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Summary Information

Repository:	Adirondack Research Library
Title:	Kay Flickinger Dockstader Papers
ID:	ARL.048
Date [inclusive]:	1910-1995
Physical Description:	4.62 Cubic Feet
Physical Description:	12 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The papers of Kay Flickinger Dockstader measure 4.62 cubic feet and date from 1910-1995. The collection consists of photographs (prints and negatives), journal entries, trail notes, Otyokwa Club yearbooks, maps, and ephemera from her travels, predominantly in the Adirondacks.

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Biographical / Historical

Kay was born in Schenectady in 1910 to Maude Hodgson and John Tressler Flickinger, an engineer at General Electric. Along with their primary residence at 25 Ray Street in Niskayuna, the family owned a summer home, known as Shew House, on Sacandaga Lake. After graduating from Syracuse University with a degree in English, Kay worked her way from lab assistant to research technical editor with GE at Knolles Atomic Power Laboratory in Niskayuna. During her 38 years with the company, Kay took regular weekend hiking trips into the Adirondacks and Catskills with the Schenectady chapter of the ADK and YMCA's Oty-okwa club. By all accounts, Kay was filled with a child-like awe and enthusiasm for the natural world. She would talk continuously, even on the most strenuous hikes, exalting in the views and educating her fellow hikers about the flora and fauna along the way. While ascending mountains on hikes, she took many photographs. Finishing with Allen Mountain on September 7, 1946, she became 46er number 41 and at the first meeting of the 46ers organization, she was named secretary. By 1958 she had climbed all Adirondack high peaks twice. The first edition of ADK, The 46ers, included a chapter by Kay entitled "Climbing on Snow and Ice." Adirondack magazines also published her articles on the 46ers and winter hiking gear. During the 1950s and 1960s she taught winter hiking and climbing skills to ADK Winter Mountain School classes. Her hiking and skiing experiences, along with her study of the Adirondacks (she would often use her lunch hour to visit a rare book store in Schenectady), made her a passionate and effective advocate for environmental issues as well. Kay was the first woman to climb Mt. Iroquois on skis. "I think climbing the 46 is a delightful game," she told a Times Union

reporter in 1970, "and I'm anxious to see more girls get out in winter." After marrying Clayton "Dock" Dockstader in 1971, the two travelled the world visiting six continents over the years. Other than their travel, the Dockstaders lived a simple life in Galway allowing them, on their passing, to endow the Dockstader Charitable Trust which funds the work of non-profit organizations in Galway. Over the course of her life, Kay also purchased 5 properties totaling 138 acres in Providence which have now been donated to the Saratoga PLAN for preservation and trails, making the land available to the public. She passed away in 1995.

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Scope and Contents

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Biographical materials include diaries, articles, retirement album copies, correspondence, and a growth chart. These are supplemented by loose trail notes written during hikes as well as news clippings of topical interest.

The bulk of the collection consists of photographs and negatives taken during hikes, often as part of outings organized through hiking and social clubs. Consisting mainly of 2 x 3 inch contact prints, they document many hikes in the Adirondack High Peaks as well as other areas in the American Northeast.

Otyokwa materials include yearbooks, newsletters, calendars, and prints documenting social life. The yearbooks provide context for many photographs.

Maps and pamphlets consist of USGS, DEC, and other professional cartographic materials used for hiking, often with hand written notes. A number of commercial and tourism materials are also included.

Miscellaneous records include copies of articles, printed materials, hand written accounts of trips, correspondence, badges, and other items. Correspondents include A. Dench (Woodland Trail Walkers), Bill Hentschel, J. Tansley ("Bud") Hohmann, Eleanor Coutent, Katherine Flickinger, Nelson Gildersleeve, I. Langmuir, L.H. Lynn, G.S. Martin, Jr., J.A. Reeves, C.M. Rhoades, Ruth Tallmadge, V.J. Schaefer, and C.G. Suits.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 5 series. Records are generally arranged by material type and chronologically thereafter.

