

**Fort Kent Historical Society collection on Fort Kent (Me.), 1865-1990**

**MCC-00123**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Fort Kent Historical Society collection on Fort Kent (Me.)

**Creator/Collector:** Fort Kent Historical Society (Me.)

**Collection number:** MCC-00123

**Shelf list #:** UM-123, UP-123, AB-123, BM-123, AR-123, V1-123, AC-123, AV-123

**Dates:** 1865-1990

**Extent:** 14 photograph albums, 3 boxes, 1 oversize box, 2 volumes, 22 reel-to-reel tapes, 1 videocassette (7.25 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from the Fort Kent Historical Society, 1993. Detailed provenance is available in the collection guide.

Language: English

**Conservation notes:** Photographs have been removed from their original albums and placed in archival containers. Deteriorating paper-based materials have been photocopied onto acid-free paper, encapsulated in clear Mylar sleeves, or isolated into protective enclosures. Oversize materials have been removed from their frames and stored in polypropylene or Mylar envelopes. Nitrate negatives were copied, removed, and destroyed. Audio reels were copied on archival gold compact discs.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access.

**Physical restrictions:** Due to the fragility of some items, photocopies are available for patron use.

**Technical restrictions:** A compact disc player is required to access portions of this collection.

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**Separated materials:** Published volumes have been removed and cataloged separately.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

*Published in:* Not applicable.

***Biographical information/Organizational history:***

The Fort Kent Historical Society is in fact two separate organizations, the first dating to the mid 1920s, the second established nearly a half century later. In 1925, a group of prominent, civic-minded Fort Kent citizens gathered to form a society to “promote the study of History, Literature, and village improvement.” (State of Maine Certificate of Organization of a Corporation, organizational meeting report, December 4, 1925). They filed incorporation papers with the state of Maine for a non-profit corporation named the Fort Kent Historical Society (hereafter FKHS) on December 4, 1925. Original officers were Paul D. Thibodeau, president; William J. Audibert, treasurer; and Fora Bradbury Pinkham, clerk. The first five directors were Niles C. Pinkham, Mabel K. Theriault, Richard F. Crocker, Irené Cyr, and Hedwidge Pelletier.

Virtually nothing is known about the achievements of the first FKHS, which seems to have gone inactive shortly after its foundation. Its existence faded from local memory, and when the Fort Kent Historical Association formed in the 1970s, organizers were initially unaware of the antecedent organization.

In 1974, a group of Fort Kent citizens began meeting for the purpose of organizing a local historical association. James I. Hoyt and Dr. Roger L. Grindle, then professor of History at the University of Maine at Fort Kent, were particularly active in this effort, recruiting UMFK students and staff as well as community members. By May 1974, the group, known as the “Fort Kent Historical Association,” had created a new set of by-laws and elected their first slate of officers: James Hoyt, president; Miriam Aungst, vice-president; Daniel Michaud, secretary; and Robert Ouellet, treasurer. Members of the first board of directors were Alphy St. Pierre, James Thibodeau, Lois Currier, Donat Michaud, Lowell Daigle, and Emily Evans.

By October 1974, when the Association held its first annual meeting, the society counted 73 active members, 3 junior members, and 1 contributing member. The Association continued to be very active over the next six years, raising funds, building collections, holding membership and board meetings, developing historical displays, and operating a one-room museum on the second floor of the former Fort Kent Town Hall. Officers included Roger Grindle (President), Lucille Pelletier (Vice President and Public Relations), Jack Vanek (Secretary), and Donald Raymond (Treasurer).

In the late 1970s, the Association adopted “Fort Kent Historical Society” (FKHS) as their official name. During this period, the FKHS, under the leadership of Dr. Grindle, negotiated the donation to the Society by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad of its former Fort Kent branch station, which had operated from 1902 until 1979. The FKHS Building Committee, chaired by James Grandmaison, also negotiated the sale of the branch station property to the Society in 1980.

