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Mary-Carol Lindbloom  
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Dear Ms. Lindbloom:

Cortland County Historical Society (CCHS) is grateful for the support of the South Central Regional Library Council RBDB grant as it made it possible for CCHS to digitize over 1,100 slides, negatives, and photographs in our Brockway Collection. The professional digitization of the collection saved CCHS not only hours of time, but the necessity of buying expensive scanning equipment for the digitization of the six various types of original materials. By preserving these materials in a digital format the pictures will be available beyond the life span of the negatives, slides, and paper. This new format will provide an archival record that will benefit not only researchers but CCHS.

The digitization of the material has made for increased accessibility through the New York Digital Heritage website, as we complete the metadata and upload it to the website. We are also better able to access a collection that had strictly been in a paper format before for researchers.

While the New York Digital Heritage site does not provide us with a stream for analysis of increased accessibility, ratings will allow us to know that items are being viewed, and any contact that may stem from the site will help us to know that the digitization and presentation of these items has been a success. Increased use of the collection in house will be monitored to make sure the collection is being accessed.

Thank you again for your support in our digitization project. This project would not have been possible without the RBDB grant funding.

Sincerely,

Mindy A. Leisenring  
CCHS Director