

Collection Title: The Ralph C. Larrabee Print Collection

Collection Number: 2009.041

Dates: 1890 – 1934

Volume: 21.05 cubic feet

Provenance:

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Historical Sketch:

Ralph Clinton Larrabee (1870-1935), physician of Boston, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where his New England parents lived briefly. Brought to Boston as a baby, he resided there the rest of his life, leaving New England probably only twice: once for an Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) excursion to Minnewaska, NY, and once for a medical meeting in New York City. Larrabee graduated from Harvard College in 1893, and then from Harvard Medical School in 1897. He spent his free time almost exclusively in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and at the AMC Wood Lot in Dover, Massachusetts. Larrabee, along with H. C. Parker, was one of the earliest to make winter climbing excursions to the White Mountains. He helped build a number of trails in the White Mountains: the Ducks Head Trail from Jackson, New Hampshire to the summit of Iron Mountain (now abandoned), the Stairs Col trail from Hayes Farm to the Davis Path (partly abandoned), the Wildcat Ridge Trail (Appalachian Trail), the Lost Pond Trail (Appalachian Trail), the Mount Meader Trail, as well as some in the Great Gulf of Mount Washington. Larrabee helped scout, string, organize, and supervise the cutting of these trails. He was president of the AMC for two terms (1911-1912?) and chairman of the AMC Guide Book Committee for many years until his death in 1935. Much of the information about him is in the Archives of Harvard University in papers that were placed there by his family at the suggestion of one of their librarians, Jessie Whitehead, a member of the AMC.

Bibliographical Resources:

Scope and Content:

Series I: The AMC Library Print Collection

Series II: The AMC Cold River Camp

Series III: The R. C. Larrabee Exhibition Collection (Oversized)

Series IV: The R. C. Larrabee New Hampshire Print Collections (Family Set)

Series V: The R.C. Larrabee Boston and Vicinity Print Collections (Family Set)

Series VI: The R. C. Larrabee Loose Print Collection

Series I consists of 553 photographic prints from landscapes around New Hampshire and from the AMC Woodlot in Dover, Massachusetts. This series contains excellent scenic vistas from many of the White Mountains' well-known peaks, trails and rivers.

Series II consists of 219 photographic prints of New Hampshire taken in wilderness surrounding the AMC Cold River Camp.

The 47 mounted (oversized) photographic prints in **Series III** comprise the Exhibition Collection of Ralph C. Larrabee. They were selected from the large number of photographs Larrabee took during his lifetime and exhibited in Boston-area AMC and Physicians' Art Club photograph competitions. Larrabee used prints from both New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The photographic prints (151) in **Series IV** come from two volumes of New Hampshire family favorites.

The materials in **Series V** are currently retained by the Larrabee Family. The series exists for the sake of original order and so that should these photographic prints ever be acquired, they will enter into the collection as they were listed.

Series VI consists of 143 loose and unorganized photographic prints.

Note on Object Identification:

Ralph C. Larrabee recorded each photograph that he took in pocket notebooks, recording the date, a brief description and an identification number for each. This number appears on the back of most photographs. Photographs taken with glass plates begin with the letter 'P'. Photographs taken with film begin with the letters A-O.

Series I - The AMC Library Print Collection

Box 1

Album I - Appalachian Mountain Club Woodlot, Dover, MA

Folder 1 – P473, I063b, I064, I066b, J053a, J053b, J054a, J055a, J055b, K009b, K010b, K011b, K012b, K016a, K019a, K019b

Folder 2 – K048c, K055a, K056a, K061b, K064b, K064c, K065a, VE, K071d, L013a, L017a, P760, L076c, L080a, L080c, L081c, L083b, L083c, L087b, L087e

Folder 3 – L089d, L094a, L095c, M024d, M025a, M026c, M027a, M027c, M029b, M031a, M035b (NH/MA??), M039a (NH/MA??), M042a, M042c, M042d, M043b, M044a, M044b, M045b

Folder 4 – M072a, M072c, M072d, M074c, M075a, M075b, M075c,
M078c, M079a, M079b, M079c, M094c, N027a, N042a, N028a,
N028b, N029a

Folder 5 – N029a, N031c, N041a, N041b, N041c, N042b, N043a, N043b,
N079a, N081b, N081c, N082b, N083b, N083c, N084a, N085a,
N085c, N086b

