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Collection Overview

Creator

Edwin Corriveau

Dates

circa 1970

Extent

1 box (.31 cubic feet)

Provenance

Material was brought in by Laura Mae (Daigle) Corriveau

Language

N/A

Conservation notes

Canvases and sketch were inserted in individual clear archival polyester sleeves.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:
None

Physical:
None

Technical:
None

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Collection Description

Biographical Information

Harry Louis Etscovitz

Harry Louis Etscovitzwas born in Brooklyn, New York on December 8, 1920, the son of Jacob Etscovitz and Bessie Plesset. Jacob was born in 1897 in Vilnius, Lithuania and Bessie was born in 1891 in Kharkov, Ukraine when it was part of Russia. Louis graduated from Fort Kent High School and attended Harvard College, graduating with honors in 1952. On November 20, 1952, he married Marilyn E. Goldman of Lewiston, Maine. Etscovitz served as a U.S. Naval officer during World War II. Upon returning to Fort Kent, he owned and operated Etscovitz Chevrolet and Valley Motors from 1945 to 1986. In addition, he was a co-owner of the Fort Kent Telephone Company, president of Esco Potato Brokerage Company, and president of Etscovitz Potato Company.

Etscovitz was a member of the Fort Kent town council, a member and past president of the Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Fort Kent Library, and a member of the University of Maine at Fort Kent Foundation Board. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Maine Medical Center, appointed in 1971. He was also a member of the Fort Kent Golf Club, the Lions Club, and the Fort Kent Masonic Lodge No. 209 AF & AM. Etscovitz erected the Fort Kent historic monument commemorating the early Jewish settlers of the town on the former site of a synagogue. Harry Etscovitz died on October 30, 2000, in Fort Kent.

Edwin R. Corriveau

Edwin R. Corriveau was born November 17, 1924, in Fort Kent, the son of Joseph Corriveau and Marie Ann Cyr. Edwin was drafted June 9, 1943, into the U.S. Navy before transferring to the U.S. Marines. He was assigned as a hospital corpsman with a medical team. He served in the south Pacific, Guadalcanal Island, Guam, and Saipan. Upon his discharge March 14, 1946, Edwin returned to Fort Kent, where he had a career with Etscovitz Chevrolet/Valley Motors Inc. for 42 years as parts manager. He retired in June 1988. Edwin was a charter member and past commander of Fort Kent VFW Lozier O'Grady Post No. 9609, where he also served as chaplain for many military funerals, a member of American Legion Martin-Klein Post No. 0133, fourth degree

Knights of Columbus council No. 0352, and officer of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste. A few of Edwin's favorite pastimes were gardening, painting landscapes and restoring religious statues. Edwin died on October 9, 2009, at a Fort Kent health care facility.[1]

Scope and content

This collection consists of 4 oil paintings or possibly acrylic on canvas and 1 charcoal sketch on paper of Harry Etscovitz done by Mr. Edwin Corriveau possibly in the late 1960s or early 1970s since the charcoal sketch is dated 1968.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated materials

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Aroostook County (Me.) – History
Artists – Maine
Fort Kent (Me.)
Paintings
Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.) – History

Related materials

MCC-00021 - Benjamin Shapiro oral history with Harry Etscovitz, 1982
MCC-00210 - Records of Congregation Beth Israel, Fort Kent ME (1914-1920)

Collection Inventory

Item	Description	Date
1	One charcoal sketch of Harry Etscovitz's bust on paper 12" x 18"	12-27-1968
2	One color oil or possibly acrylic painting of Harry Etscovitz's bust on canvas. Canvas size 13.25" x 17.25". Initials on canvas "ERC". Harry is wearing a button-up shirt with brown jacket.	Undated
3	One color oil or possibly acrylic painting of Harry Etscovitz's bust on canvas. Canvas size 13" x 17.25". Signed "E Corriveau". Harry is wearing a white/greenish button-up shirt.	Undated

[1] https://obituaries.bangordailynews.com/obituary/edwin-corriveau-804169411

Item	Description	Date
4	One color oil or possibly acrylic painting of Harry Etscovitz's bust on canvas. Canvas size 13" x 17.25". Signed "E. Corriveau". Harry is wearing a white/greenish button-up shirt.	Undated
5	One color oil or possibly acrylic painting of Harry Etscovitz's bust on canvas board. Size: 12" x 15.75". Signed "E/C". Harry is wearing a bow tie, white shirt, and green jacket.	Undated