

Paul H. Hartman Collection

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Introduction

Paul Hartman was born in St. Thomas, Pennsylvania on September 25, 1890. He attended Susquehanna University and later studied law at Syracuse University. Before entering the military during World War I, Hartman practiced law in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He taught at Stamford Military Academy in Connecticut after he finished his service. He married Elsie (Hartman) and they had three children: James, Paul Jr., and Annabelle.

“Hartman joined the staff of the Plattsburgh Normal School in 1926 and served until his retirement in 1956.” (Press-Republican) He was a professor of English and Theatre. Previously, he was an educator and sports director at Perkiomen Prep School in Pennsylvania. He also originated the annual Christmas Candlelight Nativity Pageant and the college drama club known as the Footlighters.

Professor Hartman was well known throughout the community for being a director and actor in the Plattsburgh Little Theater and Community Concerts Association. He was also a ruling elder and clerk of the session of the Presbyterian Church. Professor Hartman died in January, 1961.

Background Sources in Special Collections

“Campus Buildings Dedication Program” March 30, 1970.

“Paul Hartman, 70, Area Educator, Dies.” *Press-Republican* Jan. 23, 1961.

Contents

The Hartman Collection consists of items donated by Anabelle Hartman Herbold, including photographs, sheet music and a scrapbook. Some items were added to the photograph collection and the College Archives.

Box 1

Item 1 – Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and photographs dealing with the Plattsburgh Normal School. Also included are clippings and programs of the Plattsburgh Little Theatre of which Hartman was a part.

1/1 Sheet music – The Domes of Normal and Old Champlain

1/2 Drafts for Domes of Normal Sheet Music

1/3 Poem by Hartman dedicated to George K. Hawkins

Items Added to the Photograph Collection

Photograph of the Plattsburgh Normal School Football Team – 1927-28

Photograph of the Faculty Picnic at E. E. Redcay's Camp. Cumberland Head –
Undated

Items Added to the College Archives

"Campus Building Dedication Program" March 13, 1970 – 2 copies

"Plattsburgh State Teachers Alumni Association Directory of Active Members for
1955"