

Guide to the Altona Central School Oral History Project

2006.1

Special Collections
Benjamin F. Feinberg Library
Plattsburgh State University College
Plattsburgh, N. Y. 12901

By
Dustin Relation and Maria Forkey
September 2006

Letter from the Donors

“We would like to dedicate this project to the former students, administration, faculty, and staff of Altona Central School. Without their dedication to ACS this collection would never have been created. We can only hope that we have done justice to a school that has given our community so much, in the relatively short life that it had.

This project was undertaken in an effort to create a ‘living history’ of Altona Central School through taped interviews. When we started this project we both knew very little about the School, other than the fact that it is now a prison. Now, after the completion of what we hope is only the first part of our collection, we have a much better understanding of ACS and all that it offered its students.

What better way to learn about something than through the stories of the people who were there? With this question in mind we set out to find interviewees who would be willing to tell their stories. Most felt that they were not interesting enough to be interviewed, but by the end of our questions we had always learned something new about the school. We cannot thank the people that you will see in these tapes enough, as with their help a new page of history has been written for Altona Central School.”

Sincerely,

Dustin Relation
Maria A. Forkey

Scope of the Collection

This collection includes 129 photographs, spanning 1939-2006, some of which are from 1950-1970 ACS yearbooks. A variety of documents, including graduating class lists from 1939-1970, school songs, and the 1907 Northern Adirondack Central School proposal are also in the collection. Twenty VHS tapes hold the recorded interviews from former students who attended ACS between 1939 and 1970.

Contents of the Collection

1.1 Photographs

| | | |
|------------------|--|-----------|
| 1.1-1 to 1.1-32 | ACS Graduating Class Photos | 1939-1970 |
| 1.1-33 to 1.1-51 | ACS Interviewee Pictures | |
| 1.1-33 | Herbert and Carole Relation | 6/16/2006 |
| 1.1-34 | Marie Boulrice | 6/20/2006 |
| 1.1-35 | Carlton Trudo | 6/23/2006 |
| 1.1-36 | Joyce Boire | 6/23/2006 |
| 1.1-37 | Palmina Boyd | 6/27/2006 |
| 1.1-38 | Chris and Carolyn Belair | 6/27/2006 |
| 1.1-39 | John Wood | 6/28/2006 |
| 1.1-40 | Robert Garrow | 6/29/2006 |
| | "Photograph taken in Feinberg Library, SUNY Plattsburgh" | |
| 1.1-41 | Francis Crowley | 6/29/2006 |
| 1.1-42 | Mary Milne | 7/3/2006 |
| 1.1-43 | Shirley Pombrio | 7/5/2006 |
| 1.1-44 | Theresa LaFountain | 7/7/2006 |
| 1.1-45 | Father Alan Schnob | 7/13/2006 |
| 1.1-46 | Julie Forkey | 7/14/2006 |
| 1.1-47 | Homer Bushey | 7/14/2006 |
| 1.1-48 | Gary Dragoon | 7/16/2006 |
| 1.1-49 | Loretta and Arnold Bruso | 7/18/2006 |
| 1.1-50 | Jerry Seguin | 7/25/2006 |
| 1.1-51 | Mary Brassard | 8/7/2006 |
| 1.1-52 to 1.1-99 | ACS Photo Collection | |
| 1.1-52 | Altona Central School Banner | |
| 1.1-53 | ACS Reunion | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-54 | ACS Reunion | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-55 | "ACS Reunion, Ray Devens" | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-56 | ACS Reunion | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-57 | "ACS Reunion, Chris Belair" | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-58 | ACS Reunion | 7/15/2006 |
| 1.1-59 | Alan Schnob's Senior Picture | |
| 1.1-60 | Alan Schnob's Elementary Report Card | |
| 1.1-61 | Alan Schnob's Elementary Report Card | |
| 1.1-62 | Alan Schnob's Basketball Letter | |
| 1.1-63 | Alan Schnob's Perfect Attendance Award | |
| 1.1-64 | Alan Scnob's Kindergarten Diploma | |
| 1.1-65 | Alan Schnob's 8th Grade Diploma | |
| 1.1-66 | Alan Schnob's 8th Grade Diploma | |
| 1.1-67 | Alan Schnob's High School Diploma | |
| 1.1-68 | Alan Schnob's High School Diploma | |
| 1.1-69 | Altona Central School (from Alan Schnob's diploma) | |
| 1.1-70 | Alan Schnob's Participant's Pass | |
| 1.1-71 | Julie Forkey's Senior Picture | |
| 1.1-72 | Julie Forkey's Cape Cod and Senior Trip Pictures | |
| 1.1-73 | Julie Forkey's Senior Trip Pictures | |

