



# Historical Society *of* Pennsylvania

## Cyrus Sutton photographs, 1923-1946

Collection 3947

### Summary Information

**Repository:**

Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
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**Creator:** Sutton, Cyrus

**Title:** Cyrus Sutton photographs

**Collection number:** 3947

**Dates:** 1923-1946

**Extent:** 4.6 linear feet (12 boxes)

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Cyrus Oscar Sutton (1858-1957) was a native of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania and worked as chief clerk for the Connell Anthracite Mining Company. Sutton married Ida Hughes in 1886 and the couple had four children, all of whom died in infancy. Initially trained as a school teacher, he taught in Utica, New York; Newark, New Jersey; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania before settling in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Sutton was also a keen amateur photographer who often undertook trips for the Lackawanna Historical Society to photograph historical structures in the region.

The Cyrus Sutton photographs collection consists of photograph albums compiled by Cyrus Sutton from the 1910s through the 1940s. The photographs depict historic buildings, structures, mining facilities, and nature scenes from Lackawanna County and the surrounding region as well as documenting several trips to New England, northern Virginia, and the rest of Pennsylvania. The

photographs also significantly document the covered bridges of Pennsylvania and certain areas in New York and New England.

**Conditions governing access:** Collection is open for research.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** The photograph albums of Cyrus Sutton were originally accessioned as part of the Iwanicki family papers [collection 3292]. The albums were purchased by Edwin Iwanicki in 1985 from rare book dealer Martin Stouber. In the course of processing the Iwanicki family papers in 2015, it was determined that the Sutton albums would be better served as a separate collection. The albums were removed from the Iwanicki collection and consolidated into their own boxes as Collection 3947.

**Accession number:** None

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## Box inventory

**Box 1:** New England and Mid-Atlantic; Quebec, Canada (1932)

**Box 2:** Pennsylvania and New York (1932-1933)

**Box 3:** New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania (1935-1939)

**Box 4:** Northeastern Pennsylvania; Williamsburg, Virginia (1926-1940)

**Box 5:** Eastern Pennsylvania (1928-1944)

**Box 6:** Eastern Pennsylvania (1945-1946)

**Box 7:** Pennsylvania and New York (1941)

**Box 8:** New England and Mid-Atlantic (1946, undated)

**Box 9:** Pennsylvania and New York (1923)

**Box 10:** Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts (1927-1939)

**Box 11:** Northeastern Pennsylvania; Northern Virginia [coal and timber industries] (1926, undated)

**Box 12:** Trip notes starting in 1913 and publications (1931, 1937, 1940)

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## Detailed collection inventory

### **Box 1: New England and Mid-Atlantic; Quebec, Canada (1932)**

Folder 1 – “Index of Photographic Work for 1932.” Forty pages of photos.

Folder 2 – “Photographic Record Vacation Trip July 1938 Mainly in Vermont with Side Runds into New Hampshire and Quebec.” Ninety-eight pages of photos.

Folder 3 – Label attached to an empty album; “Photographic Record of a Vacation Trip from August 12<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 1939.” Also, “Things a Camera Brought Home on a Vacation Trip July Nineteen Hundred Thirty-two.” With Index and thirty-seven pages of photos.

Folder 4 – Includes index. Ninety-six pages of photos.

Photographs in Box 1:

Concord, MA  
Brushville, PA  
Naraganset Bay, Rhode Island  
Stoddartville, PA  
Moosic Lake, PA  
Highland Falls, NY  
Cape Cod, MA  
Gilboa, NY  
Bethel, Maine  
New Hampshire  
Newtown, CT  
Appalachian Trail  
Newton Township, PA  
Scranton, PA  
Winchester, VA

Numerous other locations in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, and Rhode Island.

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**Box 2: Pennsylvania and New York (1932-1933)**

Folder 1 – Includes index. One of five folders from one scrapbook, all in Box 2. Pages 1- 38.

Folder 2 – Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 39 – 76.

Folder 3 – Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 77- 112.

