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Summary Information

Repository:	Adirondack Research Library
Title:	Almy D. Coggeshall papers
ID:	ARL.041
Date [inclusive]:	1962-2009
Physical Description:	5 Boxes
Physical Description:	2.52 Cubic Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Almy D. Coggeshall papers measure 2.52 cubic feet and were created during the years 1962-2009. They consist of correspondence, writings, photographs, and files on winter recreation in New York State with a focus on opposition to snowmobiles.

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Biographical / Historical

Almy D. Coggeshall (1917-2009) graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in chemistry and began his career with General Electric in Schenectady in the Materials and Processes Laboratory. He would work for GE for 35 years and earn 20 patents for his work.

Him and his wife Anne joined the Adirondack Mountain Club in the 1940s. They were responsible for popularizing cross country skiing in Eastern New York. They also authored guide books suggesting skiing locations and wrote articles promoting the activity for magazines. He helped organize the Roger's Ranger Run on Lake George, a 32-mile cross country ski race which commemorated the French and Indian War.

In 1974 he was appointed to the Schenectady County Citizens Environmental Advisory Council where he designed a county-wide solution to waste disposal that included recycling. As a consultant for New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation, he helped draft proposals for several wilderness areas including Schenectady County's Plotterkill Preserve, Indian Kill Preserve, and County Forest.

During his term as President of the Adirondack Mountain Club from 1980-1982, he helped organize a system of Trail Crew contacts with DEC to maintain trails, as well as a plan for inventorying trail conditions. When snowmobiles became popular, he was successful in limiting their use to specially

designated areas. Coggeshall was a life-long advocate for the protection of the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

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Content Description

The collection contains documentary evidence of citizen efforts in management and protection of the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Materials include writings, correspondence, photographs, and subject files relating to Almy D. Coggeshall's environmental advocacy in the Adirondacks. His work included adopting the carry-out system of waste disposal, promoting cross-country skiing, and limiting the use of snowmobiles within the Adirondacks.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged as four series. Contents are generally arranged by format and alphabetically thereafter.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1967-2004

Series 2: Writings, 1967-1999

Series 3: Subject Files, 1962-2009

Series 4: Photographic Materials, 1968-2006

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Administrative Information

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Custodial History

First part of the collection donated by Almy D. Coggeshall, June 2005. The bulk of the collection donated by Martha Leonard and Robert Coggeshall, January 2009. On April 22, 2011, Protect the Adirondacks! placed the collection on permanent loan with Union College.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Adirondacks (N.Y.)
- Environmental degradation -- Adirondack Park (N.Y.)
- Nature conservation -- New York (State) -- Adirondack Forest Preserve
- Skis and skiing
- Skiers
- Snowmobiling -- Environmental aspects
- Wilderness areas -- United States

Collection Inventory

Correspondence, 1967-2004

Physical Description: 0.38 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, mostly of a professional nature between Coggeshall and environmental agencies, skiing organizations, and individuals concerned with environmental issues in the Adirondacks. Much of the content focuses on snowmobile control, skiing, and tourism. Coggeshall wrote as part of official duties as the President of the Eastern New York Ski Touring Association, a member of the Regional Advisory Council of the DEC, a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club, as well as unofficially as a concerned citizen. The bulk of the correspondence dates from the late 1960s and early 1970s. Materials are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Title/Description	Instances
Adirondack Mountain Club, 1967-1969	box 1 folder 1

Adirondack Park Agency, 1976-1980	box 1	folder 2
Beamish, Richard, 2001	box 1	folder 3
Boy's Life Magazine, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 4
Case, Oliver P., 1969	box 1	folder 5
Colin, Robert L.	box 1	folder 6
The Conservation League, 1969	box 1	folder 7
Crocker, Arthur M., 1969	box 1	folder 8
DEC, 1969-1977	box 1	folder 9
Dudley, Charles M., undated	box 1	folder 10
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 11
Fleck, Joel J., 1967	box 1	folder 12
Frese, Paul, 1970	box 1	folder 13
Glider, Victor, 1970	box 1	folder 14
Goodwin, Tony, 2001	box 1	folder 15
Graydon, Leonard R., 1968-1969	box 1	folder 16
Gregory, Peter T., 1969	box 1	folder 17
Healy, Terry, 1979	box 1	folder 18
Henderson, Bob, 1969	box 1	folder 19
Hope, Leighton A., 1967-1968	box 1	folder 20
Horan, Joseph J., 1970	box 1	folder 21
Ives, W.G., 1969-1970	box 1	folder 22
Jerry, Harold Jr., 1970	box 1	folder 23
King, Lawrence, 1969-1970	box 1	folder 24
Knopp, Timothy B., 1975	box 1	folder 25
Langan, Laura, 1969	box 1	folder 26
Lipman, Martin, 1970	box 1	folder 27
Masters, Andrea, 2003	box 1	folder 28
Mattesich, Rudolf, 1969-1970	box 1	folder 29
Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1970-2004	box 1	folder 30
Moritz, Carl Jr., 1970	box 1	folder 31
Mulholland, William D., 1968	box 1	folder 32
Nellis, John W., 1979	box 1	folder 33

