

Mission Statement

The History collection of the Clifton Park– Halfmoon Public Library will collect, preserve and make accessible, manuscript materials, photographs and other materials, photographs and other materials relating to all years of the history of the Towns of Clifton Park and Halfmoon. Of lesser priority will be: general histories of the surrounding towns and cities, collections of books written by Clifton Park and Halfmoon residents and collections of books which feature the towns in some way. The History Collection will also collect and maintain archival material pertaining to the history of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

These collections will be maintained in a spirit of cooperation with other local historical institutions, such as Brookside, the Saratoga County History Center and with the town historians of Clifton Park and Halfmoon.

Rules of Use

- No food or drink is permitted in the Local History Room.
- All researchers must sign in and out.
- No pen or ink may be used in the Local History Room.
- Use of laptop computers and digital camera is permitted.
- Photocopying will be done by LHR staff for a fee.
- No materials may leave the room.

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The Local History Collection

at the
Clifton Park-Halfmoon
Public Library



This photograph is from our Local History collection showing the teachers and students from the Clifton Park district number 2 school, also known as Grooms School, in 1924 or 1925.

COLLECTIONS

Clifton Park Town Collection

In 2007, the Clifton Park Town Board approved a deposit agreement with the Library that added the Town Collection to our Local History Room. This consists of such manuscript materials as photographs, letters, diaries and scrapbooks, collected by Howard Becker who served unofficially as Town Historian of Clifton Park for many years, and by Town Historian John Scherer. The finding aid for this collection is fully searchable online, and may be found at <http://www.cphlibrary.org/historical/>

Pre-Shenendehowa Schools Collection

Contains record and photographs from 22 small schools in Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Malta and Round Lake that in 1950 consolidated to form the Shenendehowa Central School System. Also in the collection are records from the preceding Third Supervisory District of Saratoga County, and papers of Rodney Winans, Superintendent from 1929-1961. The finding aid for this collection is fully searchable online, and may be found at <http://www.cphlibrary.org/historical/>

Books

Our book collection includes histories of Clifton Park, Halfmoon and Saratoga, histories of surrounding towns and counties, published genealogies, Howard Becker's compilations of cemetery records, early town roads and early schools and more.

Clippings File

Contains newspaper clippings and other materials pertaining to the history of Clifton Park, Halfmoon and adjacent towns.

Microfilm

NYS Census- Saratoga County- 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, 1925 and U.S. Soldiers, 1784-1811.

Library Archives

The Library archive includes newsletters, annual reports, photographs and scrapbooks covering the history of the Library.

ONLINE RESOURCES

In addition to our physical book and archival collections, we also have several online resources for research into local history and genealogy. Go to <http://www.cphlibrary.org/historical/> for full information.

Many photographs in our collection may be seen online, as part of the Capital District Library's Collection at NYHeritage.org.

We also have subscriptions to *Ancestry.com* and *HeritageQuest*. *Ancestry.com* is limited to in-library use only, while *HeritageQuest* can be accessed from both inside and outside the library.

HOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Access to the Local History Room is Monday from 1-4 pm or by appointment.

John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian, is also available for consultation at the Library at the following times:

Wednesday from 9 am to noon

First and third Tuesdays of the month from 7 - 9 pm

Other times by appointment

Mr. Scherer can assist patrons with local history and genealogical research, as well as help with house histories and locating and identifying historical photographs. If you have memories you would like to share, oral histories are also conducted on a regular basis.

To make an appointment with John Scherer or a Reference Librarian phone the Library at (518)371-8622.