Folder 4 – Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 113 – 156.

Folder 5 – Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 157-186.

Photographs in Box 2:

Wm Atherton former home  
Barre, Vermont  
Bear Creek, PA  
Benton, PA.  
West Park, NY  
Bushkill, PA  
Bethany, PA  
Woodstock, NY  
Tannersville, PA  
Pleasant Mount, PA

Various churches, covered bridges, monuments.

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**Box 3: New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania (1935-1939)**

Folder 1 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1- 32.

Folder 2 – Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 33-70.

Folder 3- Continuation of Folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 71- 98.

Folder 4 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-63.

Folder 5 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-

Places photographed in Box 3:

Vacation trip to New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

Photos of boy scouts.

Angels, PA

Scranton, PA

Amasa, PA

Lakeville, PA

Sterling, PA

Hollisterville, PA

Niagara, PA

Other Pennsylvania locations.

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**Box 4: Northeastern Pennsylvania; Williamsburg, Virginia (1926-1940)**

Folder 1A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages – 1-46.

Folder 1B – Continuation of folder 1 scrapbook. Pages 47-100.

Folder 2 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-66.

Folder 3A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Not paginated.

Folder 3B – Continuation of folder 3A. Not paginated.

Photographs in Box 4:

“From folders 3A and 3B: “ Photographs taken in the country made famous by that naturalist writer John Burroughs. Covering the vicinity of his old home at Roxbury, his ‘Riverby Home’ on the Hudson River, Slabsides cabin, Woodchuck lodge and Memorial Field.”

Photos of churches.

“These Church pictures have been gathered on Motor Trips, Largely in the north-eastern section of Pennsylvania...”

Admission tickets to annual John Burroughs Birthday Celebration of the John Burroughs Association, years 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935.

Williamsburg, VA

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**Box 5: Eastern Pennsylvania (1928-1944)**

Folder 1 – No index. Scrapbook. Photos not arranged in chronological order. Not paginated.

“Photographs of various things of interest in May Aug Park Scranton, Pennsylvania.”

Folder 2 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-33. Newspaper articles pertaining to photos included.

Folder 3A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-79

Folder 3B – Includes index. Continuation of Folder 3A. Pages 1-50.

Folder 4A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 101-138.

Folder 4B – Continuation of folder 4A. Pages 139-169.

Photographs in Box 5:

All in Pennsylvania:

Newton Township, PA.

Montgomery County, PA.

Scranton, PA.

“Elephant Tillie, Taking a Shower.”

Folders 4 A and 4B include primarily photographs of churches.

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**Box 6: Eastern Pennsylvania (1945-1946)**

Folder 1A – No index. Photo of photographer’s home. Photos taken during the war. Page 1-54.

Folder 1B - Continuation of Folder 1. Pages 56- 100 +

Folder 2 – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-64.

Folder 3A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-40.

Folder 3B – Continuation of Folder 3A. Pages 41 – 80.

Folder 3 C – Continuation of Folder 3A. Pages 81-118

Photographs in Box 6:

Scranton and environs.

Various places in Pennsylvania.

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**Box 7: Pennsylvania and New York (1941)**

On binder: “Volume one. January to July local photographic records for 1941 include(*sic*) our trips to the Burroughs Slabsides Meeting, Archbald pot holes, bird club sanctuary, Ganoza Lake, New York. Other local places.”

Folder 1A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-56.

Folder 1B - Continuation of Folder one. Pages 57-113.

On binder: “Volume 2, 1941. First half August to December Goose Pond, Soap Box Derby, Bird Club Hikes, Armistice Day Parade, trip to John Burroughs Country, & with Mr. Barton to Ganoza Lake. Last half of Volume vacation trip for the year. Paoli, Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, Washington, Mount Vernon, Bulls Head, Droop Mountain Battlefield, Winchester, Nancy Hanks Marker and other Virginia points. Finishing in Pennsylvania by way of Mercersburg, Belle Font, State College Pictures, Rocks and Eaglesmere and Lovelton.”