Folder 6 – N087a, N087b, O002a, O004c, O005c, O006a, O006c, O007a,
O008b, O008c, O009b, O012b, O016a, O017a, O018a

Box 2

Folder 1 – O040d, O042a, O042c, O043a, O045b, O053c, O054a, O054c,
O056b, O079a

Album II – Chatham, NH, Mahoosucs, and the North Country

P547, P561, P566, P568

Folder 2 – P569, H017c, P608, P612, P613, P614, P617, P621, P622,
P660, P668, P672.1, H054, H055a, H056a

Folder 3 – H057a, H058c, H061, H062, H094a, H100a, I007c, I015a,
I023a, I025b, I045b, J039c, J048c, K067b, K069a, K069b, K071a,
K072c, K073b, P635, H076b, H076c, I033b, J084c, J086a, J080a

Folder 4 – J081b, J082b, P638, H037a, H037b, P657, P689, P690, J015b,
J011d, J013b, P709, P710, P711, L004b, L005b, N098b, N098c

Album III – Washington and the Northern Presidentials

AOLD1896, AOLD1898, AOLD, A080, A081

Folder 5 – A087, B026, B098a, C010, C011a, C015, C016, D013, D014b,
D015a, D015b, D025, D029, D031b, D033, D034, MISC001

Folder 6 – E049a, E049b, G021a, G067c, G068a, G068b, G071b, G079b,
G090, J023b, J076a, J028b, K002b, J090b, K002b, K038b, K039a,
K039b, K040c, K042d, P740, M008c, M010c, M013a, M014a,
M014b

Folder 7 – M014c, M014d, M015b, M017, M020a, M020c, M021a,
M053c, M098b

Box 3

Folder 1 – N003a, N045a, N045b, N046a, N046b, N046c, N047c, N048a, N048b, N048c, N051a, N052b, N069a, N069b, N070c

Folder 2 – N071a, N071b, N072b, N072c, N074ca, N075a, N075c, N100b, N100c, O039d, O057b, O059b, O068b, PETT1, PETT2, PETT3

Album IV – Part A. Pinkham Notch Region (Includes Wildcat, Carter Notch, and Imp). Part B. The Southern Presidentials (Includes the Montalban Ridge).

Folder 3 – D043b, E045b, P475, P477, H008b, P583, I076a, I073b, J030b, P696, J062a, J063c, J065a, J067a, J090a, K031c, K031b, K083b, K049b, P739, P741

Folder 4 – L098b, L100a, M001b, M063b, M070a, N007a, N007c, N009b, N017c, N019b, N063b, N063c, O032c, D055, E018d

Folder 5 – E024a, E025a, E028, P178, G018b, G023a, P277, P278, P279, G029a, P285, P299, P300, P349, G087a, G088c, P435

Folder 6 – P439, J035a, M005a, M006a, M053b, N097c, O048bb, O057a, O058b, O058d

Album V – Jackson and Vicinity

MISC002, MISC003, C100, D001, D002, D058

Folder 7 – E043a, E050b, P274, P291, G032b, P307, G065, P343, P346

Box 4

Folder 1 – P431, P433, P442, P492, P576, P672, J088c, J087c, J089a, K035b, L024b, P755, L036a, P758, L047b, L051d, L054b, P764, L061a

Folder 2 – L063a, L069c, L070a, P766, L075c, MISC004, L085a, L086b, L090d, L091b, M035a, M002a, M036a, M036b, M037a, M051a, M054c

Folder 3 – M055c, M055d, M088b, M059a, M064b, M065a, M065b, M087b, M087d, M088c, M089b, M100a, N015c, N017a, N017b, N020b, N023d

Folder 4 – N025a, N025b, N038c, N054b, N055a, N056b, N056c, N057a, N060a, N061a, N066a, N073a, N088a, N095c, N096a, N097a

Folder 5 – O014c, O015a, O025a, O025b, O026a, O028d, O029a, O030a,
O030b, O031a, O037a, O037b, O037c, O047a, O063a, O064b

Folder 6 – O066a, O067a, O068c, O074a

Album VI – The Saco Valley: Conway to Crawford Notch

O032a, P503, K043b, K098c, K098d, N016b, L068b, N016c,
N067a, N067b, N068b, O038b, G030b

