

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

A Guide to the Joseph M. Albright/Albany Orphan Asylum Collection

Collection Summary: Materials dealing with Joseph M. Albright's stay in the Albany Orphan Asylum, 1928-1943, and the 1989 reunion of Asylum alumni

Collection Title: Joseph M. Albright/Albany Orphan Asylum Collection

Call Number: MG 275

Creators: Joseph M. Albright and Tim Albright

Inclusive Dates: 1928-1989

Abstract: Materials dealing with Joseph M. Albright's stay in the Albany Orphan Asylum, 1928-1943, and the 1989 reunion of Asylum alumni

Quantity: 1 box

Administrative Information

Custodial History: Donated by Tim Albright, son of Joseph M. Albright

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Index Terms

Persons

Albright, Joseph M.
Albright, Tim

Organizations

Albany Home for Children
Albany Orphan Asylum

Subjects

Orphanages

Places

Albany, NY

Document Types

Typescripts, photographs, photocopies of newspaper articles and photographs

Biography/History of

Material gathered by Joseph M. Albright, concerning his time as an inmate of the Albany Orphan Asylum, 1928-1943, with related materials.

Scope and Contents of the Records/Papers/Collection

Joseph M. Albright (1926-2024) became an inmate of the Albany Orphan Asylum at the age of two, following the death of his mother. He remained in the Asylum (renamed the Albany Home for Children in 1935) until he enlisted in the Navy in 1943.

The material in this collection consists in part of a typewritten history of the institution from its founding in 1829 until its reorganization as the Parsons Child & Family Center in the 1970s. More interesting is the material gathered by Mr. Albright and largely arranged by his son Tim, including photographs and photocopies of photographs of his contemporaries in the Asylum, and newspaper articles (mostly photocopied) dealing with his time there. Included also are materials prepared for, and newspaper articles on, the first reunion of Asylum alumni in 1989, with a list of alumni attending the gathering.

Organization of the Records/Papers/Collection

Materials are arranged topically by folder, with photographs of Asylum inmates in a small box.

Related Material

It should be noted that the institutional records of the Asylum and successor institutions are held by the NYS Archives.

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

Folder #	Title/Description
1	Albany Orphan Asylum History, 1829-1970s
2	“Golden Years Growing Up, 1929-1937” (photocopies of news articles and of photographs)
3	Photocopies of photographs
4	1989 Alumni reunion materials
	Small box of snapshots:
	Headshots: Elenore Agnew; M. Barnhart; Muriel Halliday; H. Hands; Caryl Heath; Patti Kinear; Mary Hudson; Ethel Joselin; ? Meadows; J. Smith; Pat Smith; Peggy Smith; Mary Ellen Tomkins; 3 unidentified
	Snapshots: Mrs. Allen (housemother); Jeane Cruikshank; Winnie Dukemere & baby; John Huddleston; Bobby Elder & L. Hayes; R. Elder, E. Lappeus, & E. Subcliffe; L. Hayes, J. Smith & B. Sherwood; Susie McDonough; Lady (“Joe’s dog”) (2 photos); Ethel Lappeus & J. Smith; Ethel Lappeus & Bob Wygart; Peggie Seabury & Charlie Sherwood; Delores (Dorla) Seaburg, Josephine Bohl, & Sue McDonough; Billy Smith; Roberta Smith, Webber, Zandus, Lappeus, Wygart; Home for Children inmates (2 photos)