/Public Library Records**

Date: 1935 – 2010, bulk 1968 -1979  
Extent: 1 box; 0.5 cubic feet  

This series contains documents relating to the development of Schuylerville Free Library (Public Library). Items in this series include annual reports, correspondence, financial statements, Southern Adirondack Library System reports, and the Schuylerville Public Library Bookmark Contest materials.

**Series 2: Local Governance, Projects, and Reports**

Date: 1958-2015  
Extent: 3 boxes; 1.5 cubic feet  

This series consists of two subseries: 2.1: Governance, Reports, and Correspondence; and 2.2 Local Project Reports, Independent Towers LLC, National Grid.

**Subseries 2.1: Governance, Reports, and Correspondence**

Extent: 2 boxes; 1 cubic feet  

This subseries contains the master plan for the town, business and economic reports, government officials for the Village of Schuylerville and the Village of Victory Mills, both within the conglomerate of the Town of Saratoga (bulk: 1987-1989). The correspondence relate to a request to change the name of Battle of Saratoga to the Battle of Stillwater, as well as Schuyler Mansion becoming a historic site. Also included are reports discussing the environment, and preservation needs and protocol, Capital District Transportation Committee, Capital District Office of Planning Coordination on mobile homes, and the Saratoga County Democratic yearbook.

**Subseries 2.2: Local Project Reports, Independent Towers LLC, National Grid.**

Date: 2007-2015  
Extent: 1 box; 0.5 cubic feet  

This subseries contains reports, plans, and correspondence for the proposed construction of a 100’ telecommunications tower facility by the Independent Towers, LLC Company, and the National Grid Mohican-Battenkill rebuild project.

**Series 3: Historical Materials**
Date: 1912 - 2002
Extent: 1 box; 0.5 cubic feet

This series contains a wide variety of items relating to local history, including historic pamphlets of Schuylerville, reports on historical data relating to the people of Saratoga County, and published materials discussing Saratoga County, Saratoga County Court Files from 17991-1900, Saratoga train history, Alexander Hamilton, and the Eric Canal.

**Series 4: Local Family Records**
Date: 1854 - 2006
Extent: 2 boxes, 1 cubic foot

This series consists of two subseries: 4.1: Correspondence and Recollections; and 4.2 Ancestry and Lineage.

**Subseries 4.1: Correspondence and Recollections**
Date: 1854 – 2005; bulk dates: 1854-1925.
Extent: 1 box; 0.5 cubic feet

This subseries contains the correspondence, ephemera, and records of local families, most noteworthy the Webster family. Included In this series are also published materials on the lives of William Butz and Marcella Nacy Barrett, and the George Strover Family Papers finding aid.

**Subseries 4.2: Ancestry and Lineage**
Date: 1965 - 2006
Extent: 1 box; 0.5 cubic feet

This subseries contains information on locating marriage, birth, and death records, Schuylerville cemeteries, Revolutionary War genealogy online resources, French-Canadian genealogy, New Netherland Dutch Colony resources, and local family lineages of the Sylvester and Bielkiewicz families, Alexander Bryan, Jonathan Griffen, James McGeoch, and the Arnold Family.

**Series 5: American Revolution**
Extent: 2 boxes, 0.75 cubic feet

This series consists of two subseries: 5.1: Published Materials and Ephemera, 1882 – 2005; and 5.2: Academic Reports, 1940 – 1973.

**Subseries 5.1: Published Materials and Ephemera, 1882 – 2005.**
Extent: 1 box, 0.5 cubic feet

This subseries contains both published materials and ephemera relating to the American Revolution, Saratoga Monument and Soldiers Monuments, and the Bicentennial celebration. Items include academic articles, event programs, activity and coloring books, cookbooks, pamphlets and brochures, and other ephemera such as postcards, bicentennial stamps, and a bumper sticker.

**Subseries 5.2: Academic Reports, 1940 – 1973.**
Extent: 1 box, 0.25 cubic feet
This subseries contains academic reports relating to the American Revolution. Subject matters include General John Fellow’s defenses in Easton Township, General Simon Fraser, Benedict Arnold at Saratoga, the Saratoga Campaign, information on Gates’ Army, and the army and campaign of Lieutenant General John Burgoyne. A primary source report for drawing No. NHP-SAR 2013 is also included discussing troop movement for the battles of September 19, 1777 and October 7, 1777.