As a result of these initiatives, the FKHS relocated its collections permanently to the station house and officially opened the doors of the museum on July 24, 1982. On April 21, 1989, the Fort Kent Railroad Station was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Since the opening of the museum, the Society's energies have focused primarily on restoration work, exhibit preparation, and the production of documentary videotapes.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of materials documenting various aspects of Fort Kent's history from this latter 1800s through its 1969 Centennial year. Donated to the Archives in 1993, the collection includes personal papers, correspondence, business records, audio-visual material, and photographs. It spans the years 1865-1990 and covers a wide range of subjects relating to Fort Kent's history, including business, education, social life, politics, military service, recreation, and family history. Personal papers consist primarily of fragmentary collections relating to Fort Kent citizens from the latter 19th and early 20th centuries, including physician Rosario J. Page, local attorneys Dana L. Theriault and A.G. Fenlason, A. (Armand) L. Dugal and the children of William B. Dickey. Photographs consist primarily of two large lots: a collection of more than 2300 images created or collected by a local amateur photographer which document social life and recreational activities in and around Fort Kent in the first half of the 20th century; and 178 color negatives documenting Fort Kent's 1969 town centennial celebrations. The collection includes three record books: a 1920s dry goods store ledger, a 1922-38 school board minutes book, and a physician's 1925 patient accounts book. Audio-visual materials include documentation of various events in recent Fort Kent history, including the 1969 attempted closure of the University of Maine at Fort Kent and overage of the 1969 town centennial celebrations.

This collection is divided into 8 series: still images, 1909-1981, undated; personal papers; business records; school-related records; articles and ephemera; manuscripts; moving images; and audio materials.

**Series 1**, still images, consists primarily of a large collection of candid photographs and negatives documenting social life and recreational activities in Fort Kent in the first half of the 20th century. Series 1 also includes color negatives documenting the 1969 Fort Kent Centennial activities and Fort Kent Historical Society activities in the early 1980s.

In addition, this series includes small lots of obituary cards and commercial postcards. It is divided into 11 subseries: James I Hoyt albums, 1909-1965, undated; general loose photographs, 1909-1934, undated; loose photographs documenting Fort Kent Historical Society activities, 1980-81, undated; miscellaneous loose photographs, 1976, undated; obituary cards and postcards, 1917-1962, undated; commercial postcards, 1909-1937, undated; Fort Kent Centennial, 1969, undated; James I Hoyt negatives, 1922, undated; tintypes, undated; large photograph of Fort Kent train station, undated; copy negatives and prints created by the Acadian Archives, undated.

**Series 2**, personal papers, consists of papers either collected by or concerning people

from the Fort Kent area. The series includes items relating to prominent families and professionals (e.g. attorneys A. G. Fenlason and Dana L. Theriault, doctor Rosario J. Page, and children of William B. Dickey) as well as to ordinary citizens. The series also includes some 1916 gubernatorial campaign correspondence between Republican Carl Milliken, who served as Maine governor from 1917 to 1920, and supporters in Fort Kent.

This subseries is divided into 11 subseries: William Dickey family papers, 1965-1990, undated; William Downs deed, 1867-1880; A.G. Fenlason papers, 1972-1918, undated; Lausier and Vaillancourt genealogy, 1939; Carl E. Milliken correspondence, 1916; Patrick Mullins bank book, 1919-1931; Mary Jane Page deed, 1867; Rosario J. Page family papers, 1904-1967, undated; Joseph and Mable Peters papers, 1937; John Philip Poirier certificate, 1918; Dana L. Theriault correspondence, 1916.

**Series 3**, business records, contains materials pertaining to three Fort Kent merchants: George Hampton Page, Frank W. Mallett, and A. L. Dugal Hardware,. Page ran a dry goods store and a starch Factory, while Mallett worked at several different ventures, including a hardware store. Armand L. Dugal also had a hardware store that was located on the first floor of the Masonic Building that was destroyed in 2011 for the construction of the new International Bridge. Mr. Dugal was the son of Charles Dugal and Vénérande D'Amours of St. Basile, New Brunswick. He was married to Anna Martin. Page's and Mallett's fathers were prominent Fort Kent businessmen who worked as partners (Page & Mallett) in trading and lumbering in the early 1880s. It is divided into 2 subseries: G.H. Page, 1910-1925; F.W. Mallet, 1902-1903.

**Series 4** consists of materials relating to school activities in Fort Kent. They include an 1896 graduation program from the Madawaska Training School, a facsimile of the 1931 Fort Kent High School yearbook, *Polaris*, and a copy of the 1936 edition. The series also includes a ledger book of the minutes of the Fort Kent School Board from 1922-1938. The most recent items in the series are a program and napkin from Fort Kent Normal School's 1960 Alumni banquet, held in Dickey Hall.

**Series 5** consists of a collection of fragments of articles about William B. Dickey and an undated blank page from the Dickey Hotel guest register, T.P. Conroy, proprietor.