| | |
|--------|--|
| 1.1-74 | Julie Forkey's Senior Trip Pictures |
| 1.1-75 | Julie Forkey's Coney Island and Senior Trip Pictures |
| 1.1-76 | Julie Forkey's Senior Trip Pictures |
| 1.1-77 | Julie Forkey's Senior Trip Pictures |
| 1.1-78 | Julie Forkey's Graduation Pictures |
| 1.1-79 | Julie Forkey's Graduation Picture |
| 1.1-80 | Julie Forkey's Graduation Pictures |
| 1.1-81 | Julie Forkey's Catholic Graduation Picture |
| 1.1-82 | Julie Forkey's High School Diploma |
| 1.1-83 | Julie Forkey's High School Diploma |
| 1.1-84 | Julie Forkey's 8th Grade Diploma |
| 1.1-85 | Julie Forkey's Preliminary Diploma |
| 1.1-86 | Julie Forkey's 8th Grade Diploma |
| 1.1-87 | School Bus |
| 1.1-88 | "Pummel Horse from ACS, Owned by Carlton Trudo" |
| 1.1-89 | "Pummel Horse from ACS, Owned by Carlton Trudo" |
| 1.1-90 | Francis Crowley's 8th Grade Diploma |
| 1.1-91 | Francis Crowley's 8th Grade Diploma |
| 1.1-92 | Francis' Brother and Francis Crowley |
| 1.1-93 | Francis Crowley |
| 1.1-94 | Francis Crowley's High School Diploma |
| 1.1-95 | Francis Crowley's PSU Diploma |
| 1.1-96 | Altona Central School Quilt |
| 1.1-97 | Altona Central School Quilt |
| 1.1-98 | Altona Central School Sweatshirt |
| 1.1-99 | ACS Seal |

1.1-100 to 1.1-129 ACS Selected Yearbook Photos

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 1.1-100 | Altona Central School | 1962 yearbook |
| 1.1-101 | Senior Favorites | 1950 yearbook |
| 1.1-102 | Yearbook Snapshots | 1950 yearbook |
| 1.1-103 | Ushers and the old Altona Union School | 1950 yearbook |
| 1.1-104 | Bus Drivers and Driver Training | 1950 yearbook |
| 1.1-105 | Cafeteria and Clinic Department | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-106 | Library Club and Rock 'n' Robins | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-107 | Senior and Junior Bands | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-108 | Girls' Chorus and Beginner Band | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-109 | Bachelor Club and Press Club | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-110 | Industrial Arts Club and Ushers | 1959 yearbook |
| 1.1-111 | Faculty | 1962 yearbook |
| 1.1-112 | Cafeteria Workers and Janitors | 1962 yearbook |
| 1.1-113 | National Honor society and yearbook Staff | 1962 yearbook |
| 1.1-114 | Clinic and Business Department | 1965 yearbook |
| 1.1-115 | Class of '68 (Freshman Initiation) | 1966 yearbook |
| 1.1-116 | Friday Assemblies | 1968 yearbook |
| 1.1-117 | Seniors | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-118 | Principal Slocum's Letter | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-119 | Junior Class of 1968 | 1969 yearbook |

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 1.1-120 | Faculty and Religious Instructors | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-121 | Soccer and Baseball | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-122 | Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-123 | Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-124 | Athletic Aides and Pep Club | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-125 | FFA | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-126 | Graduation | 1969 yearbook |
| 1.1-127 | Gym Club | 1970 yearbook |
| 1.1-128 | Class Night | 1970 yearbook |
| 1.1-129 | Principal Slocum's Letter | 1970 yearbook |

1.2 Documents

| | | |
|-------|---|----------------|
| 1.2-1 | Transcript from Robert Garrow's Interview | Class of 1947 |
| 1.2-2 | ACS Alma Mater | |
| 1.2-3 | "Where Oh Where" Song | |
| 1.2-4 | "Altona-A New Life" "edited article from Gatherings from the Adirondack Foothills | May/June 1984" |
| 1.2-5 | Northern Adirondack Central School Proposal | 7/1/1970 |
| 1.2-6 | Graduating Class Lists | 1939-1970 |
| 1.2-7 | ACS History quoted from 1970 Yearbook Signed Oral History Release Forms | 2006 |

1.3 Interview Video Tapes (VHS) Class

| | | |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 1.3-1 | Herbert and Carole (LaBarge) Relation | "1953, 1965" |
| 1.3-2 | Marie (Lashway) Boulrice | 1961 |
| 1.3-3 | Carlton Trudo | 1957 |
| 1.3-4 | Joyce (Rainville) Boire | 1957 |
| 1.3-5 | Palmina (Young) Boyd | 1941 |
| 1.3-6 | Chris and Carolyn (Gokey) Belair | 1966 |
| 1.3-7 | John Wood | 1946 |
| 1.3-8 | Robert Garrow | 1947 |
| 1.3-9 | Francis Crowley | 1939 |
| 1.3-10 | Mary (Wood) Milne | 1948 |
| 1.3-11 | Shirley (Deso) Pombrio | 1954 |
| 1.3-12 | Theresa (Rainville) LaFountain | 1947 |
| 1.3-13 | Father Alan Schnob | 1968 |
| 1.3-14 | Julie (Monty) Forkey | 1952 |
| 1.3-15 | Homer Bushey | 1963 |
| 1.3-16 | Gary Dragoon | 1967 |
| 1.3-17 | Arnold and Loretta (Stone) Bruso | "1948, 1947" |
| 1.3-18 | Jerry Seguin | 1970 |
| 1.3-19 | Mary Brassard | Former ACS Teacher |
| 1.3-20 | Ralph Pombrio | Former ACS Principal |
| | Previously recorded interview by Diane Deso | |