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Collection Overview

Creator

Ralph Courtois
Eugene Melvin Moreau

Dates

1960s-2006
2010
Undated

Extent

Two binders of well-organized generation charts, family sheets, and biographical notes, and one binder of 70 reference images–largely photographic reproduction prints, but also 6 photographs and two slides–of family/regional photographs and several additional articles related to Daigles in the valley.

Provenance

Items were donated in July 2026 by Sharon Daigle, niece of Ralph Courtois, creator, and Rita Daigle, whose lineage is the subject of the materials.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Photographic reproduction prints, photographs, and slides were placed in archival photo sleeves.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Born in 1929, Ralph Courtois married Rita Daigle in 1962. The two lived in Biddeford, Maine, where they were parishioners of St. Joseph's Church. Ralph often aided genealogical researchers, particularly with French heritage, and worked for decades to research his wife's family history extending to 17th century Acadia. He passed away in 2009.

Rita Daigle, daughter of Alcide Vital and Emma Daigle, was an 11th generation Daigle born in Daigle, Maine, in 1931. After attending Fort Kent High School, she moved to Biddeford, working as a nurse's aide at Webber Hospital and in food service with the Biddeford School system. She passed away in 2016.

Eugene "Gene" Melvin Moreau, born in 1933, was a distant cousin of Rita and close friend of the couple. As he did for many others, Ralph assisted Gene's own genealogical work. In return, he compiled the donated report on Rita Daigle's ancestors (see Ancestors of Rita (Daigle) Courtois) in 2006 using Ralph's extensive notes.

Scope and Content

These reference images are mostly reproductions of family photographs, printed on glossy, high quality or simple computer paper. Only a few are printed on photographic paper. Almost all have typed or handwritten notes on the back identifying the subjects, who were born or married into the Daigle family. Five photographs, two 35mm slides, and a glossy photographic print relate to the saw mill in Daigle, Maine. The original photographs likely date from the 1880s to the 1960s, while the reprints were created and used by Ralph Courtois towards the end of his research. Seven were explicitly dated to 2005.

In total, there are 28 glossy photographic prints of Daigles and 36 computer printouts of historic photographs of Daigles, all of which are 8.5 x 11 inches. There are six 3.5 x 5 inch and one 4 x 6 inch reproduction photographs of Daigle, Maine and two 35mm slides of Daigle, Maine.

The collection also contains a small number of textual materials used by Ralph in his research.

Arrangement

Images remain in the original order in which they were donated and do not appear to follow a chronological order.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

The two binders compiled from Ralph's research have been added to the Acadian Archives / Archives acadiennes:

Courtois, Ralph. *Daigle and Martin Family Information Included in "Ancestry of Rita (Daigle) Courtois."* No publisher. n.d.

Moreau, Eugene Melville, and Courtois, Ralph. *Ancestors of Rita (Daigle) Courtois*. No publisher. 2006.

Subject Headings

Acadians—Maine—Genealogy
Aroostook County (Me)
Daigle family
Photographs
Research materials

Related Materials

Courtois, Ralph. *Daigle and Martin Family Information Included in "Ancestry of Rita (Daigle) Courtois."* No publisher. n.d.

Daigle Family Collection, (MCC-00547). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Daigle, Pea. (1993). *Généalogie des plus grandes familles Daigle du Madawaska.* No publisher. No publisher. c.1993.

Laurel Daigle's collection on Fort Kent, Me. (MCC-00555). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Moreau, Eugene Melville, and Courtois, Ralph. *Ancestors of Rita (Daigle) Courtois*. No publisher. 2006.

Robert Daigle oral interviews collection, (MCC-00418). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Sedlik, Candide Daigle. (2022). *Memories and genealogy of a Daigle family.* No publisher. 2004.

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2	Black and white reproduction printout of a one quarter headshot of Delia Daigle.	Undated
3	Black and white reproduction photographic print of Alcide and Emma Daigle standing by a shrub.	Undated
4	Black and white reproduction photographic print of Alcide and Emma Daigle standing by a shrub.	Undated
5	Black and white reproduction printout of Clarence, Armand, Norman, another Daigle, Sister Rita, Emma (Sister Mere Candide), and Alcide V. Daigle sitting at a picnic bench under an umbrella behind a fence.	Undated
6	Black and white reproduction printout of Clarence, Armand, Norman, another Daigle, Sister Rita, Emma (Sister Mere Candide), and Alcide V. Daigle sitting at a picnic bench under an umbrella behind a fence.	Undated

