



Grems-Doolittle Library
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The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC): Materials in the Grems-Doolittle Library

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a public work relief program for unemployed, unmarried men from ages 18 to 25 from relief families during the Great Depression. The program began in 1933 and was closed in 1942. The CCC provided manual labor jobs related to the conservation and development of natural resources. Over the nine years of the programs existence, approximately 2.5 million young men participated. Camps were set up around the country, where CCC workers built trails, roads, campsites and dams, stocked fish, built and maintained fire tower observer's cabins and telephone lines, fought forest fires, and planted nearly 3 billion trees nationwide.

The CCC's Schenectady District was comprised of 24 counties of eastern New York and was bordered by the Canadian border to the north; the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Otsego, and the western part of Delaware to the west; the Pennsylvania and New Jersey state lines and the New York City lines to the south and southwest; and by Lake Champlain, and the Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut state lines to the east. The district headquarters was located in Schenectady.

Books and Serials

Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.). Schenectady District. *Official Annual. Schenectady District, Civilian Conservation Corps, Second Corps Area.* 1937.

Includes administrative information, photographs, rosters and histories for each of the district's CCC companies.

Galusha, Diane. *Another Day, Another Dollar: The Civilian Conservation Corps in the Catskills.* Hensonville, N.Y. : Black Dome Press, 2009.

Podskoch, Martin. *Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories, and Legacy of the CCC.* East Hampton, Conn. : Podskoch Press, 2011.

Information files

Newspaper clippings, copies of original documents and publications, reminiscences and biographies of local men who served in the CCC.

File location: Schenectady County – Civilian Conservation Corps\

Grems-Doolittle Library Photograph Collection

Photographs and photograph postcards depicting CCC camps in Arietta (N.Y.), Cherry Plain (N.Y.), and unidentified locations. Includes many photographs depicting the CCC service of Americo Marino of Schenectady.

File location: General Photograph Files – Civilian Conservation Corps

Manuscript Collections and Personal Papers

Larry Hart Collection (Accession no. 2006.4)

Includes photographs documenting the CCC service of local men, copies of Hart's newspaper columns about the CCC, and correspondence.

File locations: Photographs – Civilian Conservation Corps; Research files – Civilian Conservation Corps

Audio-Visual Materials

CCC Schenectady Reunion, 25 June 2010. Filmed by John Ackner. [DVD]

Eleven local CCC alumni share their stories of the camps nationwide. Includes introductory remarks by SCHS Librarian/Archivist Katherine Chansky and researcher Marty Podskoch.

Call number: DVD 974.744 Civ

Help us increase our holdings of CCC-related material! If you or a family member would like to donate (or lend for photocopying/scanning) photographs, diaries, memoirs, certificates, service records, publications, or other materials related to the service of local men in the Civilian Conservation Corps nationwide or pertaining to the CCC in New York State, or if you served in the CCC and would like to participate in an oral history interview, please contact Melissa Tacke, Librarian/Archivist, at 518-374-0263, option "3", or send an email to librarian@schist.org.