

## A. A. Low Collection

Abbot Augustus Low, son of Abiel Abbot Low, was born on May 12, 1844 in Brooklyn, New York. An entrepreneur and an inventor, his interest in the Adirondack Mountains brought him to the Bog River area near Tupper Lake where he then developed the community of Horseshoe. He started the Horseshoe Post Office, becoming the first postmaster there, and the Horseshoe Railroad, which went into the Sabbatis area where Low started his lumbering company and where he built two dams, creating power to serve his home, bunk house, and many lodges. Low was an avid sport hunter and fisherman, and died September 25, 1912.

The A.A. Low collection is more of a business collection than a personal one. (A small personal file can be found in the Family Files in the Research Room.) The collection includes information on and correspondence about the companies owned by him and those affiliated with him, as well as a great deal of information on the series of lawsuits brought against Low by New York State for flooding the lands at his dams; these suits went on after Low's death, pursued by his sons (A.A., Jr. and Seth) and their families. Old Yale books, personal books, maps, and many statistics on the dam and reservoir are in the collection. More information on A.A. Low can be found at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake, to which he donated directly. The provenance of the collection at the St. Lawrence County Historical Association is not clear.

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