

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

A Guide to the Postcard Collection

Summary Information

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Postcard Collection

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MG 157

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circa 1900-1980

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11 boxes

Physical Location

The materials are located onsite in the Museum.

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Abstract

The Postcard Collection depicts numerous establishments and events throughout Albany, New York, from approximately 1900-1980. This is an artificial collection created by the volunteers of the Albany Institute of History & Art from various individual donations over the years.

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Biographical/Historical

The Postcard Collection is an artificial collection put together by volunteers of the Albany Institute of History & Art from many years of individual donations. The collection includes a range of business establishments, buildings (government and private), educational institutions, hospitals, parks, events, streets, modes of transportation, military images, historic events, and general views of the city. Images in black and white

and in color are mixed within the collection. Some images have duplicates or similar depictions.

Scope and Contents

The postcards are arranged into four series: City of Albany, Albany County Towns-except City of Albany, New York, Places outside of Albany and Schenectady, and Schenectady.

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Cemeteries

Clubs

- Albany Country Club
- Albany Yacht Club
- Elks Club
- Fort Orange Club
- German Club
- Masonic Temple
- Odd Fellows Hall
- Wolfert's Roost Club (aka Wolfordt's, Wolforks, Wolfoorts)
- YMCA/YWCA
- Miscellaneous Clubs

Commerce

- Albany Aqua Ducks
- Colonial Theater
- D&H Railroad
- Port of Albany
- Public Market
- Restaurants
 - Keeler's
 - Miscellaneous Restaurants
- Nipper
- Shopping Mall
- Telephone Building
- Miscellaneous Businesses

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Disasters

- 1913 Flood
- John J. Meyers Store Fire

Education

- Private Schools
 - Albany Academy
 - Albany Academy for Girls
 - Holy Names
 - Kenwood—Convent of the Sacred Heart
 - St. Agnes School, Elk Street
 - Miscellaneous Private Schools
- Public Schools
 - Albany High School
 - Miscellaneous Public Schools
- Universities and Colleges
 - Albany Business College
 - Albany School of Pharmacy
 - Albany Law School
 - Albany Medical School
 - New York State College for Teachers

State University of New York
St. Rose

Events

Anniversaries—Albany Tricentennial (Tercentennial)
Christmas
Halloween
Hudson Fulton Celebration
Parades
Miscellaneous Celebrations

Henry Hudson and Halfmoon

Historic Buildings

Cherry Hill
Old Forbes Manor House
Schuyler Mansion
Ten Broeck Mansion
Van Rensselaer House

Hospitals

Albany Hospital
Child's Hospital
City Hospital
Homeopathic Hospital
St. Peter's Hospital
Veterans Hospital

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Hotels

DeWitt Clinton Hotel
Empire State Motel
Globe Hotel
Hampton Hotel
Keeler's Hotel
Kenmore Hotel
Ten Eyck Hotel
Wellington Hotel
Miscellaneous Hotels

Military

Armory
Camping at Albany
Fort Crailo
Miscellaneous Military

Parks - Albany

Lincoln Park/Beaver Park
Pine Bush
Six Mile Waterworks
Townsend Park
Washington Park
Bridge
Composites

Croquet Grounds
Lake
Lake House
Moses Statue/King Fountain
Refectory/Refactory
Robert Burns Statue
Scenes from Washington Park—Flowers and Paths
Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Tennis Court
Washington Park Mall
Willett Memorial
Miscellaneous Parks

People

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Public Buildings - Albany

Albany County Court House
City Hall
Dudley Observatory
Fire Houses
Harmanus Bleecker Hall
Penitentiary
Post Office (New)
Post Office (Old)
Pruyn Library

Public Buildings - State

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Governor's Mansion/Executive Mansion
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State Capitol
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 External View of Staircase
 Executive Chamber/Governor's Room
 Exterior Views
 Grand Staircase
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(The) Hannacroix
Helderbergs (See also Berne, Thatcher Park, Thompson's Lake)
Knox and Knox Cave
Latham
Town of New Scotland
Normanskill Creek
Thatcher Park
Thompson's Lake
Voorheesville
Warner's Lake
Waterford
Watervliet
Watervliet - Shakers

New York - Places outside of Albany and Schenectady

Adirondack Area
Columbia County
Green County
Gloversville
Lake George
New York City
Niagara Falls
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 Rensselaer, New York
Ulster County
South Hudson Valley
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Schenectady

Bridges, Aqueduct, and Viaduct

Aqueduct
Bridges
Viaduct

Buildings

City Hall
Court House
Fire Stations
Library
Mohawk Theater/Proctors
Opera
Post Office
Miscellaneous Buildings

Cemetery

Churches

Clubs

Masonic Temple
Mohawk Golf Club
YMCA/YWCA

Commerce

General Electric
Hotels
Quarries/Mines
WGY

Disasters

Education

Schenectady High School
Union College
Miscellaneous Schools

Hospitals

Military

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Parks

Central Park
Crescent Park
Luna Park
Miscellaneous Parks

Residences

Old Ladies Home

Rivers, Erie Canal, and Miscellaneous Water

Ballston Lake
Erie Canal
Miscellaneous Water

Schenectady Historical Society

Streets

Center Street
Church Street
Crane Street
Douglas Road
Jay Street
Lenox Road
Lowell Road
Old Post Road
Parkwood Boulevard
Rugby Road
State Street
Stratford Road
Union Street
Washington Avenue

Miscellaneous Schenectady

Whimsical and Odd Postcards

Scotia and Other Adjacent Towns