Guide to the Glen M. Kidder Photograph Collection
1990.41

Title and dates:
Glen M. Kidder Photograph Collection, 1870 -1930s

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Creator:
Glen M. Kidder

Language:
The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:
This collection consists of 4 boxes containing file folders filled with photographs

Abstract:
Glen M. Kidder was born in 1913 in Ayer, MA. His lifelong interest in railroads and painstaking research led him to write “Railway to the Moon”, a history of the Mount Washington Cog Railway, published in 1969. This collection is comprised of photographs accumulated during his research and life.
Administrative Information

Processing Information:
This collection was processed by person(s) unknown prior to the writing of the finding aid. The finding aid was written by Suzanne Huggard in August 2014. 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 collection is in good condition and no special handling precautions are needed.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:
Glen M. Kidder was born in Ayer, MA in 1913 of old Yankee lineage with a strong family background in railroading. He graduated from Lowell (MA) Textile Institute with a degree in chemistry in 1934. After a stint in the U. S. Army from 1942-1946, he worked as a chemist in Cambridge and Lowell, MA. He then was employed as a chemist with the U. S. Army Natick Laboratories. His painstaking research on the Mount Washington Railway extended over many years and his photograph collection was one of the largest in existence in 1969 when he published his book on the Mount Washington Railway. His hobbies included White Mountains history, logging railroads of New Hampshire, prototype railroads, scale model railroading, Lake Winnepesauke steamboats, and horticulture.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
This finding aid deals only with one part of the donation- photos of New Hampshire logging railroads, sawmills, timber processing, lumber industry, and related data. The photographs are all sleeved and date from around 1870 to about the 1930s. Each
photograph has much detailed information on the reverse, including location, dates, and identifications of buildings and people.

**Arrangement:**
The collection is arranged in file folders labeled by specific company name, i.e. Conway Company Railroad, Lombard Tractor, as well as some labeled broadly such as lumber industry, sawmills or fires.

**Contents List:**

**Box 1**
- Folder A  Finding aid and acquisition information
- Folder 1  Beebe River Railroad
- Folder 2  Boston and Maine Railroad
- Folder 3  Concord Railroad
- Folder 4  Conway Company Railroad (1 of 3)
- Folder 5  Conway Company Railroad (2 of 3)
- Folder 6  Conway Company Railroad (3 of 3)
- Folder 7  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (1 of 4)
- Folder 8  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (2 of 4)
- Folder 9  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (3 of 4)
- Folder 10  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (4 of 4)

**Box 2**
- Folder 1  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (1 of 6)
- Folder 2  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (2 of 6)
- Folder 3  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (3 of 6)
- Folder 4  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (4 of 6)
- Folder 5  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (5 of 6)
- Folder 6  East Branch and Lincoln Railroad (6 of 6)
- Folder 7  Johnson Lumber Company Railroad
- Folder 8  Kilkenny Lumber Company Railroad
- Folder 9  Mount Washington Cog Railway (1 of 4)
- Folder 10  Mount Washington Cog Railway (2 of 4)
- Folder 11  Mount Washington Cog Railway (3 of 4)
- Folder 12  Mount Washington Cog Railway (4 of 4)
- Folder 13  Saco Valley Lumber Company Railroad

**Box 3**
- Folder 1  Sawyer River Railroad (1 of 5)
- Folder 2  Sawyer River Railroad (2 of 5)
- Folder 3  Sawyer River Railroad (3 of 5)
- Folder 4  Sawyer River Railroad (4 of 5)
- Folder 5  Sawyer River Railroad (5 of 5)
- Folder 6  Woodstock Lumber Company Railroad
- Folder 7  Zealand Valley Railroad (1 of 2)
Box 3, continued
Folder 8 Zealand Valley Railroad  2 of 2)
Folder 9 Alton, New Hampshire
Folder 10 Center Harbor, New Hampshire
Folder 11 Crawford Notch, New Hampshire
Folder 12 Franconia Notch, New Hampshire
Folder 13 Lake Winnipesaukee
Folder 14 Lincoln, New Hampshire
Folder 15 Livermore, New Hampshire
Folder 16 White Mountains
Folder 17 Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
Folder 18 Lombard Tractor
Folder 19 Lumber Industry

Box 4
Folder 1 Lumber Industry – Miscellaneous Railroads
Folder 2 Lumber Industry – Miscellaneous Railroads
Folder 3 Paper Industry
Folder 4 Sawmills
Folder 5 Fires

Related Materials
Included in the collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society are the following related materials:

Stereographs – 1990.41.1-341

Postcards – 1990.41.342-988

Museum Artifacts-
1990.41.989 piece of Peppersass wheel
.990 wooden form for Cog Railway wheels
.991 set of 6 souvenir centennial coasters, Cog Railway, 1869-1969
.992 rail plate from Dry River logging railroad near Crawford Notch, c. 1895
.993 2 rail spikes from Sawyer River logging railroad, near Bartlett, 1876-1927
.994 rail spike from Beebe River logging railroad
.995 4 rail spikes from Zealand Valley logging railroad, Zealand Notch
.996 2 rail spikes from Swift River logging railroad, Passaconaway area 1906-1916
.997 square iron washer from Bartlett & Albany logging railroad, c. 1890
.998 piece of iron coupling link from Sawyer River logging railroad

Book – 385.2, M928k “Railway to the Moon”, 1969, Glen M. Kidder