

Guide to the B. P. Atkinson Photograph Collection, 1912-1942, undated

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

B. P. Atkinson Photograph Collection, 1912-1942, undated

Repository:

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Author of Finding Aid:

Bridgett Bonar

Creator:

Atkinson, B. P., 1881-1955

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

3 boxes of photographs and 14 boxes of negatives ; 6.41 linear feet

Abstract:

The collection consists of mainly scenic photographs taken by B. P. Atkinson of Laconia, NH, to be used as postcards, on stationary, and other similar functions. Many of the photos have been touched up with these goals in mind, having had telephone poles and wires, dead tree branches, and fog spots removed. Some of the photographs have had color added. Many of the touched-up photographs have typed notes attached to the back detailing the edits.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The B. P. Atkinson Photograph Collection is comprised of seven accession numbers: S 1968.064, 1969.073, 1976.043, 1983.013, 1990.041, 1993.553, and 2003.041.

Accession 1983.013 was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Garvin in 1983. Accession 1990.041 was the gift of the estate of Glen M. Kidder in 1990. Accessions S 1968.064, 1969.073, 1976.043, 1993.553, and 2003.041 were found in collections.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Bridgett Bonar in October 2018. The finding aid was written by Bridgett Bonar in October 2018. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The photographs in this collection are on paper and have no special technical requirements for use. Use of the negatives requires permission from the librarian on duty. The negatives must be handled with gloves and will need a lightbox for viewing.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

For permission to reproduce or publish materials from this collection, please contact the New Hampshire Historical Society. Users are responsible for following all copyright and intellectual property laws.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Bert Palmer Atkinson was born October 28, 1881 at Tilton, NH, the son of Leroy S. and Elnora A. (Adams) Atkinson. Eighteen-year-old Bert was a student at the Kimball Union Academy in Plainfield, NH, in 1900. About 1904 he married Mary Frances Smith, the daughter of John Sylvester and Josephine (Stillson) Smith, born August 4, 1884 at Concord, NH. In 1910 Bert was living in Tilton and was a dealer of "papers and periodicals." In 1920 he was a news store merchant and one of his sons was a paper carrier for a news store. In 1930 he was a manager of a stationery store. By 1933 he had moved to Laconia where he was a salesman with a wholesale printing company.

Bert and Mary were the parents of the following children (all born at Tilton): Edward Leroy (1904-1968), Gertrude J. (b. September 24, 1907), Alfred Adams (1913-2003), and Eleanor May (1920-2015). Bert died at Laconia on March 4, 1955. Mary died there on March 27, 1962.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The B. P. Atkinson Photograph Collection is made up of mainly scenic photographs taken by Bert P. Atkinson of Tilton and Laconia, NH, to be used as postcards, on stationary, and other similar functions, and is dated 1912-1942, with a number of the images undated. Many of the photos have been touched up with these goals in mind, having had telephone poles and wires, dead tree branches, and fog spots removed. Some of the photographs have had color added. Many of the touched-up photographs have typed notes attached to the back detailing the edits.

The collection consists mainly of photographs taken in the spring and summer, with a few winter scenes and skiers. The collection contains photographs from all over New Hampshire, though largely from the metropolitan, lakes, and White Mountain regions. The negatives comprise a more extensive view of the state and include some shots of other states in New England and Florida. An index of the negatives is in the finding aid folder in the reading room.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized alphabetically by town name and, if no location information could be found, by subject.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folders 1-2 Alton, NH, undated
- Folder 3 Amherst, NH, 1938, undated
- Folder 4 Andover, NH, undated
- Folder 5 Bartlett, NH, undated
- Folder 6 Berlin, NH, undated
- Folder 7 Bethlehem, NH, 1936, undated
- Folder 8 Bretton Woods, NH, undated
- Folder 9 Bristol, NH, undated
- Folder 10 Campton, NH, 1936-1937, undated
- Folder 11 Canaan, NH, undated
- Folder 12 Claremont, NH, undated
- Folder 13 Colebrook, NH, undated
- Folder 14 Conway, NH, undated
- Folder 15 Cornish, NH, undated
- Folders 16-17 Crawford Notch, NH, 1912-1937, undated
- Folder 18 Deering, NH, undated
- Folder 19 Derry, NH, undated
- Folder 20 Dover, NH, undated
- Folder 21 Durham, NH, undated
- Folder 22 Exeter, NH, undated

Folder 23 Franconia Notch, NH, undated
Folders 24-25 Gilford, NH, 1942, undated
Folder 26 Gorham, NH, undated
Folder 27 Hanover, NH, undated
Folder 28 Hillsborough, NH, undated
Folder 29 Jackson, NH, undated
Folder 30 Jefferson, NH, undated
Folder 31 Laconia, NH, undated

Box 2

Folders 1-2 Laconia, NH, The Weirs, 1937, undated
Folder 3 Lancaster, NH, undated
Folder 4 Lebanon, NH, undated
Folder 5 Lincoln, NH, undated
Folder 6 Littleton, NH, undated
Folder 7 Meriden, NH, undated
Folders 8-9 Milford, 1937, NH, undated
Folder 10 Mt. Washington, NH, undated
Folder 11 Nashua, NH, undated
Folder 12 New Castle, NH, undated
Folder 13 New Durham, NH, undated
Folder 14 New Hampton, NH, undated
Folder 15 New London, NH, 1937, undated
Folders 16-18 Newfound Lake, NH, undated
Folders 19-20 North Conway, NH, 1932, undated
Folder 21 North Conway, NH, Mount Cranmore, 1942, undated
Folder 22 North Woodstock, NH, 1937, undated
Folder 23 Ossipee, NH, undated
Folder 24 Pembroke, NH, undated
Folder 25 Penacook, NH, 1938, undated
Folder 26 Pinkham Notch, NH, undated
Folder 27 Plymouth, NH, undated
Folder 28 Portsmouth, NH, undated
Folder 29 Rumney, NH, undated