Series 6: Local Organization Papers and Published Materials
Date: 1883 – 2014; bulk 2006 – 2014
Extent: 1 box; 0.25 cubic feet

This series contains local organization’s published materials and papers. The organizations represented include the Turning Point Dairy, Capital District Civil War Round Table, Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls, Friends of Saratoga Battlefield, Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, Washington County Historical Society, Warren County Historical Society, Schuylerville Study Club, and the Schuylerville Association for Growth & Enterprise, Inc.. Schuylerville religious organizations in this collection include the Church of the Visitation, the Old Saratoga Reformed Church, Notre Dame de Lourdes, New York United Methodist Church, and Quaker Springs United Methodist Church.

Series 7: Photographs
Date: Circa 1900s
Extent: 1 box; 0.25 cubic feet

This series contains unidentified family photographs and research, photographs from the publication Schuylerville Historical Week, Schuylerville Central School faculty photographs, and a collection of images from Lake George. The majority of the series is undated.

Series 8: Local Authors Published Works
Date: 1940 - 2008
Extent: 1 box; 0.25 cubic feet

This series contains primarily self-published materials of local authors. Content ranges from stories and essays, to poetry and a craft book. Featured authors include Kathy Ceceri, Mildred Curtis Drew, Lillian Pearson Muzikar, and Ken Tate, and a couple of publications by the Friends of Schuylerville Public Library and the Friends of Taylor Public Library.

Series 9: Newspaper Articles
Date: 1930 – 2012
Extent: 1 box; 0.25 cubic feet


Series 10: Saratoga County Magazines
Date: 1977, 2009-2013
Size: 1 box; 0.25 cubic feet

This series contains a few volumes of local magazine publications, including the Schuylerville Community Guide, Welcome Home, Autumn Lane, HerLife, Saratoga, Saratoga Living, Southern Saratoga Magazine, and a single article from Spirit of Saratoga.

Series 11: Oversized Materials
Dates: circa 1898 – 2009
Extent: 1 oversize box

This box contains documents, maps, restaurant menus, and large newspaper articles that are being stored in an oversize box in order to ensure their condition is preserved for future use.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE ELEMENTS

Conditions Governing Access: Collection is open for research.
Physical Access: There are no restrictions on physical access.
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 Local History Collection, Schuylerville Public Library, Schuylerville, New York.
Separated Materials: Artifacts and framed items were separated from the collection and cataloged separately.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS
Subject:
American Revolution
American Revolution, 1775-1783
American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976
American Revolution Bicentennial, 1776-1776
American Revolution Bicentennial, 1976, on postage stamps
Corporate governance
Family history (Genealogy)
Genealogy
Schuyler House (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Saratoga Campaign, N.Y., 1777
Saratoga, Battle of, N.Y., 1777
Saratoga Monument (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Soldiers Monument (Schuylerville, N.Y.)

Corporate Name:
Capital District Civil War Round Table
Saratoga Battlefield Association
Friends of Saratoga Battlefield
Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls (N.Y.)
Independent Towers, LLC Company
National Grid
Saratoga County Historical Society (N.Y.)
Schuyler House (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Schuylerville Public Library (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Schuylerville Central School District (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Schuylerville Study Club (Schuylerville, N.Y.)
Southern Adirondack Library System
Southern Adirondack Library System (N.Y.)
Warren County Historical Society (N.Y.)
Washington County Historical Society (Washington County, N.Y.)
Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center (N.Y.)

Names:
Arnold, Benedict
Bartholomay, Kathleen
Behrens, Patricia “Pat”
Burgoyne, John
Clark, Orson B. (O. B.)
Curtis Drew, Mildred
Fraser, Simon
Griffen, Jonathan
James, Willis
McGeoch, James
Rodeheaver, Jane
Schuyler, Philip
Strach, Stephen
Webster, Ella
Webster, John Milton (J. M.)
Webster, William B. (W. B.)
Whitehouse, Dorothy

**Geographic:**
Adirondack Mountains (N.Y.)
Adirondack Park (N.Y.)
Albany (N.Y.)
New York State Capital (Albany, N.Y.)
Saratoga National Historical Park (N.Y.)
Saratoga Springs (N.Y.)
Saratoga County (N.Y.)
Schuylerville (N.Y.)
Stillwater (N.Y.)
Town of Saratoga (N.Y.)
Victory Mills (N.Y.)
Bennington (Vt.)