Series 1: Diaries, Trail Notes, News Clippings, 1910-1986 (Box 1; .42 cubic feet)

Series 2: Photographs and Negatives, 1930-1964 (Boxes 2-6; 2.1 cubic feet)

Series 3: Otyokwa Club, 1931-1963 (Boxes 7-8; .84 cubic feet)

Series 4: Maps and Phamplets, 1910-1960 (Boxes 9-10; .84 cubic feet)

Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1927-1995 (Boxes 11-12; .42 cubic feet)

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Adirondack Research Library

Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Custodial History

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.)
- Black-and-white photographs
- Camp sites, facilities, etc.
- Hiking
- Newsletters
- Skis and skiing
- Tourist maps

Collection Inventory

Diaries, Trail Notes, News Clippings, 1910-1986

Physical Description: .84 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

This series is arranged chronologically by material type. It consists of biographical information, diaries, correspondence, loose trail notes, and news clippings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical Information, 1930-1995	box 1	folder 1
Growth Chart Birth to 14 Months, 1910	box 1	folder 2
Diary, 1932-1936	box 1	folder 3
Diary, 1950	box 1	folder 4
Diary, 1951	box 1	folder 5
Letter (draft), 1959	box 1	folder 6
Loose Trail Notes, 1932-1936	box 1	folder 7
Loose Trail Notes, 1936-1938	box 1	folder 8
Loose Trail Notes, 1938-1942	box 1	folder 9
Loose Trail Notes, Miscellaneous, 1934-1943	box 1	folder 10
Loose Trail Notes, 1945-1948	box 1	folder 11
News Clippings, 1935-1986	box 1	folder 12

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Photographs and Negatives, 1930-1964

Physical Description: 2.1 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series consists of photographs depicting hikers, skiers, lodges, scenery, rivers and forests, often taken as part of outings organized through Adirondack Mountain Club, Otyokwa, and the 46ers. Materials are arranged chronologically and consist mostly of 2 x 3 inch contact prints. Negatives, photographs taken by others, and postcards are also included.

Title/Description	Instances	
Three Women Skaters, 1930	box 2	folder 1
Old Hotel on Prospect Mt., Lake George, NY, 1931	box 2	folder 2
Otyokwa Club - Tuckerman's Head, Mt. Washington, NH, Owl's Head, 1936	box 2	folder 3
Otyokwa Club - Heart Lake, Indian Falls, Panther Mt. and Piseco Lake, Whey Pond to Rollings Pond, 1937	box 2	folder 4
Beaver Meadow Falls, The Marcy Trail	box 2	folder 5
Slope at Adirondack Loj, 1939	box 2	folder 6
Mt. Greylock, 1940	box 2	folder 7
Bouquet River, Fish House, MacIntyre Range, Sharon Springs and Grace Hudowalski, 1940	box 2	folder 8
Otyokwa Club - Labor Day Weekend, 1940	box 2	folder 9
Mt. Marcy, 1940	box 2	folder 10
Otyokwa Club - Block Island, 1941	box 2	folder 11
Otyokwa Club - Bouquet River Lodge, 1941	box 2	folder 12
Otyokwa Club - Fish Creek Ponds, Gray Peak, Indian Falls, Saranac Canoe Trip, Sunnyside Lake, 1941	box 2	folder 13
Otyokwa Club - Lake George, 1941	box 2	folder 14
Bald Mt. , 1942	box 2	folder 15
First Marcy Dawn Trip, 1942	box 2	folder 16
Otyokwa Club - Hudson River Day Boat, 1942	box 2	folder 17
Otyokwa Club - Labor Day Weekend, Buck Mt., 1942	box 2	folder 18
Otyokwa Club - Labor Day Weekend, Lake George, Huckleberry Island, Cat Mt., 1942	box 2	folder 19
Tuckerman's Ravine Trip, 1942	box 2	folder 20

