

Paine and Halsted Photograph Album

A Finding Aid



Earl, Fred, and Lottie Paine, Photo 16

Livingston County Historian's Office

5 Murray Hill Dr.

Mt. Morris, NY 14510

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I. Collection Summary

Title	Paine and Halsted Photograph Album
Collection No.	C188
Extent	1 album, 46 photographs
Date Range	c. 1880s-1900
Abstract	<p>This collection is comprised of one photograph album created by Mrs. May C. (Paine) Halsted of Nunda, Livingston County, New York. It includes photographs of friends and relatives, with a significant portion representing Paine family relatives from the Nunda area, including Dalton and Barkertown. Other local, New York State, and Midwest surnames include Chittenden, Smith, Tyler, McMaster, and Doolittle. There are also many unlabeled photographs with only the photographer's name, city, and state given. The photograph album is property of the Nunda Town Historian and the original remains in the archives at Nunda.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office or the Town of Nunda Historian. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Town of Nunda Historian's Office, New York."</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov• Valerie Griffing, Town of Nunda Historian, by phone at (585) 335-9607 or email at VVG78127@gmail.com.
Copyright	There are no items subject to copyright.

II. Biographical and Background Information

This photograph album belonged to May C. Paine Halsted (1868-1952) of Nunda, Livingston County, New York. She was married to Platt C. Halsted (1861-1935), who served as Nunda road commissioner and town supervisor as well as Livingston County sheriff.

On the inside cover of the album, there are pencil notations stating that it belonged to May C. Halsted. Her daughter, Miss Helen Platt Halsted, is credited with labeling photographs, some of people being from the Barkertown, Nunda area, with names and relationships. The note further states that Miss Halsted donated the album, presumably to the Nunda Town Historian, and that the Paines were descendants of James Paine, Nunda's first permanent white settler in 1817.

Below is a brief family tree of the Paine family of Barkertown, Nunda, Livingston County, New York:

1. Earl J. Paine m. Catherine Grimes of Barkertown
 1. Wells Paine (1830-1905) of Barkertown
 - m. 1855 to Emily J. Phillips (d. 1870) of Gainesville
 1. Carrie Paine (d. 1900) m. Frank Chittenden of Nunda
 2. May C. Paine (1868-1952) m. Platt C. Halsted (1861- 1935)
 1. Helen Platt Halsted (1903-1985)
 3. Fred Paine (d. at age 5 years)
 - m. 1871 to Miss Celia Doolittle (1844-1937) of New Berlin, New York
 1. Earl Paine
 2. Fred Paine
 3. Lottie Paine (d. 1892 at age 11 years)
 2. Jane Paine
 3. Ann Paine
 4. Margaret Paine

Biographical information gleaned primarily from album notations and obituaries, including that of Wells Paine (*Nunda News*, 6 Jan. 1906).

III. Arrangement Notes

The album, measuring 7" by 15.5", features a worn burgundy plush cover and board pages with paper windows to secure cabinet card photographs. Its condition is fair, with stuffing leaking from the covers and some tearing of the picture windows, though the binding is still secure. The added pencil notations by Miss Helen Platt Halstead are noted above. A number of the images were made by Frank Hewitt studios of Nunda, a notable photographer.

All photographs in the album have been digitized by the Livingston County Historian's Office, Mt. Morris, and .TIF copies are on file at that place as well as in the office of the Town of Nunda Historian. The original album is the property of the Town of Nunda Historian and remains in the archives at Nunda. Digital reproductions are numbered in order as found in the album, arranged left to right across facing pages. This was determined to most accurately arrange images of couples or families, according to information in photograph identifications and studio imprints.

IV. Contents List

Labeled photographs

Those listed are single photographs unless otherwise noted.

Harry Buck, other Bucks, and man whose mother was sister of Wells Paine
 Harry Buck's sister, Vincennes, Indiana; labeled 'From Lizzie to Grandpa'
 Harry and Florence Chittenden as children
 Francis Driscoll
 Uncle John Doolittle, Edmeston, NY
 Grace Paine Durkee, aunt of Delos Paine
 Henry Gormel; his daughter married Ebert
 Aunt Phoebe Gross of Edmeston, sister of Alia Paine
 Del Halsted, with dog and portrait of dog (3 items)
 Carl and Harriete McMaster
 Emily Phillips Paine from Gainesville, first wife of Wells Paine
 Celia Doolittle Paine, second wife of Wells Paine
 Earl, Fred, and Lottie Paine as children
 Fred Paine
 Uncle Earl Paine
 Flo Tyler Smith
 Smith children
 Libbie Stoeffler, a girl friend of Uncle Fred's
 Floyd Talbot
 Flora Talbot, Norwich, NY
 May Telford of Edmeston, NY, very good friend of May C. Halsted (2 items)
 Vin Tyler
 Uncle and Wife (2 items)

Unlabeled photographs

Cabinet cards, some with photographer's studio imprint (19 items)

V. Related Materials

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- Genealogical and reference materials

- Jason Sanford Hewitt Collection. C111. Glass negatives by Jason S. Hewitt of Portage, brother of Frank Hewitt, creator of many of the local cabinet cards in the Paine and Halsted Collection. C111 property of the Town of Portage Historian and housed at the Livingston County Historian's Office, Mt. Morris.

Corning Painted Post Historical Society

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Frank E. Hewitt Glass Negative Collection.

This extensive collection of work by Frank E. Hewitt, formerly of Portage and Nunda, mainly centers on Corning, New York, after he moved there from Livingston County in 1902. A book was published, featuring some of the images, titled *Camera on Corning: The Photographs of Frank E. Hewitt, Corning, New York, 1902-1917* (pub. 1990). Collection of glass negatives donated in 1969 by the son of Frank E. Hewitt, Rev. Harold Hewitt.