

# Henry J. Adams Papers, 1937 ó 1999



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## **Extent**

3 archives boxes, 1 half archives box, 15 large panoramic photographs; approximately 2.8 linear feet

## **Accession number**

1998.29

## **Usage Guidelines**

There is no restriction on access to the collection for research use. Particularly fragile items may be restricted for preservation purposes.

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## **Biographical Note**

Henry Judson Adams was born in Providence, Rhode Island, ca. 1908. He was a graduate of Classical High School in Providence in 1926. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Acadia University in 1930, a Masters of Arts from Brown University in 1932, and A Masters of Arts in Reading from the University of Hartford in 1963.

He began his career at Lockwood High School in Warwick, R.I., as a history instructor and hockey coach, and served as president of the Teacher Association from 1932 to 1936. Next he taught history in Maplewood, N.J. and was president of that Teacher Association from 1939 to 1943. In 1943, he came to Ellsworth Memorial High School. He was also Secretary of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association from 1943 to 1953, Director of Connecticut Secondary School from 1943 to 1953, Director of Connecticut Secondary School Soccer Tournament, President of the New England Secondary Principals Association, and Reading Consultant in area schools until his retirement in 1980.

He spent seventy years at YMCA Camp Belknap in Wolfeboro, N.H., first as a camper and later Assistant Director and Alumni Director. In later years, he also helped his friend Winston Abbott by contacting hundreds of businesses to retain reorders for Inspiration House Publishers.

He lived at 1810 Main Street in South Windsor with his wife, Ruth Sutcliffe Adams, who died in 1989. His three daughters, Karen (Ludwig), Marcia (Hittle), and Cynthia (White) all attended Ellsworth. After living in South Windsor for 50 years, he moved in 1993 to Schenectady, N.Y. near his daughter Karen. He died April 28, 1998, and was memorialized at a special service at the First Congregation Church of South Windsor.

### **Scope and Contents of the Collection**

Materials in this collection are from Henry J. Adams, Ellsworth Memorial High School Principal and South Windsor Reading Specialist from 1943 to 1962, and donated by his daughter Karen Adams Ludwig.

The collection includes South Windsor memorabilia mostly with school connections. It includes Ellsworth Memorial High School Ellsworthian yearbooks (1944-1960) and one South Windsor Memorial High School Centurion yearbook (1963).

The collection includes numerous photographs, including large, panoramic photographs of students on the annual senior class trip to Washington, DC (1946-1962). Other photographs include views of the old and new high schools, surrounding areas, students and faculty, as well as some views of the original Theological Institute buildings. Two scrapbooks, now disbound, contain photos used in yearbooks for 1947-48 and 1950-51.

Two folders hold rough notes used in building the new high school and notes on the CIAC chaired by Adams are in another. Later news of class reunions and Adams' work at Camp Belknap, his Topiary Tree Book of Verses, and tributes at the time of his death complete his collection.

### **Subject Headings and Search Terms**

Ellsworth Memorial High School  
High school  
High schools Administration  
Yearbooks

### **Suggested Citation**

Please use the following format when citing materials from this collection:

[Identification of item], in the Henry J. Adams Papers [Box #, folder #], Wood Memorial Library.

### **History of the Collection**

Collection was donated by his daughter, Karen Adams Ludwig. Scrapbooks were disassembled and the photos are stored separately. Photocopies of the original scrapbook pages are stored together.

### **Finding Aid**

Prepared by, Virginia Macro, 2003

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### **Related Collections**

Schools Collection

### **Container List**

The original photographs are listed in Photographic Finding Aids. (X9829.770 ó 837, 856, and 1216-1219) (XCQ98.29.461, XC 98.29 462-464)

