

Citizen's Northway Committee 1956-1960

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Biographical Note: “The Citizens’ Northway Committee (CNC) is a non-partisan group of business and professional men – and women – who have united with some forty conservation organizations, in an attempt to insure the choice of the better, safer, ‘Champlain Route’ for the Northway, and to save the Adirondacks from grave damage.”¹ The Committee promoted the Champlain Route as it served a larger year-round population, brought greater financial benefit to New York State, would be safer and easier to maintain and would not have passed through forest preserve lands.

Scope and Content Note: The collection contains material informing voters about the vote on “Amendment #2,” notes on speeches given on the subject and correspondence between members and legislators and among members. After the amendment was passed, and the Adirondack Route chosen, the group went on to fight amendment No. 6 which would have handed over the Erie Canal to the Federal Government and the development of Hunter Mountain.

Box and Folder List:

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	“N.Y. Northway” articles, correspondence, maps, pamphlets and studies Names found: John Blum, Karl Detzer, Ruth Gillette Hardy, John W. Jordan, Paul Kahn, Robert Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, Hon. Sharon Mauhs, Leo W. O’Brien, V.L. Ostrander, Robert and Leona Rienow, Richard E. Robinson, Frederic L. Vorbeck, Prof. Fay Welch and Howard Zahniser
	2	“Voting on Northway” articles, correspondence, editorials, maps, pamphlets, pro-Adirondack Northway pamphlets (Committee for the Adirondack Northway), a “Vote No” bumper sticker, “Vote No” stamps and transcript of radio discussion Names found: Philip Ham, John T. Jamison, F. Lee Keator, Dr. A.E. Newkirk, Vibert L. Ostrander, L. Morgan Porter, Robert and Leona Rienow, Paul Schaefer and Ralph D. Williams
	3	“Adirondack Mountain Club” (ADK) correspondence, ADK pamphlet and constitution and by-laws and information on amendment No. 6

		<p>transferring the Barge Canal System to the Federal Government</p> <p>Names found: Ira H. Ayers, Acton Davies, Robert Denniston, Henry N. Germond, Elsie Haddad, John Jamison, Theron C. Johnson, F.P. Loope, Arthur E. Newkirk, Arthur G. Beach, Margaret Goodwin O'Brien, L. Morgan Porter, Arad Riggs, Raymond H. Synnestvedt, A. Ranger Tyler and Prof. Fay Welch</p>
	4	<p>"Newspaper Articles Northway" articles, report on consulting fees and articles on Amendment No. 6</p> <p>Names found: Rep. John A. Blatnik, Hal Burton, John T. Jamison, Lawrence H. King, Robert L. Lawrence, Fulton Lewis Jr., Sharon Mauhs, Robert Moses, L. Morgan Porter, Robert and Leona Rienow, Red Wildy and Dr. Harold G. Wilm</p>
	5	<p>"Correspondence 1957, 1958-1960, 1961 correspondence and meeting agenda,</p> <p>Names found: John S. Apperson, Ralph A. Atwater, Raphael Avellar, Julian A. Belin, John A. Blatnik, Mrs. Robert Crosby, Henry Germond, Philip W. Ham, Ruth Gillette Hardy, Hon. Averill Harriman, John T. Jamison, John W. Jordan, Velenia P. Jordan, Lawrence King, Robert L. Lawrence, Mrs. L.D. Lemaire, Gilbert Maurer, Sharon J. Mauhs, Mrs. Roger McCane, Arthur E. Newkirk, Stewart M. Ogilvy, Vilbert Ostrander, Eleanor M. Plum, L. Morgan Porter, Fraser P. Prince, Robert Rienow, Nelson Rockefeller, William Ronan, John C. Russ, Paul Schaefer, Walter C. Shaw, Fred Smith, George H. Staples, Hon. Samuel S. Stratton, James Treux, Peter A. Ward, Fay Welch, Harold Weston, Samuel Wilkinson and Ralph "Bud" Williams</p>
	6	<p>"Correspondence on Northway 1959" correspondence, formal announcements, open letter to members of the NYS Legislature, pamphlets promoting the Adirondack Northway printed by NYS DEC and DPW, a newsletter and articles</p> <p>Names found: J.S. Apperson, M.A. Bebee, Richard Benjamin, Ethel A. Bingham, John Blum, David R. Brower, Victor Cahalane, Erwin D. Canham, Douglas R. Clark, Mrs. Leroy Clark, Edward B. Clements, Mrs. Howard Colton, Mrs. Robert R. Crosby, Gordon C. DeAngelo, Robert Denniston, Constance S. Dixon, Curt Ek, William Frederick, Harry Gallien Jr., George E. Goldthwaite, Henry Ten Hagen, Frank S. Ham, Philip Ham, Ruth Gillette Hardy, Cecil E. Heacox, Jack Healey, Mabel James, John T. Jamison, John W. Jordan, Paul Khan, Leo Keator, Allan S. Klonick, Emmett C. Laird, Robert Lawrence, Thomas M. Lawson, L.D. LeMaire, Mrs. L.D. Lemaire, Charlotte Lowe, E. Mallinckrodt, George Marshall, Charles Mattison, Sharon Mauhs, Elizabeth McCane, David McConnell, John B. McMorran, P. Schuyler Miller, Wilbur D. Mills, Sen. Wheeler Milmoie, Grace Barstow Murphy, Arthur E.</p>

