

Red Hook Central School Collection

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Repository

Historic Red Hook
7562 North Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Accession Number

2018.026

Title

Red Hook Central School Collection

Extent

Two shelves of eight boxes, open periodical holders and photo notebook

Dates

1814-2007

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions

Languages

English

Scope and Content

This collection includes six document boxes, one record box, one flat oversized box and several open periodical shelf holders of publications, and a photo collection (in notebook Photos Accessioned 2017-2018) from the Red Hook Central School, mostly after it was centralized in 1939. Publications include yearbooks and student publications, including The Blotter, Ditto, Dimensions, Hardscrabble, School Play Programs, Student Handbooks, Senior Annual, Senior Symphony, Senior Record etc.

Years (of publications in boxes) include:

The Blotter, the school newspaper 1933-c1939; Volume 2 Number 2-Volume 9 Number 1(missing some in between).

Ditto, the school newspaper from 1945-1968 (missing some in between).

Dimensions, the middle school yearbook from 1985-1995.

Yearbooks from 1936-1939 (missing some in between).

Hardscrabble from 1940-1950

School Play Programs from 1930s through 1960s
Student Handbooks 1963
Mill Road Yearbooks, the elementary school, from 1987-2002.

In periodical holders:

Hardscrabble (1950-2019 (a few missing) and Tivoli Yearbooks (1926, 1957-59) Mill Road Yearbooks (most years 2011-2019) Linden Ave (Middle School) Yearbooks most years 2000-2021.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Red Hook Central School District was established in 1939 after the original school house burned in 1936. When the school house burned, the town came together and made up plans for a much larger school house, and even wanted then president FDR to be at the opening ceremony. Alas, FDR was unable to attend due to the start of WWII. During the years when the new school was being built, students would attend classes in buildings around the town. Once the school opened in 1939, they discontinued the practice and had all grades under the same roof.

Almost twenty years later the one school was beginning to get a little cramped, and so they had to reintroduce students to taking classes in other buildings, in the village. In 1962 the elementary school was built and the high school in 1964.

Provenance

Most of this collection was donated directly by individual donors or by the Red Hook Library (transferred 8/2013) or the Red Hook Alumni Association (without paperwork 6/29/2016)

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Related Materials

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Container list:

Red Hook Central School District Publications

Box 1 (Student Publications and Yearbooks)

(Red Hook School Pubs 1930s, from RH library)

The Blotter, Volume 2, Number 3

The Blotter, Volume 4, Number 2, December 1935

The Blotter, Volume 3, Number 6
The Blotter, Volume 4, Number 3
The Blotter, Volume 3, Number 2
The Blotter, April 1933
The Blotter, June 1933
The Blotter, October 1933
The Blotter, Vol 3, No 1, October 1934
The Blotter, Vol 5, No 1
The Blotter, Vol 6, No 1
The Blotter, Vol 6, No 2
The Blotter, Vol 7, No 1, "School Daze Issue"
The Blotter, Vol 8, No 1
The Blotter, Vol 9, No 1 (2)
Senior Annual 1936
Yearbook 1936
Senior Symphony 1937
Senior Record 1938
Yearbook 1938
The Blotter, Volume 7, Number 1, circa. 1938, "School Daze Issue"
Yearbook 1939
The Blotter, Volume 7, Number 3, circa. 1939, "Circus Issue"
The Blotter, December 1942 (2x)

Box 2 (Student Newsletters and other Publications)

(School Publications 1930s, 40s, 50s and 60s from Alum. Assoc.)

