

GLENS FALLS FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Creator:** Unknown.
- Title:** Glens Falls Family Photograph Album.
- Dates:** ca. 1861-1903.
- Abstract:** These are photographs of an unidentified family. Since Glens Falls photographers were clearly involved, it is likely that this was a Glens Falls family. Some photographs were taken by the studio of George W. Conkey, and one is by Fred Ingalls. The photographs, many from the 1860s to the 1890s, are mainly of women and children but include some men. The photographs provide excellent illustrations of costumes of the period.
- Quantity:** 1 volume (ca. 40 photographs)
- Identification:** Photographs

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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The only identification in the album is a card (without a photograph), "To the Memory of Roger Hopkins, Aged 61 years, Died, December 14, 1903." (see notes in Hopkins Biographical File). The photographs are mainly cabinet cards, cartes-de-visite, and tintypes.

George W. Conkey settled in Glens Falls in 1861, and is said to have taken the first photographs ever taken in the village. This provides an "earliest date" for the pictures in the album. There is one picture which says "Photographed by Geo. W. Conkey, Traphagen Block, Glens Falls." The Traphagen block on Ridge Street burned in the 1864 fire which destroyed much of downtown Glens Falls, and Conkey was subsequently located at the corner of Exchange and Glen Streets, so that picture dates from 1861-1864. In addition, several pictures say "Copyright 1889" on the back, suggesting they were taken in the late 1880s. Further, the clothing in some pictures suggests the mid-1890s. The picture by Fred Ingalls gives his address as 145 Glen Street which indicates that the picture was taken between 1895 and 1900.

Photographs are mainly of women and children, but some photographs of men are included. The photographs provide excellent illustrations of costumes of the period. The photograph album contains 25 cabinet cards, 6 tintypes, 8 cartes-de-visite, and 2 other photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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INDEX TERMS

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Photographs.
Photography of families.

Places: Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Photographs.

Important People: Conkey, George W.
Ingalls, Fred

Form/Genre: Photographs.