		Newkirk, John B. Oakes, Stewart M. Ogilvy, E.F. Olsen, John O'Reilly, Caleb Paine, Morgan Porter, Richard H. Pough, Dr. Milton G. Pratt, Mrs. Radke, Robert and Leona Rienow, Dick Robinson, Leo L. Rothschild, Paul Schaefer, Daniel Smiley, Fred Smith, Mrs. Murray Smith, Donald B. Stough, Sam Stratton, Roger W. Tubby, Hon. Wilson C. VanDuzer, Frederic L. Vorbeck, Fay Welch, William M. White, Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson, Henry L. Young and Howard Zahniser
	7	<p>"Alternate Routes Northway" correspondence, articles and printed materials</p> <p>Names found: Carl R. DeSantis, Lawrence King, R.L. Lawrence, J. Gilbert Maurer, Herbert Meyer, Arthur E. Newkirk, Vilbert L. Ostrander, Fay Welch,</p>
	8	<p>"Miscellaneous" correspondence, booklets, speeches, and newsletters including references to the Canal question (amendment No.6). Includes a list of Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks members for and against the Adirondack Route; Paul Schaefer is listed as "For Adirondack Route."</p> <p>Names found: John S. Apperson, Mr. Byrne, Erwin D. Canham, Phil Ham, John T. Jamison, John W. Johnson, Larry King, Sharon Mauhs, Arthur E. Newkirk, Mr. Ogilvy, Lithgow Osborne, V.L. Ostrander, Robert Rienow, Governor Rockefeller (sic), Fred Smith, James Swanson, James Truex, Mr. Tubby and Wilson VanDuzer</p>
2	1	<p>"Articles" articles reflecting opinions of both sides of the Northway issue 1958-1959</p> <p>Names found: Wilson Becher, Martha Brooks, J. Gilbert Maurer, J.L. Michaelson, Caleb Payne, Eleanor Roosevelt, W. Bronson Taylor</p>
	2	<p>"Miscellaneous, 1959-1960" correspondence, agendas, membership list, newsletters, transcript for a slide presentation, lists of supporters and newsletters including a resolution to continue the group as the Citizen's Forest Preserve Committee to preserve the park including ski development on Hunter Mountain and support for the Lake George water levels bill</p> <p>Names found: J.S. Apperson, Raphael Avellar, Julian A. Belin, Dr. Allen H. Benton, Mrs. Walter Elwood, Philip Ham, Alfred S. Hewins, F. Lee Keator, Paul Khan, Lawrence King, Robert L. Lawrence, Wilbur Mills, Arthur E. Newkirk, V.L Ostrander, Richard H. Pough, Robert and Leona Rienow, Nelson Rockefeller, Robert W. Schery, Bill White and Howard Zahniser</p>
	3	"Miscellaneous 1958-1960" correspondence, newsletters and promotional materials regarding the Northway and Barge Canal Amendments and water levels in Lake George

		<p>Names found: Harold C. Armstrong, Werner Baum, David H. Beetle, Sen. Owen Begley, Julian A. Belin, Robert Bubniak, Clarence Cannon, Edward B. Clements, Ruth Doran, Donald Flesher, Henry Ten Hagen, Philip Ham, Charles J. Hepburn Jr., R.G. Hoft, Richard Houser, William T. Hubbard, Joseph C. Ingraham, B.P. James, Elizabeth James, John T. Jamison, Hon. Jacob K. Javits, Devereaux C. Josephs, Robert L. Lawrence, Thomas M. Lawson, Mrs. Lambert D. LeMaire, Bertram L. Lutton, William W. Kuyper, Hon. Wilbur D. Mills, John W. Oakes, V.L. Ostrander, Caleb Paine, Michael Petruska, Earl P. Pfannebecker, Mary McKee, J. Burch McMorrان, Ronald B. Peterson, Charles E. Powers, Dr. Milton G Pratt, Paul Schaefer, Garth A. Shoemaker, Carl Spad, Verne Steele, Samuel Stratton, Roger W. Tubby, Wilson C. Van Duzen, Nellie Van Vorst, Peter A. Ward, Velmer Webb, Fay Welch, Mr. Wheatley, Fred M. Whitehouse, Hon. Harold G. Wilm, Gov. Malcom (sic) Wilson, E.S. Worster and Robert E. Young</p>
		<p>¹Welch, Fay. <i>Preliminary Notes on the Northway</i>. Citizen's Northway Committee. Print. Sept. 15, 1959</p>