Folder 2A – Includes index. Scrapbook. Pages 1-48

Folder 2B – Continuation of Folder 2A. Pages 49 – 72

Folder 2C – Continuation of Folder 2A. Not paginated.

Photographs in Box 7:

Executives of the Lackawanna Railroad.

Several photos of people and a parade

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**Box 8: New England and Mid-Atlantic (1946, undated)**

Folder 1A – Scrapbook. Not paginated.

Folder 1B – Continuation of Folder 1A. Not paginated.

Folder 2A – Includes index. On binder: “Water Falls and Surroundings filmed in Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia and the New England states. “Pages 1-24.

Folder 2B – Continuation of Folder 2A. Scrapbook. Pages 25-64

Folder 2C – Continuation of Folder 2A. Scrapbook. Pages 64-113.

Photographs in Box 8:

Hollisterville

Brinker Pike

Photos of homes, animals and some people.

Chapels

Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia.

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**Box 9: Pennsylvania and New York (1923)**

Folder 1A – Includes index. This box has some of what are infrequent photos of people in the collection (most other boxes/folders are predominately scenes). One photo, on the first page, is entitled, “Suffragette.” Pages 1-30

Folder 1B – Continuation of Folder 1. Pages 31-68

Folder 1C – Continuation of Folder 1. Pages 69-95

Folder 1D – Continuation of Folder 1. Pages 97 – 140

Photographs in Box 9:

Various locations in New York and Pennsylvania

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**Box 10: Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts (1927-1939)**

Folder 1A – Scrapbook. Not paginated. 1927-1939

Folder 1B – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 1A. Not paginated.

Folder 1C – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 1A. Not paginated.

Folder 1D – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 1A. Not paginated.

Folder 2A – Includes an index. Scrapbook. Not paginated. 1927,1929, 1931, 1939

Folder 2B – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 2A. Not paginated

Folder 2C – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 2A. Not paginated.

Folder 2D – Scrapbook. Continuation of Folder 2A. Not paginated.

Folder 3 – Scrapbook. Northeast PA outdoor scenes and some Sutton Family. 1910 – 1939.

Folder 4 – Scrapbook. Scranton, Pa and environs. 1920 – 1930s.

Photographs in Box 10. 1939

Folders 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D:

Ressaeu Falls, Pennsylvania

Western mountains of Pennsylvania

Buckhill Falls, New York

Concord, Massachusetts

Exeter, Pennsylvania.

On front of album, Folders 2A and 2B: “Local and short trip photographs for 1939. Including trips to Flemington, New Jersey, John Burroughs Slabsides, Roxbury, New York, two calls at Valley Forge, and afternoon at the bird sanctuary, Lakeville, Pennsylvania.” Although the Index says, “Index to 1929 Photographs,” the photos are dated 1939.

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**Box 11: Northeastern Pennsylvania; Northern Virginia [coal and timber industries] (1926, undated)**

Folder 1 – Scrapbook. Not paginated. “Sundry ...of water falls and woodland scenes on Kitchen Creek Luzerne County Pennsylvania.”

Folder 2 – Thirteen envelopes, undated.

-- Seven envelopes of photographs of bridges

-- Two envelopes of possibly Sutton family

-- Four envelopes of coal mines, northeast PA and West Virginia.

Folder 3 – Two envelopes, undated. Coal mining and timber.

Folder 4 – Northeast PA and northern VA coal mining and timber industry, circa 1920's



Photographs in Box 11:  
Northeast Pennsylvania

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**Box 12: Trip notes starting in 1913 and publications (1931, 1937, 1940)**

Folder 1 – Typed written notes, apparently written well after the events described, about trips taken from 1913 to 1940. Also in this folder letters to and from Martin Stouber regarding the Sutton Photographs; and a handwritten list, by year, of places visited.

Folder 2 – A Pamphlet, “Covered Bridges.” Published 1937.

Folder 3 – Hard covered book, Covered Bridges in America, by Rosalie Wells (1931).