Folder 7 – P363, P363, J018a, K080a, K082c, O033c, O035c, O069b

Box 5

Folder 1 – P294, P295, P367, O075b, J033a, E020b, N004a, P155, F061b,
P156, G033b, N020c, N039d

Folder 2 – O021a, O021b, O021c, O022a, O048ba, O049b, O071a,
O071b, O072b, O072c, P735, P736, N010a, G018

Folder 3 – P273, P748, L009a, L065a, L009a, P448, D054b, P724,
P271, P417, P422, P441, P675, M035c, O001c, O015b, O069a,
O075c

*Album VII - Part A. The Pemigewasset and Vicinity (Includes Zealand,
the Franconia Range and Kinsman). Part B. Sandwich Range and Swift
River Valley.*

Folder 4 – N021a, N021b, K079a, K079d, N021c, N022a, M067a, M067b,
M068a, K006b, K007b, P592, P601, P602, M048b

Folder 5 – M049b, N015b, M096b, M097c, JWW, K087a, P734, P457,
MISC005, F005c, F006, P072, F008b, F009b, F009c, P247

Folder 6 – G002c, P249, P251, G006b, G009b, G013b, P255, P256,
P270, G063b, P360, P405, P284.2, P419, I081a, I082a

Box 6

Folder 1 – I083a, I083b, M061b, M062b, N024a, N024c, O015c

Series II – The AMC Cold River Camp Print Collection

Album A – North Chatham and Vicinity and North Country

P545, P546, P547, P560, P566

Folder 2 – P568, P569, P570, P571, P575, P606, P609, P610, P611, P612

Folder 3 – P614, P615, P616, P617, P618, P622, P624, P660, P667, P668

Folder 4 – P670, P671, P672.1, H019a, H020, H043a, P635, P637, H034,
H036a

Folder 5 – H037b, P655

Album B – Presidential Range and Pinkham and Carter Notches

G086b, G089b, A094, P264, B098a, G091b, D033, D026, C011a,
C017a

Folder 6 – D034, E049a, E049b, P178, P274, P277, P278

Box 7

Folder 1 – G023a, P285, P297, MISC006, G068b, G067b, G067a, G071b,
G070b, MISC007, MISC008, MISC009

Folder 2 – P509, P514, D042, D051, E046a, E044b, E044a, E044c,
E045b, E045c, E046b, G079b, G080a, MISC010, MISC011

Folder 3 – P475, H008a, H008b, H010, P175, P177, P449, P499, P582,
P579, P583

Album C – Jackson, NH, and Vicinity

C100

Folder 4 – D001, D001, D001, E018a, F064, G032a, G061a, G065, P151,
P162, P164, P164, P164

Folder 5 – P160, P161, P169, P181, P306, P307, P309, P343, P346, P368,
P370, P430

Folder 6 – P431, P433, P451, P489, P492

Box 8

Folder 1 – P520, P576, MISC013, MISC014, MISC015, P657

Album D – Saco Valley and Franconia Region

D054a, D058, E026a, E018d, E028, E051a, E051b

Folder 2 – F061b, G018, G073b, H014b, P080, P088, P155, P271, P273,
P285, P289

Folder 3 – P294, P295, P299, P349, P352, P362, P363, P367, P429, P435,
P437, P440

Folder 4 – P441, P503, P507, P517, P519, P590, P675, P446, P456, P457,
P600

Folder 5 – P602, P603, P605

*Album E - Southern and Central New Hampshire (Including AMC Winter
Outing on Monadnock) and Sandwich Range, Including Albany Intervale*

F050a, E056c, E060b, P217, F088, F089, F090c

Folder 6 – P215, F090a, G042b, G043b, P317, P127, P131, P676

Box 9

Folder 1 – F006, F007, G001, G002a, P247, P249, G005a, G006a, G006b,
G008b, P256

Folder 2 – P270, MISC016, MISC017, MISC018, MISC019, MISC020,
G062, P360, G063b, G064a, G092c

Folder 3 – P405, P416, P417, MISC021, P420, P421, P422, P408, P428

Series III – The R. C. Larrabee Exhibition Collection (Oversized)

Folder 1 – N015b, P766, O008a, M048b, MISC041, K047c, I073b, I064,
E018d, MISC042, M087b, P433, MISC044, MISC045, P720,
O037a, O030a, P735, M053c, N056c

Folder 2 – L091b, O037c, MISC046, L098c, M051b, MISC047, M072d,
H037a, P278, MISC048, J030b, L090d, K098c, P711, M026c,
L075c, MISC010, P346, P672.1, MISC049, N023d, J055b, E049a,
J026c*, D055, VE, L047b

* Found in Series 3, but stored with the photographs of Series 6, Box 12, Folder 2.