Box 3

Folder 1 Salem, NH, undated
Folder 2 Skiing, unidentified, undated
Folder 3 Somersworth, NH, undated
Folder 4 Sunapee and Sunapee Lake, NH, undated
Folder 5 Swanzey, NH, undated
Folder 6 Tamworth, NH, undated
Folder 7 Thornton, NH, undated
Folder 8 Tuftonboro, NH, undated
Folder 9 Twin Mountain, NH, undated
Folder 10 Wakefield/Sanbornville, NH, 1937, undated

Folder 11 Webster, NH, undated
Folder 12 White Mountains, NH, undated
Folder 13 Winchester, NH, undated
Folders 14-18 Winnepesaukee, Lake, NH, 1920, undated
Folders 19-21 Winnisquam, Lake, NH, 1937, undated
Folders 22-23 Wolfeboro, NH, undated
Folder 24 Woodstock, NH, undated

Separated Materials:

The negatives are stored separately in 14 boxes. An index of the negatives is in the finding aid folder in the reading room. A box list is provided below:

Box A nos. 1-114
Box B nos. 115-235
Box C nos. 236-359
Box D nos. 360-500
Box E nos. 501-646
Box F nos. 647-785
Box G nos. 786-920
Box H nos. 921-1066
Box I nos. 1067-1210
Box J nos. 1211-1350
Box K nos. 1351-1475
Box L nos. 1476-1619
Box M nos. 1620-1663
Box N nos. 1664-1683

Subject Terms

People:

Atkinson, B. P., 1881-1955

Organizations:

A. Crosby Kennett School (Conway, N.H.)
Ames Farm
Armont Inn (Campton, N.H.)
Brewster Free Academy (Wolfeboro, N.H.)
Brocklebank Hotel (New London, N.H.)
Canobie Lake Park (Salem, N.H.)
Conway Public Library
Crawford House (Hotel : Carroll, N.H.)
Eastern Slope Inn
Fairview Hotel
Franklin Pierce Homestead
Freeman Shoe Co. (Somersworth, N.H.)
French & Heald Company
Hotel Moody (Claremont, N.H.)

Inn Unique
Libby Museum
Littleton Hospital
Littleton Public Library
Lucerne Inn (Canaan, N.H.)
Milford Elementary School
Moat Mountain House
Mount Washington Cog Railway
Mount Washington Hotel & Resort
Nashua High School (Nashua, N.H.)
Pasquaney Inn
Pembroke Sanatorium
Penacook High School
Pleasant View Farm
Squamscott Hotel (Exeter, N.H.)
Stevens High School
Stickney Memorial Chapel
Carpenter School (Wolfeboro, N.H.)
The Maplewood (Bethlehem, N.H.)
The Presidential Inn (Conway, N.H.)
The Winnecoette
Tip-Top House
Valley Hotel (Hillsborough, N.H.)
Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel
White Owl Camp
Winnisquam House

Subjects:

Amusement parks
Aquatic sports
Beaches
Beachgoers
Boats and boating
Bridges
Buildings
Church buildings
Cities and towns
Covered Bridges
Dwellings
Farms
Hiking
Hotels
Lakes
Libraries
Mountains
Nature
Post office buildings

Postcards
Railroads
Roller coasters
School buildings
Skis and skiing
Waterfalls

Locations:

Alton, NH
Amherst, NH
Andover, NH
Bartlett, NH
Belknap Mountain, Gilford, NH
Berlin, NH
Bethlehem, NH
Bretton Woods, NH
Bristol, NH
Campton, NH
Canaan, NH
Claremont, NH
Colebrook, NH
Conway, NH
Cornish, NH
Cranmore Mountain, NH
Crawford Notch, NH
Deering, NH
Derry, NH
Dover, NH
Durham, NH
Exeter, NH
Franconia Notch, NH
Gilford, NH
Gorham, NH
Hanover, NH
Hillsborough, NH
Jackson, NH
Jefferson, NH
Laconia, NH
Lake Winnepesaukee, NH
Lancaster, NH
Lebanon, NH
Lincoln, NH
Littleton, NH
Meriden, NH
Milford, NH
Mount Washington, NH
Nashua, NH

New Castle, NH
New Durham, NH
New Hampton, NH
New London, NH
Newfound Lake, NH
North Conway, NH
North Woodstock, Woodstock, NH
Old Man of the Mountain, NH
Ossipee, NH
Pembroke, NH
Penacook, NH
Pinkham Notch, NH
Plymouth, NH
Portsmouth, NH
Rumney, NH
Salem, NH
Somersworth, NH
Sunapee, NH
Sunapee Lake, NH
Swanzey, NH
Tamworth, NH
Thornton, NH
Tuftonboro, NH
Twin Mountain, NH
Wakefield, NH
Webster, NH
White Mountains, NH
Winchester, NH
Winnisquam Lake, NH
Wolfeboro, NH
Woodstock, NH

Occupations:

Photographers

Related Materials

Archives

The New Hampshire Historical Society has a number of photographs by B. P. Atkinson in the Photograph Collection and Postcard Collection. A small sample of these photographs is listed below.

The Old Man of the Mountains, Postcard Collection – Franconia Notch: Old Man of the Mountain, 2016.014

Post Office, Laconia, NH, Photograph Collection – Laconia, NH, 2017.114

A White Mountain Birch Road, Postcard Collection – White Mountains Miscellaneous, 2020.009