

COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF NORTHEASTERN NY SCRAPBOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Harriet A. Bentley (1847-1930)
- Title:** Colonial and Revolutionary History of Northeastern NY Scrapbook
- Dates:** 1646-1783 [ca. 1917]
- Abstract:** The scrapbook contains photos and illustrated fact cards of Colonial and Revolutionary history of northeastern New York State. They were used by Harriet Bentley in the creation of her 1917 map entitled "Colonial and revolutionary battle grounds on old trails in eastern New York 1646-1783" (Crandall Public Library Map # 123). They describe various events and historical sites, including the death of Jane McCrea, the Black Watch, Halfway Brook, Cooper's Cave, and General Burgoyne's route to Saratoga.
- Quantity:** 1 volume.
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Harriet Adelaide Bentley was born May 20, 1847, the youngest child of Cornelius Bentley and Mary Brayton. She grew up in Queensbury, Moreau, and Glens Falls. She was an artist and gave lessons to many from Glens Falls, Hudson Falls and other places for over 50 years. She never married. She died June 10, 1930. ("Genealogy of the Bentley Family" in "Bentley" folder, Folklife VF).

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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sites in New York, appear to be mostly originals, though some are prints. The illustration/fact cards contain color illustrations as well as written information about the the sites and evetns. Two of the cards are signed "HAB." They describe various events and historical sites, including the death of Jane McCrea, the Black Watch, Halfway Brook, Cooper's Cave, and General Burgoyne's route to Saratoga.

INDEX TERMS

Topics: New York State –Military fortifications
New York State – Revolutionary War
New York State – Colonial Wars
Death of Jane McCrea
Black Watch

Places: Lake George, NY – Fort George
Glens Falls, NY – Halfway Brook
Fort Amherst
Fort Ticonderoga
Fort William Henry
Cooper's Cave

Important People: Bentley, Harriet A.

Form/Genre: Scrapbook

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Photos:

Battle Monument at Lake George
Ft. George site at Lake George

Williams Monument
Rifle pits surrounding Ft. George
Ovens used by General Johnson's army
1757 trench on grounds of Fort William Henry Hotel
Fort William Henry well
Williams' grave
Artillery Point on Lake George
Meadow Run at Glens Lake

Illustrations/Fact Cards

Mrs. Schuyler firing the wheat fields
Jane McCrea with Mrs. McNeil on fatal route to Sandy hill
Ticonderoga, the Threshold of Canada, 1609-1781
The losses of the Black Watch
Colonial and Revolutionary History at the Head of Lake George, 1646-1783
Map of Halfway Brook and surrounding locations
Map of Burgoyne's route to Old Saratoga, 1777
Blind Rock
Cooper's Cave
Site of Ft. Amherst
Bloody Pond
Halfway Brook
The Crossing at Halfway Brook