Pine Bush Area Public Library Local History Collections

Historic Postcard Collection Finding Aid

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Collection Summary

Repository: Pine Bush Area Public Library
Creator: Pine Bush Public Library
Title: Historic Postcard Collection
Dates: 1903 - 1937
Quantity: 1 Binder
Abstract: A collection of postcards focused on Pine Bush, Town of Crawford buildings and activities dating from the early 20th century.
Forms of Materials: Postcards

Administrative History or Biographic Note

During the latter 19th, early 20th century, Pine Bush and the Town of Crawford serviced a burgeoning tourist community. Socialites and factory workers from the New York metro area commuted regularly to the region via the Middletown-Crawford and Erie railroads during the summer and fall months. The postcards in this collection reflect the tourist industry that began in Pine Bush at the turn of the 20th century.

Scope and Content Note

Postcards of Pine Bush and the Town of Crawford, dating to the first half of the 20th century. These items were either donated to or collected by the Pine Bush Public Library. Several postcards have been used and contain information about the social life and day-to-day activities in the area.
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<td>Public Library, Pine Bush, N.Y.</td>
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<td>Depot Street, Pine Bush, N.Y.</td>
<td>[April 8, 1929]</td>
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<td>[inscribed] &quot;Dear Al[ta], in the country all the air is beautiful. Mary is out in the yard in her carriage sleeping. We received the package O.K. and the [illegible] shoes are a darling so cute. Lots of love we are Mary +Mary R. Norton Pine Bush N.Y. c/o John A. Terwilliger”</td>
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<td>Maple Avenue, Pine Bush, N.Y.</td>
<td>[August 23, 1907]</td>
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<td>Main Street, Pine Bush, N.Y.</td>
<td>[May 18, 1909]</td>
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<td>[inscribed] &quot;Dear Laura, Be sure and come [back] for a good long visit, we expect you for all day. Suppose you are all spring cleaning? We are in our last room. Good Bye [illegible] Anna”</td>
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<td>Wurtsboro, N.Y. [inscribed]</td>
<td>[December 25, 1903]</td>
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<td>&quot;A Merry X-mas and a happy New Year [Mom] 12-25-03”</td>
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<td>[Public Library, Pine Bush, N.Y.], [inscribed]</td>
<td>[September 1, 1910]</td>
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<td>&quot;We are having a very nice time. We went to a dance last evening and expect to go again this evening. Loretta”</td>
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<td>Public Library Building, Pine Bush, N.Y.</td>
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<td>A Bit of Main Street, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed]</td>
<td>[October 11, 1911]</td>
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<td>&quot;Dear Mary, The nameof the marking machine is The Majestic. Forget to mention</td>
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in the letter. Write soon,
Simply Carrie”

3 Hay’s Hotel and Depot Street.
Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed]

3 The Elms, Pine Bush, N.Y.

4 Sam’s Point, 2340 ft. above
Sea Level, Shawangunk Mts.,
N.Y.

4 Maple Avenue, Pine Bush,
N.Y. [inscribed] “Dear Bert;
George told me last night you
were ill. I am so sorry. Was
sorry I was not home the
other P.M. glad to hear the
little girl is here give your
sister my love. We’ll be home
next Wed. Jo”

4 A Pine Bush Landscape

4 Hardenburg Bridge, Pine
Bush, N.Y.

5 Hardenberg Bridge, Pine
Bush, N.Y. [Inscribed] “Dear
Mother I am up spending a
few days to Pine Bush. I will
be over Tuesday morning to
see you From Hila”

[September 25, 1911]

5 Iron Bridge, Pine Bush, N.Y.
[inscribed] “Dear Friend: -
The numbers are 7-90-36-46
and in your red Church
book”42 and 148. Did not
blame you for not coming
today I was not fit and
[illegible] and a funeral of
Mrs. Cooper and nearly froze.
I always see you kindly there.
Hope [Lee] is better. Very
Sincerely [illegible]

5 Hardenberg Bridge [Between]
Pine Bush and Dwaarkill, N.Y.

5 Stepping Stones, Pine Bush,
N.Y.

6 Depot Street, Pine Bush, N.Y.

6 [Pine Bush Firehouse and
6 Bridge Across the Kill, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed] “Sept. 22, 07. 14 miles just drove over and took dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Brown Many thanks for the Pretty card you sent me. We came very near coming out to see you off. [illegible] view of our horse did I said? Do you remember? Mrs. B.”