Series IV – The R. C. Larrabee New Hampshire Print Collections (Family Set)

Box 9

Volume 1

Folder 3 – MISC002, MISC003

Folder 4 – MISC022, MISC023, MISC024, A080, A085, B090, B096b,
B098a, C007, D043a, D043b, D044b, D051, D058, D054b, O063a,
E018d, E051b, G000, G003b

Folder 5 – G004, G006b, G042b, G092b, H037a, H054, H056a, I025b,
I081a, I099a, M072d, J018a, J029a, J030b, J048c, J065a, K005b,
K006b, K024b, K025a, K031a, MISC025

Folder 6 – K037c, K039a, K039b, K049b, K050b, K073b, K079b, K083a,
L002b, L002c, L086b, L091b, L098c, M013a, M048a, M048b,
M049a, M051b, M053c, M058c, M067a, M067b, M068b, M080b

Folder 7 – M081c, M083c, M087a, M087b, M098a, M097a, N009b,
N010a, N023d

Box 10

Volume 2

Folder 1 – N034b, N035c, N045a, N051c, N054b, N055a, N061a, N063c,
N071a, N074cb, N088c, N096c, O001c, O014c, O015a, O015c,
O021a, O021c

Folder 2 – O022a, O025a, O026a, O028d, O029a, O035c, O037a, O037c,
O047a, O049b, O051a, O059a, O067b, O071b, O072a, O077a,
O077b, O078b

Folder 3 – O078c, MISC026, P088, P127, P178, P249, P256, P284.2,
P285, P300, P421, P435, P437, P448, P494, P503, P576, P655,
P672.2, P675

Folder 4 – P676, P689, P720, P734, P735, P745, P746, P747, P779,
N088c, MISC027, MISC028, M078a, MISC029, N067a, N088c,
P735, N009b

Series V – The R.C. Larrabee Boston and Vicinity Print Collections (Family Set)

Volume I – Mounted

UNPROCESSED

Volume II – Unmounted

UNPROCESSED

Series VI – The R. C. Larrabee Loose Print Collection

Volume I – Family

UNPROCESSED

Box 10

Volume II – Mountains/Glass Plate Negatives

Folder 5 – P161, P386, P232, P232, P054, P008, P008, P008, P724, P786,
P645, P709, P256

Folder 6 – P054, P023, P446, P420, P433, P433, P440, MISC012, P308,
P231, P176/F071a

Box 11

Folder 1 – P155, P161, P169, E018a, E018a, D001, MISC030, P008,
P008, D054a, D043b

Volume III – Mountains/Film Negatives

Folder 2 – MISC031, MISC001, P475, M007a, P421, P181, P052, O074a,
J065a, MISC001, A087, G092b, C007, D043b, G071b, D051

Folder 3 – D054a, D054a, D033, P008, D033, D033, D033, G083a,
F042a, C100

Folder 4 – D001, D001, E018a, D054a, G025a, C100, MISC032, O078b,
O078b

Folder 5 – M080c, I004a, I004a, J072a, MISC005, E098b, E028, E028,
E028, E028

Volume IV – Mountains/People

Folder 6 – B096b, D055, MISC033, N078, A081, H094a, K030a, K027a,
A094, MISC034, H019a, MISC036, MISC035, J046a, J055a,
H007a, J055a, H012, K020, N086c, N006a, N078

Folder 7 – I064, O018a, E090a, MISC022, MISC023, MISC037, K032c,
F044a

Box 12

Folder 1 – M083a, M100d, N034a, M047b, N088b, O010a, MISC034

Volume V – AMC Woodlot Duplicates

M035b, K054a, K054b, J055b, M026c, J055b, O053b, O054c,
O054c, M031a, MISC038, K056a, MISC039, MISC040

Folder 2 – O076b, J055b, J055b, I063b, I063b, I063b, K047c, O042a,
O076b, O053c, O076a, O042c, J026c*

Folder 3 – MISC050a-c, Finding Aid, Annotated Martin Larrabee
Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet used during processing

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