**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**


**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**Series 1: Schuylerville Free Library/ Public Library Records, 1935 – 2010.**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1:** Meeting minutes, 1935 – 1950
**Folder 2:** Official Documents, 2005-2014
**Folder 3:** (3) Reports of Examination, 1975, 1978
**Folder 4:** Annual Reports, 1968-1969
**Folder 5:** Financial papers, 1975-1990
**Folder 6:** Correspondence, 1938-2007
**Folder 7:** Southern Adirondack Library System, 1977-2010
**Folder 8:** Bookmark Contest, undated
**Folder 9:** Local History and Revolutionary War Library Collection Inventory List, undated

**Series 2: Local Governance, Projects, and Reports, 1958-2015.**
Subseries 2.1: Governance, Reports, and Correspondence, 1958-2010.

Box 2
Folder 1: Village of Schuylerville Master Plan, 1968
Folder 2: Comprehensive Plans, 1999, 2005
Folder 4: Zoning Codes and Regulations, 1980, 2010
Folder 6: Village of Victory Mills Government Personnel Index, 1987
Folder 7: Town of Saratoga Government Personnel Index, 1988-1989
Folder 8: Old Saratoga Central Business Alliance (OSCBA), 1984
Folder 9: Correspondence, Battle of Saratoga name change, 1980
Folder 10: Schuyler Mansion Historic Site, 1980 Donated by Lillian Dunbar

Box 3
Folder 1: Saratoga County Commission Report, 1987
Folder 2: Environmental Reports, 1975, 1983
Folder 3: Preservation Reports, 1958, 2007
Folder 4: Capital District Transportation Committee Reports, 2010
Folder 5: Capital District Office of Planning Coordination Reports, undated
Folder 6: Saratoga County Democratic Yearbook, 1983 May 1


Box 4
Folder 2: 100’ Telecommunications Tower Facility Project Report, 2007
Folder 3: 100’ Telecommunications Tower Facility Project Report, 2007
Folder 4: 100’ Telecommunications Tower Facility Project Supplementary Materials, 2007
Folder 5: Mohican-Battenkill Rebuild Project, 2013
Folder 6: Mohican-Battenkill Rebuild Project Restated Exhibit 7, 2012
Folder 7: Mohican-Battenkill Rebuild Project Correspondence, 2010-2015
Folder 8: Mohican-Battenkill Rebuild Project Petitions, 2012-2015


Box 5
Folder 1: Schuylerville Historical Pamphlets, 1912-2001
Folder 2: Ephemera, undated
Folder 3: Barbara Aldrich Local Research, undated
Folder 4: Saratoga County Historical Data, 1963-1964
Folder 5: Saratoga County Bibliography, 1977
Folder 6: Saratoga Court Records (1791-1900), 2002
Folder 7: Saratoga County Historical Publications, 1976, 1995
Folder 8: Saratoga Train History, 1967
Folder 9: Alexander Hamilton Biography, 1957
Folder 10: Erie Canal History, 2001

Subseries 4.1: Correspondence and Recollections, 1854 – 2005.

Box 6
- Folder 1: Local Families Correspondence, 1854-1898
- Folder 2: Local Families Ephemera, 1882-1948
- Folder 3: Webster Family Correspondence, 1893-1925
- Folder 4: Webster Lineage Correspondence, undated
- Folder 5: William B. Webster Records, 1888-1941
- Folder 6: Willis Lyman James, 1897
- Folder 7: Marcella Nacy Barrett, undated
- Folder 8: William Butz, 2005
- Folder 9: George Strover Family Papers Finding Aid, 1999


Box 7
- Folder 2: Schuylerville Cemeteries, 1893, 2002
- Folder 3: Revolutionary War Genealogy, circa 2006
- Folder 4: French-Canadian and Dutch Colony, 1984, 2014
- Folder 5: Sylvester Family, 1965
- Folder 6: Bielkiewicz Family History, 1994
- Folder 7: Alexander Bryan Lineage, 1995
- Folder 8: Jonathan Griffen Lineage, 1983
- Folder 9: James McGeoch Lineage, 1999
- Folder 10: Arnold Family, 1992


Subseries 5.1: Published Materials and Ephemera, 1882 – 2005.