**Series 6** contains two manuscripts about Fort Kent history and an English-language translation of a regional history book. Included are an undated 2-page typescript entitled "A Brief History of the mill site on Fish River at Fort Kent" (former FKHS president Chadwick Pelletier believes this typescript was written by Margaret Dickey Fenlason); a typescript of a historical retrospective about Fort Kent compiled by David Garceau and published as *Fort Kent: 1829-1929*. Fort Kent, Me.: The First National Bank, 1930 (a copy of the published edition of this typescript is available in the Archives' book collections); and a carbon copy typescript of an English-language translation of Thomas Albert's *Histoire du Madawaska*, a regional history first published in 1920 by the Imprimerie Franciscaine Missionnaire in Quebec City. The translation has been identified by Page family descendants as the work of Antoinette Page, sister of Rosario J. Page\*. Miss Page taught at the Madawaska Training School and lived with Dr. Page and his

family in Fort Kent in the 1920. This typescript apparently was published as a photo reprint and copies may be found at a number of libraries in the University of Maine System. In 1989, the Madawaska Historical Society published a new English-language edition of *Histoire du Madawaska* with translations by Francis G. and Laurette Doucette. Copies of both of these published translations are available in the Archives book collection.

**Series 7**, moving images, contains films and videos. According to the label information, these moving images record local events including “On Campus” 1978 interviews with faculty, staff, and students at the University of Maine at Fort Kent; “US 1 American Profile” narrated by Van Heflin, December 1962. Special look at U.S. Highway #1 stretching 2383 miles along the East Coast from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida; “River Logging / Cunliffe Depot” circa 1930’s. (Logging drive, bateaux, logging with horses, logging camp, Lombard log hauler, Fort Kent suspended bridge); “People’s Benevolent Hospital” early 1960. People’s Benevolent Hospital opened its doors in 1952. For the next twenty three years the hospital was run by Les Petites Franciscaines de Marie, a Catholic order of nuns with special skills in hospital management. Then, in 1975, Peoples Benevolent Hospital became a public community hospital and changed its name to Northern Maine Medical Center; “1969 Fort Kent Centennial Parade” centennial celebration. NOTE: As of January 2013, other Sony Video Tapes for Helical Scan were not digitized because of lack of hardware. These Sony Tapes, as per container labels, are UMFK history professor Roger Grindle’s appearance on the “Good Morning America” show, Archbishop 1 & 2, Centennial Celebration Speeches.

**Series 8**, audio recordings, consists of twelve 1/4" audio reels. Many of them have multiple tracks, some of which have been recorded at different speeds (7 ½ ips and 3 ¾ ips). While listening to some tapes, tracks can be heard playing over others, often either at different speeds or backwards. Many of the recordings begin with a short segment of Lucille Pelletier reporting upcoming events on the Fort Kent campus. The series is divided into 4 subseries: High Education Planning Commission reports, 1969. (See SPC COL Univ. LC175.M2 M23 1969, *Progress Report of the Higher Education Planning Commission to Donald R McNeal, Chancellor, University of Maine, November 11, 1969*; oral histories, 1974, undated; University of Maine at Fort Kent; miscellaneous, undated.

***Inventory:***

See separate collection guide for a complete inventory.

***Order and arrangement:***

***Series 1***

**UP-123 (photographs, negatives) 14 boxes**

UP-123	(1/14)	Hoyt album #1	c. 1920-39, n.d.
UP-123	(2/14)	Hoyt album #2 (1 of 2)	c. 1916-20, n.d.
UP-123	(3/14)	Hoyt album #2 (2 of 2)	c. 1916-20, n.d.
UP-123	(4/14)	Hoyt album #3	c. 1920-23, n.d.

UP-123	(5/14)	Hoyt album #4	c. 1930-34, c. 1970, n.d.
UP-123	(6/14)	Hoyt album #5	c. 1920-23
UP-123	(7/14)	Hoyt album #6	c. 1916-1930, n.d.
UP-123	(8/14)	Hoyt album #7	c. 1916-1930
UP-123	(9/14)	Hoyt album #8	c. 1916-1930, n.d.
UP-123	(10/14)	Hoyt album #9	c.1965-68, n.d.
UP-123	(11/14)	Hoyt album #10	c. 1940-59, n.d.
UP-123	(11/14)	Hoyt album #11	c. 1938-60, n.d.
UP-123	(12/14)	Hoyt album #12	c. 1920-1923, n.d.
UP-123	(13/14)	Hoyt album #13	c. pre-1920-39, n.d.
UP-123	(14/14)	Parade, fireworks, 1969; Centennial headquarters, group portraits, Tennis tournament 1969	

