History of Cyr Plantation and Cyr Plantation Homesteads digital collection (MAHC grant project)

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Shelf List Number: Digital collection

Collection Overview

Creator
Cyr Plantation Historical Society

Dates
1859 - 2014

Extent
1 album, 1 photo book on digital file (.18 cubic feet)

Provenance
Material was brought in by a member of the Cyr Plantation Historical Society for digital conservation.

Language
English

Conservation notes
Loose images were inserted in archival photo sheets.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

No restrictions

Physical:

No restrictions

Technical:

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Collection Description

Historical information
Early settlers moved to what would become Cyr Plantation in the mid-1800s, then known as Township Letter L. Around that time, a road was built between the Aroostook River and Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada (which today stretches between Caribou, Maine and Hamlin, Maine). Many early inhabitants obtained grants to lots near the road and Hammond Brook to farm the land. The plantation was formally organized on March 12, 1870, and named after the many Cyrs in the area, including Andre Cyr and his father Christopher, the first Cyrs in Cyr Plantation.[1]

In 1879, the settlement was principally on the stagecoach-line from Caribou to Van Buren (Maine), known as Caribou Road. Throughout the century, there were people living on rear lots of the Cyr Plantation. At one time, two sawmills and a starch factory were in operation. Today Cyr Plantation is a full township with an area of approximately 6.5 square miles. The township with its reddish soil, yields good crops of wheat, oats, buckwheat, and its famous potatoes!

Scope and content
This collection consists of one album of images and one Shutterfly book of images. The album contains photocopies of black and white and colored images of people and places around Cyr Plantation depicting the history of the plantation. The Shutterfly book includes colored images of the homesteads of the area as of 2014.

Arrangement
The collection has been arranged into two series:

- Series I: Images of the History of Cyr Plantation
- Series II: Inventory of the images of the Homesteads of Cyr Plantation as of 2014 (Shutterfly book)

Separated materials
Not applicable

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyr_Plantation,_Maine

Subject Headings

Cyr Plantaion (Me.) – Social life and customs
Digital preservation
Governor Brann Schoolhouse
Historic buildings
Historic sites
Photographs
Saint John River Valley (Me.)

Related materials
Not applicable

Collection Inventory

Series I: Images of the History of Cyr Plantation

Image	Description
1	Cyr Plantation: The Governor Brann Schoolhouse cover page
2	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 1
3	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 2
4	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 3
5	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 4
6	Andre and Modeste (Violette) Cyr photo and bio
7	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 5
8	Governor Brann Schoolhouse, page 6
9	Farmhouse built by Regis Levasseur, 1859
10	Governor Brann School House Factual Information
11	Landscape wood carving by Tom Cote “Donated for CMA 2014, Handcarved by Tom Cote Limestone”
12	Four photocopied B&W photos – “Fred T.” and man on flatbed; “Val, Emile, Dad” 1940; hay wagon; men bundling hay
13	Three photocopied B&W photos – “ice loader”; “loading in truck”; “Val” 1941
14	Four photocopied B&W photos – Anne Violette and ice loader; family on porch; ? Violette; Anne & Val with ice loader
15	Three photocopied B&W photos – family with car; family with car; family with car “Deveau” (duplicate)
16	Man, toddler, two girls on tractor
17	Herman J. Lajoie biography, page 1
18	Herman J. Lajoie biography, page 2

