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Guide to the Robert and George Marshall hiking journals, 1919 - 1930 (MS 18-013)

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Robert and George Marshall
Title:	Robert and George Marshall hiking journals
Collection Number:	MS 18-013
Accession Number:	1984.018 and 2015.050
Extent:	21 journals in 2 folders
Inclusive Dates:	1919 - 1930

Biographical/Historical Note

Brothers Robert (1901 – 1939) and George (1904 – 2000) Marshall, along with their friend and guide Herb Clark, were the first to set out to climb all of the Adirondack High Peaks – those mountains that are over 4,000 feet high. Their subsequent writing about the experiences inspired the creation of the Adirondack 46ers club. Robert and George were also conservationists, with Robert working as a forester, spearheading the founding of the Wilderness Society in 1935 and writing about the Alaskan wilderness before his early death in 1939. George continued working with the Wilderness Society after his brother's death, and served many leadership roles in the Sierra Club in addition to his political activism.

Scope and Content

The 21 journals collected here document the Marshall brothers' hikes through the Adirondack High Peaks region and areas around Saranac Lake from 1919 through 1930.

System of Arrangement

Journals are arranged in two series – Hiking diaries and Photographic records. Arrangement is chronological within each series.

Access Points

Hiking--New York (State)--Adirondack Mountains.
High Peaks Wilderness Area (New York)
Clark, Herb
Marshall, George, 1904-2000
Marshall, Robert, 1901-1939

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access:

Access is unrestricted.

Conditions Governing Use:

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Custodial History:

Found in collection, but believed to be a donation from James Marshall.

Related Materials:

[George Marshall Family Photograph Collection](#) (accession numbers 1984.018.0001-0159): 159 photographs : gelatin silver prints, black and white
[Knollwood topographical maps](#) (MS 09-352): 3 annotated hiking maps used by the Marshall brothers
[Marshall Photograph Collection](#) (accession numbers 2015.050.0001-0164): 160 photographs : gelatin silver prints, black and white

Search our Objects catalog for items from the Marshall family camp Knollwood:

<https://adirondack.pastperfectonline.com/webobject>

Search our Library catalog for items by and about the Marshall family:

<https://adirondack.pastperfectonline.com/library>

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Container List

Series I: Hiking diaries

The journals in this series were written by both Robert and George Marshall, and document various statistics about each hike undertaken. Notes on travel time, distance covered, flowers observed, supplies purchased, and peaks observed are included, as well as some anecdotes about people encountered during the hikes and favorite quotes from Herb Clark.

Title // Date // Notes // Object ID number

Mountain Pass Trip // June 30 – July 4, 1919 // 2015.050.0165

St. Huberts, Gothic, Cold River, Cascade // June 4 – August 27, [1920] // Year is surmised based on the dates and weekdays recorded in the journal // 1984.018.0160

Mountain Trip [Weekly Time-book for contractors, employers, and workmen] // August 8 – 20, 1921 // 1984.018.0161

George Marshall – Delta C. Seward-Santanoni-Wright // August 22 – September 2, 1921 // 1984.018.0162

American Memorandum // July 9 – August 18, 1922 // Includes timetable for Lake Clear Junction – Saranac Lake – Lake Placid rail line // 1984.018.0163

1922 // September 5 – 8, 1922 // Mt. Adams trip // 1984.018.0164

[No title] // May 29 – July 1, 1924 // Also contains photographic records // 1984.018.0165

[No title] // June 8 – 13, 1925 // 1984.018.0166

ADK Trips 1927 // August 7 – September 7, 1927 // Booklet made of folded paper, no binding // 1984.018.0167

George Marshall, Knollwood, Saranac Lake, N.Y. // July 26 – August 1, 1929 // Booklet made of folded paper, no binding // 1984.018.0168

1929 // August 18 - 19, 1929 // Booklet made of folded paper, no binding // 1984.018.0169

Slide Mt. Trip May 1930, G.M. and E.D.M. // May 23 – 24, 1930 // Booklet made of folded paper, no binding // 1984.018.0170

Raquette Lake Boat Trip, July 1930, G.M. and E.D.M. // July 1 – 3, 1930 // Booklet made of folded paper, no binding // 1984.018.0171

Bolton Landing – Placid Trail Work // no date // 1984.018.0172

Series II: Photographic records

The journals in this series are believed to have been kept by George Marshall. These are listings of photographs taken during hikes, with reference numbers linking back to specific film rolls. Date, vantage point, and weather conditions were also recorded. The images described here may correspond with snapshots that were also included in this accession – see the George Marshall Family Photograph Collection (1984.018.0001-0159) and uncataloged photographs in this same accession number.

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Kindly return to Council Y.M.H. and Kindred Associations, 358 Second Avenue, N.Y. // June 30 –September 4, 1919

Photo records 1920 // June 27 – August 28, 1920

Photographic records 1921, vol. I // May 29 – August 24, 1921

Note book for flowers, mountains, photographie, etc. vol. II // August 25 – September 15, 1921 // As the title indicates, this includes notes on flowers, mountain views, supplies purchased, and other details relating to hikes

Photographic records 1922 // May 30, 1922 – January 9, 1923

Photo Records 1923 // January 25 – October 21, 1923 // Includes key to weather codes in the back

Photographic Note Book, Rolls G40 – G44, H1 – H17 (19). Notes on Carson Ampersand Climb & Seward-Donaldson Club // August 1924 – June 1925

Photographic Note Book, Rolls H20 – H47. Notes on Colvin-Boreas Pond Trip & Bloomingdale McIntyre // July 21 – September 17, 1925