[October 13, 1914]

6 Corner Maple Avenue and Depot Street. Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed] “Will you have sweet apples and cider for me again this year, Kindly let me know. Mrs. Jordan”

[August 17, 1933]

7 “Beach”. Recreation Park, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed] “Having a grand rest. Hope you are too. Regards from All, Love, Lester Charlotte [illegible] this was meant for Henrietta”

[August 3, 1933]

7 New Prospect Church, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed]


7 New Prospect Church, Ulsterville, N.Y.

8 The Village Blacksmith, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed]

8 Pine Bush Train Station [facsimile]

8 Decker House, Pine Bush, N.Y.

8 Maple Ave., looking East, Pine Bush, N.Y. [inscribed]

9 Main St., Pine Bush, N.Y.

9 Graham’s Church, Pine Bush, N.Y.
The Bridge, Pine Bush, N.Y. [August 29, 1905]

Dear Kid - Come up and sit on Sunday noon. The house is fine for you - send me a postal if you will come or not. [illegible]

Corner Depot and New St., Pine Bush, N.Y.

Presbyterian Church Pine Bush, N.Y. [July 9, 1906]

I think you wished for a picture of this church. Lovingly, Mother, July 9th, 1906

Grahams Church, Pine Bush, N.Y. [January 19]

This is the K.K.K. Church I told you about. Just next door

A bit of Maple Ave., Pine Bush, N.Y. [March 1906]

Mr. Low, I received your card laste night. No Shine is not here have not seen her since you took her. If she comes I will chop you a line at once. Yours truly Joe.

Shawangunk Reformed Church, Bruynswick, N.Y. [August 17, 1907]

This ancient church - the mother church of New Prospect is over 160 years old. The parsonage is taken well too - do you not think so - M

Public School, Pine Bush, N.Y.

Erie Depot, Pine Bush, N.Y.

The Parting of the Ways, Pine Bush, N.Y. [August 17, 1937]

Sorry I could not make it to see you [illegible] it was impossible. I didn’t even get to see Bill’s Aunt in Yonkers - We are all fine. Hope you had a nice time. Hope to hear from you real soon. Love Emily, Biel
Bob and Mother”

11 Main Street, Pine Bush, N.Y.  [August 13, 1907]

12 Maple Ave. looking West, Pine Bush, N.Y.  

12 Iron Bridge, Over the Kill, Pine Bush, N.Y.  [July 12, 1912]

[inscribed] “Having a pretty good time but a little lonesome for some one with love Lillian”

12 Pine Bush, New York  [September 5, 1903]

[inscribed] “Sept. 5 1903, Mother Dear It’s beautiful here and I am invited to stay until Monday or longer but think I will return [illegible] night. I am feeling some bitter, have [illegible] feelings. At times Stay fine, take it easy, Love Edward

12 Shawangunk Kill, Pine Bush, N.Y.

13 Greetings from Pine Bush, N.Y.  [June 29, 1938]

[inscribed] “After a long trip to maine we are staying here for a few days to recuperate. Regards Mildred +Al. P.S. Some place where you stopped (Sunny Ledge)”

13 1776 Colonial Inn, Dwaarkill, N.Y.  [October 12, 1906]

13 Shawangunk Mountains, Bloomingburg, N.Y.  

[inscribed] “Dear Fred:- Package [received] all right. Thought you might like a card like this for yourself. I sent for you will speak of package in Sunday letter. Lovingly Mother. October 12, 1906”

13 Main Street, Pine Bush, N.Y.

14 Borden’s Factory, Pine Bush, N.Y.  [September 12, 1912]

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<td>[October 1, 1908] Dear Friend, I like my new home very much I have a nice [illegible] place could not have it better. I expect to go up to Port-Jervice to lodge Friday the 2nd on the mountain express from Middletown. Rose”</td>
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<td>[inscribed] “Over this bridge and thru a short wall and you reach recreation park where we go bathing, diving and swimming”</td>
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