### **BOX 1**

1. Wood Memorial Library's write up about Karen Adams Ludwig's donation of this collection and her letter 11/24/99.
2. Fire Lighter ó Tribute to Henry Adams
3. The Topiary Tree ó Verses by Henry Adams
4. Theological Seminary ó old news and postcard of new E.M.H.S.
5. Programs 1937, 1963 and graduation 1962 and 1963.
6. Newspaper articles ó Prom 1947, 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion 1995
7. C.I.A.C. Championship 1948
8. South Winds 1946
9. Bob Cat 1946
10. Bob Cat 1962-63 Old to New School
11. Connecticut Association of Secondary Schools, By-Laws
12. Telephone numbers list off old E.M.H.S. wall
13. Adams' retirement and closing E.M.H.S.
14. New school planning folder, Woodmansee, Superintendent
15. New school planning folder, Adams, Principal
16. QC98.29.461 South Windsor High School, color photo photocopy (Original in Oversize Photo Box 3)
17. XC98.29.462 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion 1995, color photo photocopy, (Original in Henry Adams Box 2), photocopy of Journal Inquirer article dated 7/27/95
18. XC98.29.463-464 Henry and Ruth Adams, November 1988, color photo, and Faculty Party, color photo photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
19. X98.29.548-580 Scrapbook I 1947-1948, pages 1-18 photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
20. X98.29. 663-709 Scrapbook II 1950-1951, pages 1-22 photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
21. X98.29.770 Miss Mende, Music Teacher in class black and white photo, 1946?, photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)

22. X98.29.771-777 Miscellaneous School buildings and clerk of the works black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2) and three black and white postcards of Ellsworth Memorial High School
23. X98.29.778-788 and 810-820 E.M.H.S. Class of 1949 black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
24. X98.29.789 Dr. Woodmansee and Mr. Adams and daughters' graduation black and white photos one photocopy (Originals two of same picture in Henry Adams Box 2)
25. X98.29.790-809 Team members, trophies, coaches 1946 black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
26. X98.29.810 Picture of a Collins Bus black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
27. X98.29.821 Class of 1957 Eighth Grade (Original in Oversize Photo Box 3)
28. X98.29.822 Class of 1938 EMHS black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
29. X98.29.823-827 E.M.H.S. Graduation photos EMHS black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
30. X98.29.828-829 Sunny Side Market, Curtus Pharmacy black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
31. X98.29.830-831 and 835-837 and 841-844 Miscellaneous black and white EMHS photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
32. X98.29.832 Wapping Grammar School Graduation 1942 black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
33. X98.29.833 Cogswell House (afire) 1952 black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
34. X98.29.834 Junior Class 1941 black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
35. X98.29.838 Student Council 1951 black and white photo photocopy (Original missing)
36. X98.29.840 Class departing for Washington D.C. 1948 black and white photo photocopy (Original in Henry Adams Box 2)
37. X98.29.845-846 Faculty 1957 black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2)
38. X98.29.847-855 New South Windsor High School 1962 black and white photos photocopies (Originals in Henry Adams Box 2) and photocopies of two articles on first graduation at SWHS in 1963
39. X98.29.856 E.M.H.S. Faculty 1945
40. X98.29 Painting on slate of Ellsworth Memorial High School, 1991, M. Phillips

BOX 2

- X98.29.462-464 original color photographs  
X98.29.548-556 original black and white photographs  
X98.29.559-580 original black and white photographs  
X98.29.663-709 original black and white photographs  
X98.29.770-810 original black and white photographs  
X98.29.811-820 original black and white photographs (No copies in Box 1)

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- X98.29.822-834 original black and white photographs
- X98.29.835-837 original black and white photographs (No copies in Box 1)
- X98.29.840 original black and white photograph
- X98.29.841-844 original black and white photographs (No copies in Box 1)
- X98.29.845-856 original black and white photographs
- X98.29.1216-1219 original black and white photographs (No copies in Box 1)

Box 3

- 1944 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
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- 1946 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
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- 1955 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
- 1957 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)

Box 4

- 1958 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
- 1959 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
- 1960 Ellsworthian yearbook (Ellsworth Memorial High School)
- 1963 Centurion yearbook (South Windsor High School)

Map Case (not boxed)

Senior class trip group photos in front of the U.S. capitol building, Washington, DC

- Class of 1946
- Class of 1948
- Class of 1951
- Class of 1952
- Class of 1953
- Class of 1954
- Class of 1955
- Class of 1956 [2 copies]
- Class of 1957 [2 copies]
- Class of 1958
- Class of 1959
- Class of 1960
- Class of 1962