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.
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