Biographical

Leroy Wilson Coons (187?-1948) received his Bachelors of Divinity from St. Lawrence University in 1895. He married Elsie Loraine Thomas, (SLU n 1900) in the Canton Universalist Church in 1897. Wilson went on to be a leader in churches throughout New England. He pastored the Universalist church in Winthrop, NY until his retirement in 1942.

Scope & Content

This collection consists of two series of photo prints. Series 1 are photographs of various rural views in the North Country taken by Leroy Wilson Coons (SLU Div. '95). Series 2 are photographs of the St. Lawrence University campus around the time of Rev. Coons years at SLU. Also included in Series 2 are photos of High Falls, near Canton, a pulp mill at High Falls, the mill after an explosion and several portrait photos, including I.M. Atwood, President of the Theological School when Coons was a student.

Box 1  Series 1

1  Coopers Falls
2  Coopers Falls Osweatchie River
3  Cold Springs on De Grasse
4  On Old Dekalb Road
5  Fort Montgomery at Rouses Point - “Fort Blunder”
6  Chazy River - Altona N.Y
7  Little River - Canton
8  Langon Springs from Squire’s Comer
9  De Grasse above Woodeveks (?) Rapids
10 City of Canton - St. Lawrence Co. N.Y
11 View on De Grasse (aka Grasse, Grass)

Box 1  Series 2

12 Student Housing
13 Student Housing
14 St Lawrence University Classroom (Richardson Hall)
15 Students Studying
16 Richardson Hall and Fisher Hall (1890s)
17 Fisher Hall (1890s)
18 Herring Library, Richardson Hall, Fisher Hall (1890s)
19 Student Housing
20 High Falls, Canton, NY (1890s)
21 High Falls Pulp Mill
22 High Falls Pulp Mill after the explosion
23 I.M. Atwood
24 unknown female
25 grey hair male unknown-large photo
26 younger male unknown-large photo
27 male unknown-small photo
28 female unknown-small photo
29 female large photo identified as Margaret Forbes

Provenance

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