Otyokwa Club - Indian Ladder Trip, 1943	box 2	folder 21
Oswegatchie River, Big Shallow Pond, Five Ponds, Eleanor Constant, 1945	box 2	folder 22
Flowed Lands, Mt. Colden and Avalanche, 1946	box 2	folder 23
Conservation Trip, Foresport, Hawkinsville, etc., 1946	box 2	folder 24
Conservation Trip, Rocky Peak Ridge, 1946	box 2	folder 25
Gothics from Peak 3905 Ski Trail, Whitney Club Trip to Crane Mt., Lean-to, Summit, River and Canoe, 1946	box 2	folder 26
Marcy Summit, MacIntyre Range from Indian Falls, Mrs. Dorothy Candlyn, 1946	box 2	folder 27
Beaver River below Gorge of Eagle Falls, 1947	box 2	folder 28
Black River, Lyons, NY, 1947	box 2	folder 29
Moose River, 1947	box 2	folder 30
View from Newcomb toward High Peaks, 1948	box 2	folder 31
Whiteface Mt., Cut for Ski Lift, 1948	box 2	folder 32
46ers First Meeting on Pitchoff, 1948	box 2	folder 33
ADK Annual Meeting Weekend, Gertrude's Nose, Minnewaska, NY, 1948	box 2	folder 34
ADK Canoe Trip, Labor Day Weekend, 1948	box 2	folder 35
ADK Winter Clove Weekend, View from Giant Ledge, Newman's Ledge Catskills, 1948	box 2	folder 36
Lower Ausable Lake, 1948	box 2	folder 37
Moose River, 1948	box 2	folder 38
Marcy Summit, 1948	box 2	folder 39
Myrtle Trapasso and Beauty the Deer, 1948	box 2	folder 40
Owlshead with Orra Phelps, 1948	box 2	folder 41
The Phelps Family, 1948	box 2	folder 42
Scott's Pond, 1948	box 2	folder 43
Street Mt., Basin, Gothics, MacIntyre Range, McNaughton, Mt. Santanoni Range, Wauika Falls all from Street Mt., 1948	box 2	folder 44
ADK Loj and Mt. Jo, 1949	box 2	folder 45
Whiteface, Cat Trail to Lookout Mt., 1949	box 2	folder 46
The Girls Mt. Marcy Ski Trip, 1949	box 2	folder 47
Wright Peak and Miscellaneous, 1949	box 2	folder 48
Johns Brook Lodge, Board of Governors Weekend, 1949		

	box 2	folder 49
Jay Range, 1949	box 2	folder 50
Johns Brook Lodge Winter Camp, 1949	box 2	folder 51
Street and Nye Mts. across Heart Lake from Adirondack Loj, 1949	box 2	folder 52
Whiteface, 1950	box 2	folder 53
Giant and Rocky Peak, 1950	box 2	folder 54
Hanging Spear Falls, 1950	box 2	folder 55
Johns Brook Lodge, Solitary Trip, 1950	box 2	folder 56
The Lost Arrow of Chapel Pond, 1950	box 2	folder 57
Mohawk Valley Hiking Club, Murphy Lake, 1950	box 2	folder 58
Otyokwa Club - Libby and Frank Thorne, 1950	box 2	folder 59
Noah John Rondeau, The Hermit of Gold River, 1950	box 2	folder 60
Wright Peak, 1950	box 2	folder 61
Crystal Brook, Dam of Flowlands, Marion River Canoe Trip, Murphy Mt., Nippletop, 1950	box 2	folder 62
Snowman at Adirondack Loj, 1951	box 2	folder 63
Otyokwa Club - Mt. Dix, 1941	box 3	folder 1
Indian Face, 1952	box 3	folder 2
ADK Labor Day Weekend, 1952	box 3	folder 3
ADK All Club Weekend, 1952	box 3	folder 4
Tabletop, Stagecoach Rock Cascade Lakes, 1952	box 3	folder 5
Adirondack Loj, 1953	box 3	folder 6
BRL, Havice Lodge, Newcomb, and Wyman Mt. Trip, 1953	box 3	folder 7
Cathead Mt., 1953	box 3	folder 8
Gothics, 1953	box 3	folder 9
Indian Falls, 1953	box 3	folder 10
Mt. Marcy, 1953	box 3	folder 11
Marcy Dam, Hadley Mt., Split Rock Falls, 1953	box 3	folder 12
Otyokwa Club - BRL, Wedding, 1953	box 3	folder 13
Otyokwa Club Clambake - Fish House, 1953	box 3	folder 14
Phelps Mt. and Tabletop, 1953	box 3	folder 15
Wolfjaws, 1953	box 3	folder 16
Jay Range, Upper Wolfjaw, 1954	box 3	folder 17

