Rella Cote 8th grade diploma

MCC-00556

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Collection Overview

Creator

St. Louis Grammar School, Fort Kent, Me.

Dates

1928-06-01

Extent

1 diploma

Provenance

Donated by the son of the graduate, Michael Guignard in 2023.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Diploma came to the Acadian Archives rolled up and prefers to revert to this form.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Rella Emelie Cote was born in October, 1912 to Victorie Cote and Flevie[1] Cyr. She was the fourth youngest of eight children born to the couple. Victorie was a shoe repairman on what is believed to be Main Street. His backyard abutted the river and the Cote family lived above the shoe shop.

Rella graduated from the grammar school at 15 but was unable to attend high school because she needed to help her mother care for her three younger siblings and work odd jobs. Rella left Fort Kent around 1930 to join her three older sisters. She worked in shoe shops, restaurants as a waitress, and in textile mills. Rella married her husband on November 11, 1940 and became a full time homemaker when her son was born in 1946.

Rella visited her parents at least once a year in Fort Kent when all eight of their children gathered together. Her son doesn't believe she ever went back to Fort Kent after her parents moved to Lewiston in 1953.

Rella was a voracious reader. She passed away in Biddeford in 1988, predeceased by her husband who passed in 1987.

Scope and Content

One 8th grade diploma from the St. Louis grammar school, enlisting Miss Cote in the local high school.

Arrangement

The diploma is housed in an archival folder in a box.

[1]Rella's son has also seen his grandmother's name spelt 'Flavie'.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Catholic church-education
Diplomas
Education

Related Materials

Bouchard Family Papers (MCC-00505) Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Collection Inventory

Item	Description	Date(s)
1	Diploma awarded to Rella E. Cote for completing 8th grade.	1928-06-01