***Order and arrangement:***

***Series 2***

**UM-123 (documents), Box 1 of 3**

UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 1: Album #1, Photocopy edition	1920-39, n.d.
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 2: Album #2, Photocopy edition	1916-1920, n.d.
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 3: Album #3, Photocopy edition	1920-1923
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 4: Album #4 Photocopy edition	c.1930-34, c.1970
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 5: Album #4 Leaves with captions	c. 1930-34, c.1970
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 6: Album #5, Photocopy edition	1920-1923
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 7: Album #6, Photocopy edition	c.1916-1930
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 8: Album #7, Photocopy edition	c.1916-1930
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 9: Album #8, Photocopy edition	c.1916-1930, n.d.
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 10: Album #9, Photocopy edition	c.1965-68, n.d.
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 11: Album #10, Photocopy edition	c. 1940-59, n.d.
UM-123	(1/3)	Folder 12: Album #11, Photocopy edition	c. 1938-60, n.d.

***Series 2***

**UM-123, Box 2 of 3:**

UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 1: Album #12, Photocopy edition	c. 1920-1923, n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 2: Album #13, Photocopy edition	c. pre-1920-39, n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 3: James I. Hoyt Eastman negative album	case C.1920s
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 4: Mrs. William D. (Lydia Frances Bodfish) Dickey	1867-1917
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 5: William B. Dickey	1894, n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 6: Cyrus H. Dickey	ca. 1990
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 7: Margaret (Dickey) Fenlason	n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 8: Photocopy of Scrapbook	1865-1921, n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 9: Insert from Scrapbook	n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 10: William Downs papers (use copy)	1867-80
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 11: William Downs (original)	1867-80
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 12: A.G. Fenlason papers	1872-1918, n.d.
UM-123	(2/3)	Folder 13: Carl Miliken Papers	1916

- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 14: Mullins' bank book 1919-31
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 15: Quitclaim deed between Mary Jane Page and Mrs. Wm. D. Dickey (use copy) 1867
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 16: Quitclaim deed between Mary Jane Page and Mrs. Wm. D. Dickey (original) 1867
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 17: Rosario J. Page papers 1916-65, n.d.
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 18: Rosario J. Page account book c. 1925
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 19: Mrs. Rosario Page (Alphonsine Long) 1924-65
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 20: Jean Louis (John) L. Page 1922-67, n.d.
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 21: Jean Louis (John L.) Page notebook 1952
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 22: Joseph and Mable Peters U.S 1937 Department of Agriculture papers
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 23: Dana L. Theriault correspondence 1916
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 24: Receipt of purchase for G.H. Page (use copy) 1910
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 25: Receipt of purchase for G. H. Page (original) 1910
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 26: Receipt of purchase for F. W. Mallett (use copy) 1903
- UM-123 (2/3) Folder 27: Receipt of purchase for F. W. Mallett 1903

***Series 2***

**UM-123, Box 3 of 3:**

- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 1: Graduation program from Madawaska Training School 1896
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 2: Polaris, Fort Kent High School Yearbook (facsimile) 1931
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 3: Polaris, Fort Kent High School Yearbook 1936
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 4: Ledger of Fort Kent School Board Meeting minutes 1922-38
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 5: Fort Kent State Normal School Alumni Banquet program 1960
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 6: Articles relating to William B. Dickey n.d.
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 7: Dickey Hotel ephemera (blank page from register) n.d.
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 8: Typescript of "Brief History of the mill site on Fish River at Fort Kent" by Margaret (Dickey) Fenlason n.d
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 9: Typescript of Fort Kent, 1829-1929 c. 1930
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 10: Typescript of Antoinette Page's English translation of Thomas Albert's Histoire du Madawaska (1 of 2) n.d.
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 11: Typescript of Antoinette Page's English translation of Thomas Albert's Histoire du Madawaska (2 of 2) n.d.
- UM-123 (3/3) Folder 12: Typescript of Leopoldine Nadeau Beland's life in English with French translation (added in 2015) written in 1969.

***Order and arrangement:***

***Series 3***

**AB-123 (archival bound volume) 2 boxes**



- AB-123 box 1/2 Ledger of accounts from G. H. Page Dry Goods Store 1922-25  
AB-123 box 2/2 Scrapbook, (newspaper articles) 1865-1921, n.d.