Mt. Colden, Rocky Peak Ridge, 1954	box 3	folder 18
Easter Sunday, 1955	box 3	folder 19
Lost Pond, 1955	box 3	folder 20
Moose River, 1955	box 3	folder 21
Otyokwa Club 25th Anniversary Reunion Weekend, 1955	box 3	folder 22
Pixley Falls, 1955	box 3	folder 23
West Canada Lakes, 1955	box 3	folder 24
Ampersand Mt., Baxter Mt., Johns Brook Lodge Work Party, 1956	box 3	folder 25
Avalanche Pass, 1956	box 3	folder 26
East Dix, Mt. Herbert, 1956	box 3	folder 27
Mt. Seward, Donaldson, and Emmons, 1956	box 3	folder 28
Basin and Saddleback, Allen Mt., 1958	box 3	folder 29
Miscellaneous Photographs - Snapshot Album, 1949-1956	box 4	folder 1
Miscellaneous Photographs, 1957-1963	box 4	folder 2-6
Miscellaneous and Undated Photographs	box 4	folder 7-9
Photographs by Others, 1936-1972	box 4	folder 10-12
Photographs, Oversize, 1930-1970	box 4	folder 13
Slides, 1944	box 4	folder 14
Postcards, 1930-1950	box 4	folder 15
Negatives, 1931-1939	box 5	folder 1-16
Negatives, 1940-1949	box 5	folder 17-49
Negatives, 1950-1959	box 6	folder 1-42
Negatives, 1960-1964	box 6	folder 43

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Otyokwa Club, 1931-1963

Physical Description: .84 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series contains newsletters, yearbooks, accounts, and general information regarding membership in the Otyokwa Club. Yearbooks provide narrative to accompany the photographs series. They are arranged chronologically by year.

Otykowa was an outgrowth of the cooperative activities of the Men's and Women's Christian Associations of Schenectady. The first meeting was held on June 24, 1930 at the YWCA Residence on Washington Ave. It was organized for the purpose of cultivating good fellowship among members and friends of the Associations. Interest groups included Glee Club, Geology, Bible Study, and Book Study. Members regularly went on outings which included skiing, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities.

Title/Description	Instances	
Account of Canoe Trip on Saranac Lake, 1939	box 7	folder 1
Anniversaries and Reunions, 1955-1980	box 7	folder 2
Bulletin Newsletter, 1937-1943	box 7	folder 3
Okytivities Calendar, 1958-1963	box 7	folder 4
Yearbook, 1930-1939	box 7	folder 5-13
Yearbook, 1940-1949	box 7	folder 14-17
	box 8	folder 1-5
Yearbook, 1950-1958	box 8	folder 6-14
Extra Composite Prints of Photos Used in Yearbooks, 1930-1949	box 8	folder 15
Miscellaneous, 1941	box 8	folder 16

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Maps and Pamphlets, 1910-1960

Physical Description: .84 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series contains maps, guides, pamphlets, routes, leaflets and printed materials relating to outdoor activities, primarily in the Adirondacks.

