

# Bruce Browne CCC Collection

## A Finding Aid



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## I. Collection Summary

<b>Title</b>	Bruce Browne CCC Collection
<b>Collection No.</b>	C234
<b>Extent</b>	3.47 GB
<b>Date Range</b>	1934-1989 (bulk 1934-1935)
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection comprises mainly photographs and some maps, postcards, and other archival materials detailing the experience of Bruce Browne of Avon, New York, in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at Camp 23 (Big Bend) in Letchworth State Park and Camp 106 (Hungry Hollow) in Salamanca, New York. The collection includes photos of men, projects, and daily life in the CCC camps during the 1930s as well as clippings and programs from several CCC reunions in the 1980s.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Access and Restrictions</b>	<p>Use of the documents in this collection is for serious research. Additionally, all documents should be handled with care. The collection may be accessible by advance request and permission from the Livingston County Historian's Office.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov">Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov</a>.</p>
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<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Use of the collection material in print or online publications should be cited as follows: "Bruce Browne CCC Collection, Livingston County Historian's Office, New York."

## II. Biographical and Background Information

This collection a digital donation from Ron Browne, son of Bruce Browne of Avon, Livingston County, New York, who originally created the collection.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was a work-relief program under Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal that focused on improving public land, forests, and parks. There were several CCC camps in Letchworth State Park where men built cabins, stone tables, stairs, barriers, and improved roads. Many features still stand today. Camp 23 (Big Bend) operated from 1933-1935, Camp 40 (Gibsonville) operated from 1933-1937, Camp 76 (St. Helena) operated from 1934-1936, and Camp 49 (Lower Falls) operated from 1935-1941.

Bruce Browne of Avon, New York, was enrolled at Camp 23 from April 1934 to September 1935 and then transferred to Camp 106 (Hungry Hollow) in Salamanca where he served until May 1936.

While some photographs were processed in the order they appear in the original scrapbook, many had been removed and were loose with the other materials. The donor identified his relatives in the photos to the best of his ability and separated the loose materials based on which CCC camp they may have originated from. There was minimal labeling on the back of the photographs, so at times it can be difficult to discern whether they were taken in Letchworth State Park or Salamanca. As Deputy County Historian Madeline Friedler digitized the materials and added metadata to the catalog, she included probable locations where possible based on Bruce Browne's record of service and geographical landmarks.

The County Historian's Office maintains a copy of the digital files as this collection and returned a copy, as well as the originals, to Ron Browne so that they can be shared with other family members.

## III. Contents List

**P100-P210** - shows snapshots of Bruce Browne's experiences while working at the CCC camps in Letchworth State Park and Salamanca. They show him and other CCC members, where they lived, and the work they did.

**P211** – Bruce Browne's discharge papers which describe him and his history of service

**P229** – Handwritten list of CCC members made by Bruce Browne

**P232** – Copy of *St. Helena: Ghost Town of the Genesee, 1797-1954* by Mildred Lee Anderson and Marian Piper Willey

**P212-P224** – Programs, correspondence, and some photos of CCC reunions dating from 1983-1989

**P225-228** – 1930s postcards

**P230-231** – Maps of Letchworth State Park. One highlights CCC points of interest