

Harlow McClain

He was a local man from
Lowville, NY. He was hired by New
York City to help with the demolition effort.
He ended up having to burn down his own house.



Sarah Lennox

She recalled, "even the ashes were removed... Tree roots were grubbed or blasted out. My mother showed more resentment than my [grandparents]... but I'm sure they were heartbroken, losing a 12room home and their store and all. My mother had fond memories of that area as a child... and never really got over... the hurt of losing the land, home, friends."



Arvesta Barton

She lived where the Ashokan Reservoir was built. She made \$150 a year from both washing and sewing businesses on her property. She testified in court about the hardships of the planned dam and reservoir projects. She claimed that business slowed down when people started moving



Emma Cudney

She had a ginseng plantation in Shokan and was a weaver. She did not just let New York City take away her plantation without a fight. There are more than 100 pages of testimony for Emma Cudney, who sought \$32,000 for loss and damages from her property being seized. Ultimately, she was paid \$5,500 for the ginseng plantation and \$3,000 for her weaving business and property.



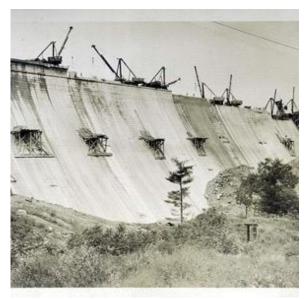
Gordon Craig, Olive Bridge Mayor

The mayor, Gordon Craig, was the mayor of the town for over 20 years when the reservoir was scheduled to be built. His family, friends, and the people who elected him to serve them were all part of this town.



Public Relations Consultant for Winston & Company

This company was the largest contractor that worked on and built the Ashokan Dam. The company was located in Brown's Station before the entire city was destroyed to make space for the reservoir.



Jamie O. Winston

He was a well-known dam builder who was born in the south in Virginia. He worked with his company, Winston & Company, on the Ashokan Dam. He was driven, or very ambitious and serious about his work. He wanted to be the top builder in the world and the best at his job.



Edmund Messineo, General worker

This Ashokan Reservoir worker was a new immigrant from Italy. He arrived in New York when he was just 18 and looked for work as soon as he arrived. He was the only member of his family in the immigrant village, and was able to earn a good living by working on the aqueduct, or the long pipe that carried water across land.



Frederic Little, Tunnel Digger

The worker Isaac Little was a new immigrant to the United States and worked non-stop for 5 years digging holes and building the tunnel. He is able to support his family from the wages he earns working on the NYC reservoir.

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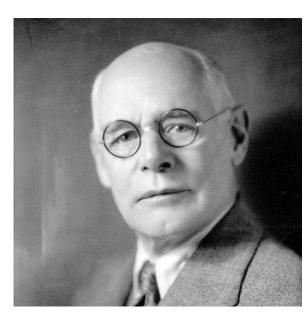
Alfred Smith, Body Remover

Bill Smith lives in NYC and cannot earn a living to feed his 5 children. He found out about eminent domain and the destruction of towns in upstate New York and went there to earn a living. He earns quite a lot of money to disinter the bodies (dig them up) and relocate them.



John Purroy Mitchel, 95th Mayor of New York City

Mayor Mitchel senses the great need of New York City to continue to expand its quest for water and enlarge the watershed system by adding more reservoirs, aqueducts and tunnels.



J. Waldo Smith

This man studied at MIT and was a chief engineer for the new Croton Dam. He earned \$15,000 a year which doesn't sound like much now, but was a lot of money back then. He was in charge of the entire operation.