Newhouse, David, 1969	box 1	folder 34
Newkirk, Arthur, 1970	box 1	folder 35
Norton, Robert B., 1969-1970	box 1	folder 36
Parkinson, Ken, 1970	box 1	folder 37
Petty, William, 1968	box 1	folder 38
Shapiro, Norman, 1969	box 1	folder 39
Ski Touring Council, 1969-1970	box 1	folder 40
Smith, Walter C., 1971	box 1	folder 41
Verner, William K., 1968	box 1	folder 42
Virginia Trail Association, 1979	box 1	folder 43
Woodford, Albert J., 1969	box 1	folder 44
Wyckoff, Jerome, 1970	box 1	folder 45
Young, Robert E., 1969-1973	box 1	folder 46

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Writings, 1967-1999

Physical Description: 0.19 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Published and unpublished writings on ethics, skiing, snowmobiles, land use, Adirondack history, recycling, and other wilderness topics. Includes manuscript drafts of articles as well as final published versions. Articles were published in Wilderness Camping Magazine, The Conservationist, National Wildlife, Adirondac, and various organizational newsletters. Manuscript materials also include transcriptions of personal recollections presented at conferences and events.

Title/Description	Instances	
Contributions of Almy Coggeshall to the Adirondack Forest Preserve, undated	box 2	folder 1
"Comments on the Multiple Use Trail Concept", Almy Coggeshall, undated	box 2	folder 2
"Recollections of John Apperson", Almy Coggeshall, undated	box 2	folder 3
Manuscripts, 1974-1999	box 2	folder 4
Published Articles, 1969-1999	box 2	folder 5
Ski Touring Articles, 1967-1970	box 2	folder 6

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Subject Files, 1962-2009

Physical Description: 1.57 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Files compiled by Coggeshall on wilderness topics used for administrative and information purposes. These include publications, maps, newspaper clippings, articles, reports, surveys, and other records. Some folders contain notes written by Coggeshall to give the researcher a broader context into the background of specific issues facing the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Adirondack Club and Resort Proposal, 2007	box 3	folder 1
Adirondack Club and Resort Proposal Site Maps, 2007	box 3	folder 2
Adirondack Mountain Club Conservation Committee on Ski Touring, 1969-1971	box 3	folder 3
Adirondack Park Agency Committee on Wilderness Area Nonconforming Uses, 1975	box 3	folder 4
Adirondack Park Agency Master Plan Ski Touring, 1972	box 3	folder 5
Administration of Public Lands, 1969-1972	box 3	folder 6
Camping and Campsite Maintenance, 1974-1984	box 3	folder 7
Clippings on the Environmental Movement, 1970-1971	box 3	folder 8-9
Hearings before the U.S. Senate Committee on Parks and Recreation, 1970-2008	box 3	folder 10
Helderberg Ski Club Membership, 1975	box 3	folder 11
High Peaks Commission, 1974-2008	box 3	folder 12
High Peaks Committee Department of Environmental Conservation, 1975	box 3	folder 13
High Peaks Studies, 1975	box 3	folder 14
High Peaks Wilderness Advisory Committee Summary Findings Report, 1977	box 3	folder 15
Inventory of Trails and Routes in the Adirondack Forest Preserve for Nordic Skiing, undated	box 3	folder 16
Plan for Removal of Lean-tos over 3500 Feet, undated	box 3	folder 17
Man, Machine and Snow, 1975	box 4	folder 1
Manuscripts on High Peaks Skiing by Richard Tucker, 1998	box 4	folder 2
Miscellaneous, 1967-2008	box 4	folder 3-4
National Committee for the Protection of Trail Country, 1962-1965	box 4	folder 5-6
Newspaper Clippings, 1968-2000	box 4	folder 7

