Ernest J. Gendreau obituary card collection
MCC-00459

Total boxes: 1
Linear feet: .17

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Collection Overview

Creator

Ernest J. Gendreau

Dates

1876- 2012

Extent

1 album (0.17 cubic feet)

Provenance

Material was acquired from Linda Cyr, daughter of Ernest J. Gendreau

Language

English and French

Conservation notes

Everything was taken out of an album to be inserted in clear polyester sleeves and placed in archival album.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

No restrictions

Physical:

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Collection Description

Biographical Information

Ernest J. Gendreau was born February 17, 1927, to Joseph and Edith (Clavette) Gendreau in Madawaska, Maine. One of fourteen children, he could not help but form bonds with people. He was a veteran of World War II and served in Italy. On August 26, 1947, he married Lucille Plourde and together they raised four children, Fernand, Linda, John, and Allen. He loved to play his harmonica and his favorite song was 'You Are My Sunshine". He loved fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling.

His ability to relate was more complex. As a farmer (potato grower), he was inextricably tied to the land. Season after season, he put his entire livelihood in the ground, relinquished control to forces of nature and his faith. Working the land requires perspective; he lived his life grounded in the belief that he was a very small part of a much larger world. His daughter thinks he believed with every fiber of his being that each small part mattered and could, when joined with other small parts, add up to something meaningful and amazing.

He was compassionate and chose gratitude and joy whenever he could. For that reason, he was a people magnet. He loved his family, friends, grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids. He loved to laugh and to tease. He was a kid at heart and children were drawn to him.

As per his daughter, Linda, Ernest's last several years were not something he would have chosen. We have to acknowledge the courage and resolve with which he faced a disease that kept him trapped. We owe it to him to remember what came before, and keep those memories in the forefront.

Scope and content

This collection consists of obituary cards, prayer cards, ‘thank you’ cards, and a few newspaper clippings. The obituary cards are mostly from the St. John Valley.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated materials

Duplicates were given to St. Agatha Public Library.

Subject Heading

Aroostook County (Me.) – Genealogy
Funeral prayer cards
Memorial cards
Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.)

Related materials

Alice Breton Tourigny song manuscript collection (MCC-00186). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Allen J. Voisine collection of memorial cards (MCC-00588). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Alphée Marquis collection of memorial cards (MCC-0589). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Daigle family collection. (MCC-00586). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Dubay, Guy F. Guy F. Dubay Collection of Obituaries. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2014.

Dubay, Guy F. Newspaper Obituaries for St. Francis, St. John, Allagash, Maine. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2015.

John R. Nadeau collection, (MCC-00416). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Léon A. Guimond collection of memorial cards (MCC-00590). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Louise A. Levasseur obituaries collection (MCC-00408). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Madawaska Historical Society scrapbook collection of memorial cards (MCC-00586). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Ste Agathe Historical Society digital collection. (MCC-00529). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

St John Valley Parishes Collection (MCC-00523). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent. Series XIV.

Steven Vance collection of memorial cards (MCC-00587). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Sister Mary Celine collection of obituaries and memorial cards (MCC-00273). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Collection Inventory

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1	1	1	Beaulieu Family reunion mass card.	1992
1	1	2	Yvon Caron obituary clipping.	1978
1	1	3	Rev. Arthur J. Cloutier 25th anniversary of ordination card.	1962
1	2	4	Gina Cote death newspaper clipping.	n.d.
1	2	5	Armand D. Cyr memorial thank-you card.	n.d.
1	3	6	Bernice Daigle obituary clipping.	2000
1	3, 4	7, 8	Ernest B. Dionne memorial card (x2).	2009
1	4	9	Sylvia Dionne Cyr memorial thank-you card.	n.d.
1	5	10, 11	Prayer card from Claude R. Gendreau (x2).	n.d.
1	5	12	Prayer card from Michael P. Gendreau.	n.d.
1	5	13	Prayer card for the Helpless Unborn.	n.d.
1	6	14	John F. Kennedy memorial card.	1963
1	6	15	Robert F. Kennedy memorial card.	1968
1	7	16	Cecile G. Mathieu obituary clipping.	2004
1	7	17	Fr. J.A. Marquis 40th Anniversary of Ordination card.	1979
1	8	18	Rev. Bernard L. Nicknair 25th Anniversary of Ordination card.	1979
1	8	19	Memorial card for Candide M. Plourde.	1988
1	8	20	Funeral mass card for Magloire R. Plourde.	1975
1	8	21	Father Richard R. Ouellette 25th Anniversary of Ordination card.	2000
1	9	22	Prayer card from Jubilé Sacerdotal.	1979

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1	9	23, 24	Prayer card to Saint Alphonse (x2).	n.d.
1	9, 10	25-27	Prayer card to Saint Anne (x3).	n.d.
1	10	28	Prayer card to Saint Jude.	n.d.
1	11	29	Prayer card to Saint Therese.	n.d.
1	12	30	Prayer card for Edwina Sirois.	2000
1	12	31, 32	Rev. Bertrand F. Soucy remembrance of ordination card (x2)	n.d.
1	12	33	Rev. Romeo St. Pierre 40th Anniversary of Ordination card.	1994
1	13	34	Thank-you card for a donation to the St. David Memorial Fund.	n.d.
1	14	35	Black and white photograph of a bride and groom, with a note on the back reading “Sincere Thanks for your good wishes and thoughtful gift. Cliff + Rita.”	n.d.
1	14	36	Black and white photograph of a young bride and groom cutting a wedding cake.	n.d.
1	14, 15	37	Small brochure entitled “The Way of the Cross” describing Jesus Christ’s crucifixion. Includes a small crucifix pinned to the page. Pieces of the figure have broken off.	n.d.

The second photo binder is composed of memorial cards, organized alphabetically by last name.

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2	3	47	Beatty, Bertha Gaetane	2009
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2	8	74	Cassavant, Adrien, Reverend	1967
2	8	75	Chaloult, Gilman, Rev. Msgr.	2001
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2	12	91	Clavette, Denis G (Bill)	1995
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2	13	96	Clavette, Marie	1952
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