

Sample Story Categories

Adirondack Community: Capturing, Retaining, and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are *Story Categories*

Note: A story can be in more than one category

- **Arts & Culture:** Music/art/theatre/literature/philosophy/photography/religion/tall tales
 - Since the Adirondacks has been a mecca for music, art, theater, literature, philosophy, photography, religion, tall tales, etc., what can you tell us about arts and culture here today or in the past?
- **Work:** Guides/caretaking/hunting/logging/lumber mills/construction/ industry/tourism and hospitality/doctors/business/surveying/farming/fishing/trapping/clubs/law enforcement/merchants/prisons/bootlegging/furniture
 - Adirondack men and women have been guides, caretakers, hunters, loggers, lumber mill workers, built homes, businesses, and cultural institutions, miners, manufacturers, involved in tourism and hospitality, medical professionals, merchants, surveyors, farmers, fishermen, trappers, prison guards, country club workers, bootleggers, furniture crafters, teachers, environmentalists, advocates --- the list goes on and on, with many holding several jobs. What interesting work or workers can you tell us about?
- **Outdoor Activities:** Hiking/Olympics/birding/fishing/hunting/hiking/skiing/sports/lake activities/guide boats
 - The outdoor activities we are privileged to participate in include hiking the high and low peaks, birding, fishing, hunting, hiking, skiing, ice hockey, lake activities, boating, and more. and even at the Olympics level. How have you, a member of your family, or someone you know or heard about participated in outdoor activities here?
- **Community:** Cemeteries/hospitals/schools/churches/fire departments/libraries/bars/restaurants/hotels/road houses
 - This community is the institutions we have created, past and present. What story do you have about schools, cemeteries, hospitals, churches, fire departments, libraries, bars, restaurants, hotels, roadhouses, etc., that create community?
- **Catastrophes:** Disasters/tragedies/war
 - Disasters, tragedies, wars, fires, etc. have impacted us. What story do you have to tell about catastrophes?
- **People:** Colorful characters/strong women/early settlers
 - What story can you tell about a colorful or interesting character, strong woman, early settlers, etc., either in the past or the present, and how they shaped history or even your life? If your family has been here for generations, why did they come, from where, and why have you stayed?
- **Daily Life:** Events and traditions/volunteerism/activism/philanthropy/demographic changes
 - Events, traditions, volunteerism, activism, philanthropy, demographic changes, etc. define our daily lives. What is special about life here or challenges we face, now or in the past?
- **The Natural and Man-made Environment:** Natural history/architecture/Great Camps/mountains/nature
 - Our natural history, architecture, Great Camps, mountains, bridges, etc. have evolved through time. How has your life experience been guided by the mountains, lakes, animals, and plant life around you? What makes our homes, businesses, and institutions “Adirondack”?