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7	Sepia reproduction photographic three quarter shot of a Delina (Sister Candide) Daigle at a piano.	Undated
8	Sepia reproduction photographic three quarter shot of a Delina (Sister Candide) Daigle at a piano.	Undated
9	Black and white reproduction photograph of Armand, Norman, Claude, Rosaire, Clarence, Alcide V., and Emma Daigle, along with Delia (Daigle) Lesieur and Linda Claude's daughter, standing outside the old Biddeford post office in 1962.	Undated, original photograph from 1962
10	Black and white reproduction photographic print of Rita Daigle and Ralph Courtois, newly married, on the steps outside St-Andre Church in Biddeford, along with Uncle Rosaire, Rosaire, Armand, Aunt Marie, Aunt Delina, Clarence, and Norman Daigle, along with Delia (Daigle) Lesieur, Gladys (Daigle) Bouchard, and Julian Lesieur.	Undated, original photograph from 1962
11	Black and white reproduction photographic print of Delia Daigle and Ralph Courtois, newly married, on the steps outside St-Andre Church in Biddeford, along with Uncle Rosaire, Rosaire, Armand, Aunt Marie, Aunt Delina, Clarence, and Norman Daigle, along with Delia (Daigle) Lesieur, Gladys (Daigle) Bouchard, and Julian Lesieur.	Undated, original photograph from 1962
12	Black and white reproduction printout of Maxime Daigle, Lucie Plourde, and Sophie Plourde outside a house near a fence.	Undated
13	Black and white reproduction printout of four sisters of the Little Franciscans of Mary Mission, identified by a caption as Marie-Gertrude, Marie-Candide, Marie-l'Ange Guardien, and Marie-Antione-de-Padoue.	Undated
14	Black and white reproduction printout of Ralph Courtois outside a large barn.	Undated
15	Black and white reproduction printout of Ralph Courtois outside a large barn.	Undated
16	Black and white reproduction photographic full-body shot of Vital Daigle and Modeste Martin.	Undated

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17	Black and white reproduction photographic full-body shot of Vital Daigle and Modeste Martin.	Undated
18	Color print of a photograph taken of an older photograph set in an oval frame surrounded by red fabric. The older photograph is a one quarter headshot of a Vital Daigle.	Undated
19	Black and white reproduction photographic print of a one quarter headshot of Vital Daigle.	Undated
20	Black and white reproduction photographic print of a one quarter headshot of Vital Daigle.	Undated
21	Black and white reproduction photographic print of a one quarter headshot of Julie Cyr.	Undated
22	Black and white reproduction photographic print of a one quarter headshot of Julie Cyr.	Undated
23	Black and white reproduction printout of a one quarter headshot of Lindore Daigle.	Undated
24	Black and white reproduction printout of a one quarter headshot of Lindore Daigle.	Undated
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27	Black and white reproduction printout of Hilaire Daigle and Anais LeBrun.	Undated
28	Black and white reproduction photograph of Delia, Rosaire, Claude, Rita, Clarence, Norman, and Armand Daigle, along with their puppy, wearing snow clothes and standing outside an old house.	Undated
29	Black and white reproduction photograph of Delia, Rosaire, Rita, Clarence, Claude, Armand, and Norman Daigle in a field with their dog.	Undated

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30	Black and white reproduction printout of Maxime Daigle, Lucie Plourde, and Sophie Plourde outside a house near a fence.	Undated
31	Color reproduction printout of a harvested field, a tractor, and two trucks. An x on the front marks the site of an old Daigle house, according to the note Rita's mother wrote on the back.	Undated
32	Black and white reproduction photographic print of Emma, Norman, Alcide, Rita, Delia, Rosaire, Clarence, Armand, and Claude Daigle standing outdoors before a hedge.	Undated
33	Black and white photographic reproduction print of Dominique, Pierre, Annie, possibly Denis, Willie, Laura, Edith, Maxime, Hilaire Jr., Alma, Donat, Joseph, Alice, Delia, Wilfrid, Hilaire, Anais(e) (Lebrun), Elias with a dog, Marie Annette, and Emile Daigle seated in on a lawn.	Undated
34	Black and white photographic reproduction print of Dominique, Pierre, Annie, possibly Denis, Willie, Laura, Edith, Maxime, Hilaire Jr., Alma, Donat, Joseph, Alice, Delia, Wilfrid, Hilaire, Anais(e) (Lebrun), Elias with a dog, Marie Annette, and Emile Daigle seated in on a lawn.	Undated
35	Black and white photographic reproduction printout of a front view of the Chrysostome Daigle House, an old farmhouse near Daigle Church in Maine.	Undated
36	Black and white photographic reproduction printout of a front view of the Chrysostome Daigle House, an old farmhouse near Daigle Church in Maine.	Undated
37	Black and white reproduction photographic print of a combined portrait of Alexandre Martin and Edithe Ouellette.	Undated