The Blotter, 1933
The Blotter, October 1933
"Where There's a Will" program 1935
The Blotter, 1935

Student Handbook 1963
"The Groom Said No" program 1960
"Jack Farce" program 1960
Student Handbook (No date noted)
The Blotter, Vol 3, No 3
The Blotter, Vol 2, No 5
The Blotter, Vol 2, No 2
Dedication Exercises, Sept 6, 1939
Hardscrabble, 1940
The Ditto, Vol 2, No 2, March 1945
The Ditto, Vol 2, No 3, June 1945

The Ditto, Vol 3, No 1, Nov 1945
The Ditto, Vol 4, No 2, Feb 1947
The Ditto, Vol 4, No 4, June 1947
The Ditto, Vol 5, No 1, Oct 1947
The Ditto, Vol 6, No 3, March 1949
The Ditto, 1953(2x)
The Ditto, 1955
Christmas, 1955
The Ditto, 1956
The Ditto, 1958
The Ditto, 1959
The Ditto, 1962
The Ditto, 1964
The Ditto, 1968

Box 3 (Student Newsletters and Other Publications
(From 2015.013 Vincent Asher Collection)

Hardscrabble 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1952
(From Alumni Association)
Christmas Ditto(2x)
Ditto, Vol 1, No 2, March 1944(2x, different covers)
Ditto, Vol 1, No 3, June 1944
Christmas Program, Dec 1944
Ditto, Vol 2, No 1, Dec 1944
Ditto, Vol 4, No 1, Nov. 1946
Ditto, June 1948
Ditto, Vol 6, No 1, Oct. 1948
Class Meeting Notes, class of 1958
Student Wills, 1997

Box 4 (Yearbooks and Student Newsletters)

(from Jack Lewis (unaccessioned?) Hardscrabble Yearbooks 1940-1949 & Ditto 1945
And Chris Klose Collection (2016.007) Dittos 1956-1957

Ditto, Easter 57
Ditto, Commencement 57
Ditto, November 56
Ditto, Christmas 56
Hardscrabble, 1940
Hardscrabble, 1941
Hardscrabble, 1942

Hardscrabble, 1943
Hardscrabble, 1944
Hardscrabble, 1945
Ditto, Vol 2, No 3, June 1945
Hardscrabble, 1946
Hardscrabble, 1947
Hardscrabble, 1948
Hardscrabble, 1949
Hardscrabble, 1950

Box 5 (Yearbooks)

(RHCS Elementary and Junior High Yearbooks)

Dimensions, '84 – '95
Mill Road Elementary Yearbooks 1987-2002

Box 6 (Administrative and Miscellaneous Programmatic Documents)

(Mostly 1930s, but includes commencement pamphlets from other years and copy of first school district 1 meeting, 1814).

Miscellaneous

School Commencements and invites 1934, 1938, 1939, donated by Blanche Wagert
(original scrapbook destroyed)
RHCS Dedication Exercises, Sept 6, 1939 (four copies)
Dedication Pamphlet 1939)
School play tickets and newsclippings, 1940s and 1950s
RHCS Senior Play program booklets, 1940s and 1950s
Red Hook Central School Diplomas for Ross Utley Robinson, June 1945, in original presentation folder
Commencement invitations, (three with no date) June 23, 1947 commencement program with color illustration of boy and girl in front of globe.
RHCS Basketball Certificate 1933-34 Charlotte Hubbard
School Records and Memorabilia donated by Erika Klein, 1971-1993- see list below:
Erika Klein school memorabilia
Dates: 1956-1993
Red Hook Central School and Mill Road School
1. 1974 Kindergarten Diploma, Erika Klein
2. One 1971 and one 1973 Red Hook Central School letters to kindergarten parents
3. 1975 Mill Road School "C.P.T." newsletter

Red Hook High School- programs, plays, newsletter, award
1. 1982 school play program, "Sky High"
2. 1986 performance program, "Lip-Sync"
3. 1993 Commencement Exercises, program
4. Dec. 1983, Excalibur newsletter