Box 8
- Folder 1: Battle of Saratoga, 1952, 1985
- Folder 2: John Burgoyne, undated
- Folder 3: Philip Schuyler, undated
- Folder 4: Saratoga Battlefield
- Folder 5: Saratoga Monument
- Folder 6: Soldiers Monument, 1904
- Folder 7: American Revolution Themed Events, 1926, 1950-1952
- Folder 8: Activity and Coloring Books, 1966-2005
- Folder 9: Cookbooks
- Folder 10: Bicentennial Published Materials, 1973-1999
- Folder 11: Bicentennial Correspondence, 1975
- Folder 12: Bicentennial Ephemera, 1975-1977


Box 9
- Folder 2: John F. Luzader Reports, 1958-1960
Folder 3: Charles W. Snell Reports, 1951
Folder 4: Francis F. Wilshin Report, 1940
Folder 5: Primary Source Report, undated


Box 10
Folder 1: Schuylerville Organization Directory, 1977
Folder 2: Schuylerville Study Club, 1994
Folder 3: Schuylerville Association for Growth & Enterprise, Inc. (SAGE), 1983
Folder 4: Turning Point Dairy, 2008
Folder 5: Friends of Saratoga Battlefield, 2007
Folder 6: Capital District Civil War Round Table, 2011-2012
Folder 7: Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center, 2011-2014
Folder 8: Historical Society of Moreau and South Glens Falls, 2013-2014
Folder 9: Saratoga County Historical Society, 2006-2012
Folder 10: Warren County Historical, 2011-2013
Folder 11: Washington County Historical Society, 2007-2008
Folder 12: Canal Brochures, 1997, undated
Folder 13: Miscellaneous, 1978-2013

Series 7: Photographs, circa 1900s.

Box 11
Folder 1: Unidentified Family Photographs, undated
Folder 2: Photographs and Research, approximately 1900s
Folder 3: Schuylerville Historical Week, undated
Folder 4: Schuylerville Central School, 1974-1994
Folder 5: Lake George, undated

Series 8: Local Authors Published Works, 1940 – 2008.

Box 12
Folder 1: Kathy Ceceri, 2008
Folder 3: Friends of Schuylerville Public Library, 1977
Folder 4: Friends of the Taylor Public Library, 2007
Folder 5: Lillian Pearson Muzikar, undated
Folder 6: Ken Tate, 1996


Box 13
Folder 1: Schuylerville Public Library, 2003 – 2006
Folder 2: Town Planning and Development, 1969-2003
Folder 3: Town Concerns, 1970 – 1985
Folder 4: Schuylerville Central School, 1930 – 1970
Folder 5: Kathleen Bartholomay Articles, 1999
Folder 8: Letters to the Editor, 1972
Folder 9: Event and Announcements, 1961 - 1984
Folder 10: Historical Topics, 1973 – 1986
Folder 12: Local Obituaries, 2004-2012


Box 14:
Folder 3: Autumn Lane, 2009.


Oversize Box:

Item: Announcement, Historians and Collectors of Rare Americana Ought to Possess that Rare Publication “Captain Norton’s Orderly Book, 1776” Keating-Barnard Publishing Co., Fort Edward, N.Y., 1898 July 11

Menus:
Item: Menu, Some Place Else, Route 29 Atop Schuylerville Hill, Schuylerville, N.Y., undated
Item: Menu, Some Place Else, Route 29 Atop Schuylerville Hill, Schuylerville, N.Y., undated

Maps:
Item: Map, Saratoga City & County, printed by JIMPACO, 14th edition
Item: Two map (enclosed as one) of the Historical & Recreational Site Development Plan by M.J. Engineering P.C., Consulting Engineers

Newspaper:
Item: Newspaper, “Loom Stilled, Victory Mills Chants Requiem”, by John Wanhopem, and “Albany Symphony Orchestra”, 824 E 221st Bronx New York City, 1930 February
Item: Newspaper, “Fitchburg Staion becomes new restaurant” by Marie D. Whitford; and “Day of house has arrived in tri-county area” by Shelley Riley, publication unknown, 1973 May 20
Item: Newspaper, Atwell’s Reader, pg. 1-4, Vol. 1 (1), Schuylerville, N.Y., 1877 August 4
Item: Newspaper article, “Swimming against the current: Early environmentalist Sam Aldrich was a guardian of the Hudson River: Shad turns the tide on the Hudson” by Alexander Aldrich, The Saratogian, 2009 December 27
Item: Newspaper article, “Old Champlain Canal on the way back: Schuylerville rallies behind restoration,” publication unknown, 1974 September 22