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38	Black and white printout of a line sketch featuring two figures outside a house, one wearing a frying pan as a hat and whipping another wearing a cowboy hat. A refrain reads “you can see Posaire after alex to get some wood, and don’t forget, he’s going too” with the initials RD.	Undated
39	Black and white photographic reproduction print of a headshot of Alexandre Martin.	Undated
40	Black and white photographic reproduction print of a headshot of Edithe Ouellet(te).	Undated
41	Black and white reproduction printout of a headshot of Edithe Ouellet(te).	Undated
42	Black and white reproduction printout of Lucien, Alvine (Beaulieu), Emma, Arthur, Adelard, Edwidge, Marie, Alcide, Kate, Valdor, Marion (Decao), Delina, Delia, Irene, Freddy, Sharon, Dan, and Rosaire Daigle, along with Armand Chartier, Joe Michaud, Joan Michaud, Marie Chartier, two unknown children, and Bob Chartier taken outside a home in Maine.	Undated
43	Black and white reproduction printout of Lucien, Alvine (Beaulieu), Emma, Arthur, Adelard, Edwidge, Marie, Alcide, Kate, Valdor, Marion (Decao), Delina, Delia, Irene, Freddy, Sharon, Dan, and Rosaire Daigle, along with Armand Chartier, Joe Michaud, Joan Michaud, Marie Chartier, two unknown children, and Bob Chartier taken outside a home in Maine.	Undated
44	Black and white photographic reproduction print of Emma Daigle, an unknown woman, Mrs. Wilfred Pelletier, and Azilda Daigle standing on a porch.	Undated
45	Black and white reproduction printout of Sophie Plourde (Daigle) along with Rita, Delia, Alcide, and Emma Daigle as young children.	Undated
46	Black and white reproduction printout of Sophie Plourde (Daigle) along with Rita, Delia, Alcide, and Emma Daigle as young children.	Undated

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47	Black and white reproduction printout of Lucien, Alvine (Beaulieu), Emma, Arthur, Adelard, Edwidge, Marie, Alcide, Kate, Valdor, Marion (Decao), Delina, Delia, Irene, Freddy, and Rosaire Daigle, along with Armand Chartier, Joe Michaud, Joan Michaud, Marie Chartier, two unknown children, and Bob Chartier taken outside a home in Maine.	Undated
48	Black and white photographic reproduction print of rolling farmlands, with a saw mill in the foreground. It is labeled “Saw Mill, Daigle, Me. 18.”	Undated; original photograph from 1910
49	3.5 x 5 inch black and white reproduction photographic print of a close-up of a building in the background of item 48.	Undated; original photograph from 1910
50	3.5 x 5 inch black and white reproduction photographic print of a close-up of a building in the background of item 48.	Undated; original photograph from 1910
51	3.5 x 5 inch black and white reproduction photographic print of a close-up of a building in the background of item 48.	Undated; original photograph from 1910
52	3.5 x 5 inch black and white reproduction photographic print of a close-up of the same building as in item 49.	Undated; original photograph from 1910
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54	35mm slide of item 48.	Undated; original photograph from 1910

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55	35mm slide of additional buildings around Daigle, Maine.	Undated; original photograph from 1910
56	Printout of two black and white photographs: an unknown man in military uniform driving a jeep, and a young girl with two nuns and an older man by a woodshed.	2005
57	Black and white reproduction printout of an unknown man in a peacoat leaning against a car.	2005
58	Black and white reproduction printout of an unknown man in a peacoat leaning against a car.	2005
59	Black and white reproduction printout of Israël Daigle sitting on a tree stump before a wire fence.	2005
60	Black and white reproduction printout of Israël Daigle sitting on a tree stump before a wire fence.	2005
61	Black and white reproduction printout of Alvine Beaulieu and Arthur Daigle, including Vital, Marie, Lucien, Alcide, and Emma Daigle standing on a road by a car. Original photograph was taken in 1934.	2005; original photograph from 1934.
62	Black and white reproduction printout of Alvine Beaulieu and Arthur Daigle, including Vital, Marie, Lucien, Alcide, and Emma Daigle standing on a road by a car. Original photograph was taken in 1934.	2005; original photograph from 1934.
63	Black and white reproduction printout of 25 people on a porch stoop, identical to items 42, 43, and 47, but hand-labeled with different names, including Hedwidge, Alvine, Arthur, Marie, Marie (Chattier), Lucien, Emma, Adelard, Alcide, Kate, Tommy, Yvonne (Michaud), Valdore, Marion, Delina, Delia, Rosaire, and Freddie Daigle, along with Armand Chattier, Joan Michaud, a girl named Irene, a Chattier boy, and two unidentified children.	Undated

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64	Black and white reproduction printout of Delina and Marie Daigle with an unidentified man standing outside a house.	Undated
65	Black and white reproduction printout of Delina and Marie Daigle with an unidentified man standing outside a house.	Undated
66	Black and white reproduction printout of a uniformed man identified as Alex, along with an unidentified man, woman, and child, standing on a front lawn.	Undated
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68	Black and white reproduction printout of a uniformed man identified as Alex, along with an unidentified man, woman, and child, standing on a front lawn.	Undated
69	Black and white reproduction headshot of an unidentified uniformed man, possibly Alex or Bennett Joseph Daigle.	Undated
70	Black and white reproduction headshot of an unidentified uniformed man, possibly Alex or Bennett Joseph Daigle.	Undated
71	Black and white photocopy of the cover of Discover Maine's Aroostook County from Late Fall, 1993, with annotations on the cover image showing where Michauds and Daigles lived.	Undated
72	Daigle Conference Room Dedication Ceremony program.	2010
73	Name rubbing of "Bennett J Daigle" from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall.	Undated
74	Name rubbing of "Bennett J Daigle" from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall.	Undated