Image	Description
19	Herman J. Lajoie obituary; three printed color photos – children with tractor; family on bench; family on tractor
20	Photocopy of man at desk
21	Roger L. Lapierre obituary, page 1
22	Roger L. Lapierre obituary, page 2
23	Five photocopied B&W photos – barn building; Napoleon Lapierre family photo; barn building; group photo of barn builders; hay wagon “Ludwina Estelle on top” (duplicate)
24	Bouchard Christmas Tree Farm - Cyr Plantation, Maine; two printed B&W photos – bundled trees and loader; bundled trees and truck
25	Four printed B&W photos – trees and vehicles; men bundling trees; men bundling trees; bundled trees and loader (duplicate)
26	Boy tapping maple tree “Jeremiah just can’t wait for the ployes”
27	Four printed color photos – boy pouring bucket 3/14/2010; boy holding jug 3/14/2010; boy holding jug; tree farm 12/6/2009
28	Woman holding book
29	Two photocopied B&W photos – Deveau Homestead, people on porch; Deveau Homestead
30	Three photocopied B&W photos – horse drawn sleigh; family with car; family on porch and with car, waving goodbye
31	Six photocopied B&W photos – two men, one woman “? Cote”; “Aunt Evelyn”; woman and toddler; Odilon portrait; men, “Dad” landclearing; family with horses “Dad, Mom, Hermine, Anne, Estelle”
32	Four photocopied B&W photos – two women holding babies; man and woman in field; potato picking; family with car “William Lajoie, Cecile”
33	Three photocopied B&W photos – “Odilon, Elogie(?), Cecile”; two boys on porch with rifle and duck; children under tree “Abel Madore children”
34	Father Robert McDonald and Anne L. Roy in classroom
35	Rev. Robert “Mac” McDonald SM biography part 1, printed B&W photo – Father Mac
36	Rev. Robert “Mac” McDonald SM biography part 2, printed color photos – Father Mac in robes; Father Mac and woman below cross; Father Mac at mass; Father Mac
37	Rev. Robert “Mac” McDonald SM biography part 3, printed color photos – Father Mac; Father Mac and sister, Faye
38	A Tribute to “Herman” by 1st Selectman Daniel V. Deveau
39	Governor Brann School House informational card
40	Governor Brann School House informational card
41	The Lavoie’s house “Established 1975” Color – June 23, 2018 15 x 10 cm

Series II: Inventory of the images of the Homesteads of Cyr Plantation as of 2014 (Shutterfly book)

Image	Description
1	Cyr Plantation Homesteads 2014 Front Cover
2	Yellow house, inside cover
3	Gov. Brann School 2014
4	Wood Carving by Tom Cote 2014
5	Gov. Brann School interior
6	Ken & Linda Ouellette Homestead
7	Laplante Rd 2014 homesteads – Delano & Joslyne Laplante; Ronald & Rita Ouellette; Mike Dubay & Marie Deschaine, prev. Carline & Gaetane Dubay; Reno & Joan Lavoie
8	US Rt #1 homesteads – Rick & Helen Doucette, prev. Ann & Ludger Ouellette; Lisa & Rodney Chabre, prev. Donald & Barney Lapierre; John & Loretta Morrill, prev. Tommy & Lydia Ouellette
9	Janet (Babe) & Andy Lapierre Homestead
10	Hector Deschaine Homestead
11	Simone & Herby Vailancourt Homestead
12	John Dumond Homestead, prev. Stacy Dumond, Madore Rd; Gendreau Family Homestead; Belanger Homestead, Rt. 1
13	Bob & Gervais Lapierre Homestead
14	US Rt #1 homesteads – Dave & Lila Dufour; Mike & Janet Giangiordano, prev. Aurel & Gladys Laplante; grey building; green garage
15	Norman & Maxine Lajoie Homestead; Mike, Phil & Brad Lajoie Tractors & Barn
16	Lajoie Homesteads – Mike & Marie Lajoie; Herman & Marilyn Lajoie, prev. schoolhouse; Philip & Sue Lajoie; Danny & Brenda Deveau
17	US Rt #1 homesteads – Roger Lapierre Barn; Sandy & Neil Begin; Knox Family, prev. Alphy & Franic Levasseur
18	Gille & Brenda Gagnon Homestead
19	Jim Davis Homestead, prev. Conde & Bea Madore; Dan & Bernice Lapierre Homestead
20	Canwell Family Homestead, prev. Melvin & Martha Levesque, prev. Romeo Levesque's Old Homestead
21	Madore Rd 2014 homesteads – John & Cindy Gagnon; Martin Cyr, prev. Rod & Theresa Wright
22	Michael & Rachael Ouellette Homestead, prev. Raymond & Marcella Lajoie
23	Leo & Gertrude Ouellette Homestead, prev. Theopile Madore
24	Roger Lapierre Homestead

Image	Description
25	CMA Flag Contest by Babe Lapierre, John Dumond, Linda Ouellette & Gervais Lapierre; Saint John Valley Welcome Sign; barn and house model; informational plaque
26	Babe Lapierre working at the School House 2014
27	Andy Lapierre, School House Painting & Repair 2014
28	Jim & Louise Bouchard Homestead
29	Picnic ground
30	Madore Rd homesteads – Jackie Labbe, prev. Omer Dumond; Lorraine & Hector Lavoie, prev. Norman & Pauline Ouellette
31	Martin & Nadine Cyr Homestead
32	Cyr Plantation Homesteads 2014 Back Cover