Nordic Skis and Snowmobile Survey, 1974	box 4	folder 8
Obituaries for Anne and Almy Coggeshall, 2009	box 4	folder 9
Partridge Run Controversy, 1969-1974	box 4	folder 10
Publications, Free Country Times, 1973	box 4	folder 11
Publications, Land Use Planning, 1974	box 4	folder 12
Publications, Shawangunk Mountains, 1981-1995	box 4	folder 13
Publications, Ski Touring Council, 1967-1970	box 4	folder 14
Publications, Ski Touring in the Northeastern United States, 1967	box 4	folder 15
Publications, Snowmobiling and Off Road Vehicles, 1968-1973	box 4	folder 16
Publications, Winter Hiking in the New York State Forest Preserve, undated	box 4	folder 17
Publications, Writings on Wilderness, 1966-1974	box 4	folder 18
Recreational Cars, 1965-1972	box 4	folder 19
Recreation Policy for Federal Lands, 1978	box 4	folder 20
Report on Ridge Runners Program, 1974-1975	box 4	folder 21
Roger's Rangers Run, 1967-1971	box 4	folder 22
Roger's Rangers Run Manuscripts, 1972-1974	box 4	folder 23
Roger's Ranger Run Map, undated	box 4	folder 24
Roger's Rangers Run Report on Procedures, 1971	box 4	folder 25
Rules and Regulations of Operation of Motorized Vehicles, 1965	box 4	folder 26
Ski Touring Charts, 1974-1979	box 4	folder 27
Ski Touring Council Minutes, 1979	box 4	folder 28
Ski Touring Council Schedules and Workshops, 1968-1970	box 4	folder 29
Ski Touring Publications, 1968-1970	box 4	folder 30
Ski Touring Performance of Older Men and Women in Washington's Birthday Race, 1971	box 4	folder 31
Ski Touring Survey on How Fast People Ski, undated	box 4	folder 32
Ski Touring Trails, 1970	box 4	folder 33
Snowmobile Clippings and Articles, 1968-1974	box 4	folder 34
Snowmobile Conference Proceedings, 1969	box 4	folder 35
Statement and Recommendations of Sierra Club on Off Road Vehicles, 1972	box 4	folder 36
Statements by Almy Coggeshall Representing Eastern New York Ski Touring Association, 1972	box 4	folder 37

Statement by Constitutional Council for the Forest Preserve Position on Snowmobiles, 1969	box 4	folder 38
Statements Made at Public Hearings Regarding Off Road Vehicle Issue, 1971-1976	box 4	folder 39
Statement of William Frenette on Master Plan of the Adirondack Park Agency, 1972	box 4	folder 40
Statements to New Hampshire Off Road Vehicle Study Committee, undated	box 4	folder 41
Trails, 1968-1971	box 4	folder 42
Trail Maps for Snowmobiles and Skis, 2004-2006	box 4	folder 43
Trails Recommended for Ski Touring on State Lands Near the Capital District, 1969	box 4	folder 44
Trash and Solid Waste Removal, 1966-1973	box 4	folder 45
White, William , 1969-2004	box 4	folder 46
Wilderness Management Reports and Issues, 1974-1975	box 4	folder 47
Wilderness Philosophy, 1974	box 4	folder 48
Wind Energy, 2004-2008	box 4	folder 49
Winter Hiking in New York State, 1970	box 4	folder 50

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Photographic Materials, 1968-2006

Physical Description: 0.38 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

Photographs and negatives depicting winter recreational activities, skiers, friends, and trail maintenance. The bulk of the photographs are black and white prints made from 35 mm film. Many of the photographs are the originals of images used in 25 Ski Tours in the Adirondacks written by his wife Anne and himself in 1979.

Title/Description	Instances	
Berle Photographs, 1977-2006	box 5	folder 1
Cross County Skiing Photographs, 1968-2006	box 5	folder 2-5
Miscellaneous Photographs, 1970-2003	box 5	folder 6
Snowmobile Trail Effects, 1968-1971	box 5	folder 7
Wilderness Management Photographs, 1968-1970	box 5	folder 8
Winter Recreation, 1969-1980	box 5	folder 9
Negatives, 1969-1990	box 5	folder 10