5. 1986 Certificate Award to Erika Klein for academic excellence

Red Hook High School- sports memorabilia

1. One red cloth "R" athletic award
2. Early 1980's, not dated, photograph of girl's basketball team
3. 1983 program, Awards Dinner, track and field, Red Hook Raiders
4. Player rosters, game schedules, and other memorabilia
 - 1983 boys' track roster, player records and season summary
 - 1983-1984 girl's basketball schedule
 - Girl's basketball individual and team statistics, year not listed
 - 1983 schedules, two copies, of track events, players, and categories
 - 1985 program, girl's basketball Championship Game
 - Booklet, Red Hook Raiders Volleyball Program, undated

Historical Note: Erika Klein (Stuart) was a student in the Red Hook Central School District from kindergarten through high school, as were her two siblings Kurt Klein and Heidi Klein (Andriola). Their parents were Richard and Madeline Klein, who were very active in the Red Hook community, and who lived in their later years on Linden Ave. Richard Klein ran a local antiques business and Mrs. Klein served in various administrative positions in Red Hook. Erika Klein (Stuart) now lives in Evansville, Wisconsin.

Administrative

Palmer Hart – tribute and newsclipping photocopies about new school

"Sites & Comments" pamphlet photocopy presenting cases for two alternate school sites, 1938

Sites and Comments for New School 1938

Chronology of the Building Project RHCS/Announcements of Centralization Vote/
Miscellaneous Correspondence c. 1937(2x)

Official Record of the Vote for Centralization of the RHCS c. 1937(2x)

Position Papers and Arguing Points in Favor of Consolidation into RHCS c.1937(2x)

RH Schools Board of Trustees "WISH LIST" for Construction of RHCS c. 1937(2x)

Official Record of Contracts for RHCS Building Project Required by the State of NY c. 1938

Board Minutes District 9-Milan Cokertown 1871[3x], laminated photocopy

Annual Records District 1 Red Hook 1814, laminated photocopy

Class of 1967 20th Anniversary Reunion Packet, personal info on everyone

1949-1950 Financial Records of School

National Congress of PTA Meeting Pamphlet 1950-1951

School News "What's so Good About Red Hook?" April, 1988

Commencement Pamphlets from 1914, 1916, 1939, 1940, 1942

RHCS Dedication Exercises 1939

Box 7 (Record Box - Scrapbooks and Notebooks)

Senior Class Yearbook, 1938 'Senior Record' (original pages in new notebook -

Another original 1938 Senior Record is in Box 1)

Patsy Vogel's Notebook of Class photos – 1948?

Personal Field Hockey Scrapbook, 1973

Personal Scrapbook (pictures of guy's sports and class photos), 1960s mainly
Red Hook PTA 1968-1969
Red Hook PTA 1964-1966

Box 8 (Oversized Box – Photos, Scrapbook, Newsclippings)

Scrapbook of the Girls Athletic Association from the years 1962-1968 (mainly 62-65). The content of this scrapbook includes newspaper articles describing sporting events, or highlighting players. As well as, letters from other local schools, programs from sporting events, pictures of teams and players, and lastly, different fundraising flyers.

Senior Class Photo in Washington, 1957
Senior Class Photo in Washington, 1958
Senior Class Photo in Washington, 1960(2x)
4th Grade Class Photo, 1957-58
4th Grade Class Photo, 1959-60
5th Grade Class Photo, 1959-60
Centennial of RH schools pamphlet

Two folders of newsclippings

Stored in open periodical boxes

Tivoli Yearbooks

The Charger, '57
The Charger,'58
The Charger,'59
Tivoli High School Commencement 1936, Masonic Hall June 23
The Tivolian 1926

Mill Road Elementary Yearbooks,

2011-2012, 2013-15, 018-2019 (collected by Thea Burgess from School librarian 2022)

Red Hook Linden Avenue Middle School

2000-2016, 2020, 2021 (collected by Thea Burgess from School librarian 2022)

RHCS High School Yearbooks (HRH – collected directly) AA- donated by Alumni Association)

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2007, 2010-2013
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2017-2019

Photo Collection in Photo Notebook (Photo Accessions 2017-18) include a photo of opening ceremonies 1939 but mostly photos from the 1950s.