Maps used for hikes tend to be professionally surveyed cartographic materials. In addition, a number of general, travel, and reference maps are also included. Maps used for hiking often contain hand-written notes. USGS maps are arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Map of the Hudson River Showing Routes to Saratoga and Lake George	box 9	folder 1
Lake Champlain, 1918	box 9	folder 2
Adirondack Guide Co. Lake George/ Lake Placid on Mirror Lake	box 9	folder 3
Map of the Adirondack Wilderness, 1890	box 9	folder 4
Maps of Mt. Marcy, Lake Placid, and Highway, Campsites, and Historic Sites, 1930-1946	box 9	folder 5
Maps of Lake George, 1919-1945	box 9	folder 6

USGS Berne Quadrangle Map, 1938	box 9	folder 7
USGS Big Moose Quadrangle Map, 1938	box 9	folder 8
USGS Blue Mountain Quadrangle Map, 1937	box 9	folder 9
USGS Coxsackie Quadrangle Map, 1931	box 9	folder 10
USGS Durham Quadrangle Map, 1943	box 9	folder 11
USGS Elizabethtown Quadrangle Maps, 1931-1939	box 9	folder 12-13
USGS Glens Falls Quadrangle Map, 1895	box 9	folder 14
USGS Lake Placid Quadrangle Maps, 1932-1946	box 9	folder 15-16
USGS Mt. Marcy Quadrangle Maps, 1932-1940	box 9	folder 17
USGS Old Forge Quadrangle Map, 1944	box 9	folder 18
USGS Paradox Lake Quadrangle Map, 1953	box 9	folder 19
USGS Richmondville Quadrangle Map, 1943	box 9	folder 20
USGS St. Regis Quadrangle Map, 1927	box 9	folder 21
USGS Santanoni Quadrangle Maps, 1940-1947	box 9	folder 22-23
USGS Saranac Quadrangle Map, 1936	box 9	folder 24
USGS Stony Creek Quadrangle Map, 1937	box 9	folder 25
USGS Thirteenth Lake Quadrangle Map, 1936	box 9	folder 26
USGS West Canada Lakes Quadrangle Map, 1937	box 9	folder 27
New Map of the Adirondack Region, 1865	box 9	folder 28
"Guide to Adirondack Trails Northeastern Section and Northville-Placid Trail", 1941-1945	box 10	folder 1-2
"The Hills of Happiness," Burt Newman	box 10	folder 3
"Log Cabin Life, The Backwoods Journal, Adirondack Mts," 1957-1980	box 10	folder 4
Pamphlets, 1920-1957	box 10	folder 5-7
Great Forest and Travel Maps, 1890-1928	box 10	folder 8
Map of Adirondack Canoe Routes, 1919-1954	box 10	folder 9
Conservation Map of New York State, 1930	box 10	folder 10

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Miscellaneous , 1927-1995

Physical Description: .42 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series consists of miscellaneous news clippings, magazine articles, correspondence, printed materials, notes, and other materials.

Title/Description	Instances	
General Electric Employees' Headliner Newsletter, 1927-1962	box 11	folder 1
Photocopied Newspaper Articles, 1947-1965	box 11	folder 2
Magazine Articles, 1980-1990	box 11	folder 3
Advanced Winter Badge, 1961-1962	box 11	folder 4
Hikers Song Book and Other Printed Materials, 1940-1950	box 11	folder 5
The Old Corner Tree, 1934-1950	box 11	folder 6
Adirondack Mountain Club and Mohawk Valley Hiking Club Materials , 1944-1959	box 11	folder 7
Correspondence, 1942-1964	box 11	folder 8
Trips, Pack Lists, Articles and Hand-Written Accounts, 1947-1954	box 11	folder 9
Winter Mountaineering, 1941-1954	box 11	folder 10
Recreational Maps, 1970-1980	box 11	folder 11
OYK Patches	box 12	folder 1
Sundry, 1930-1960	box 12	folder 2-3

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