**BM-123 (oversize documents) Folder 1 of 2 Box 1/1**

- BM-123 (1/5) Certificate signed by Governor Frederick Robie empowering A.G. Fenlason as a justice of the Peace 1883  
BM-123 (2/5) Lausier and Vaillancourt Family genealogical chart, 1939  
BM-123 (3/5) Matural Life Insurance policy for Alphonsine Page, October 8, 1924  
BM-123 (4/5) Metropolitan Life ins. policy for Rosario J. Page, December 23, 1916  
BM-123 (5/5) Certificate issued to Rosario J. Page, M.D. by the State of Maine Board of Registration of Medicine, March 23, 1904

**BM-123 (oversize documents) Folder 2 of 2 Box 1/1**

- BM-123 (1/5) Large photograph of Fort Kent train station, n.d. (note on back: "Leaving for Northern Maine Junction by way of Eagle Lake & Ashland")  
BM-123 (2/5) Certificate of Naturalization for Rosario Jean Baptiste Page completed in Houlton, Maine, 18 April 1923  
BM-123 (3/5) Testimonial signed by Governor Carl Milliken recognizing Dr. R. J. Page for being a member of the State's Selective Service System during the "War with Germany"  
BM-123 (4/5) Testimonial certificate signed by Governor Carl Milliken recognizing John Philip Poirier as a member of Selective Service System during the "War with Germany"  
BM-123 (5/5) Receipt for goods sold to F.W. Mallett by H. F. Farnham & Co., Portland, Maine, June 11, 1902

***Order and arrangement:***

***Series 7 – Video recordings***

- AC-123 (1) **"On Campus at the University of Maine at Fort Kent"** produced & directed by Charles Halsted, MPBN, 1978. Recorded on **U-matic analog videocassette format. A second copy exists on Video Tape V-32 format.** People interviewed were: Dr. Richard Spath, UMFK President; Dr. Roland Burns, Exec. Dean; Dr. Timothy Brooks, Dean of Student Affairs; Wendy Kindred, Art teacher; Dr. Eberhard H. Thiele, Environmental Studies; Steve Selva; Dr. Walter Lichtenstein, French teacher; Dr. Judith K. Pusey, Education; Joyce Harvey, Sponsored Program; Charles E. Closser, Jr., Director Performing Arts; James Gibson, Director Music; Dr. Ray W. Ownbey, English.

**Note:** In April 2012 the U-matic analog videocassette tape was sent to the Maine State Library to be transferred on DVD because no player for this format was available on campus.

- AC-123 (2) **"US 1 American Profile"** narrated by Van Heflin, December 1962 on **16 in. 16 mm film.** Special look at U.S. Highway #1 stretching 2383 miles along the East Coast from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida. (Transferred on MP2 video file in

2012 by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media, Fort Kent, Maine)

AC-123 (3) “**River Logging / Cunliffe Depot**” no sound, unknown creator. Ca. 1930’s. **16 mm film.** (Logging drive, bateaux, logging with horses, logging camp, Lombard log hauler, Fort Kent suspended bridge) (Transferred on MP2 video file in 2012 by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media, Fort Kent, Maine)

AC-123 (4) “**People’s Benevolent Hospital**” no sound, unknown creator. Circa early 1960. On 5” **super 8 film.**

People’s Benevolent Hospital opened its doors in 1952. For the next twenty three years the hospital was run by Les Petites Franciscaines de Marie, a Catholic order of nuns with special skills in hospital management. Then, in 1975, Peoples Benevolent Hospital became a public community hospital and changed its name to Northern Maine Medical Center. (Transferred on MP2 video file in 2012 by 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media, Fort Kent, Maine).

AC-123 (5) “**1969 Fort Kent Centennial Parade**” on super 8 film, donated by Frank Jalbert of Fort Kent. The film was transferred on DVD.

AC-123 (6) “**On-Campus:UMFK**” on Video Tape V-32 (already transferred see AC-123 1/11)

**NOTE: The following items were not transferred on any other media because no player for these formats were available on campus. These items are located in the collection room with shelf list numbers**

AC-123 (7/11) **Archbishop I** on Video Tape V-32

AC-123 (8/11) **Archbishop II** on Video Tape V-32

AC-123 (9/11) **Centennial Celebration** on Video Tape V-32

MCC-00123 AC-123 (10/11) **Unity 1<sup>st</sup> Half** on Video Tape V-32

MCC-00123 AC-123 (11/11) **Dr. Grindle, Boston, Good Morning Show** on Video Tape V-30H

#### *Concordances (videos)*

##### Films/moving images

MCC-00123 AC-123 (1/11) (On Campus)

MCC-00123 AC-123 (2/11) (US 1)

MCC-00123 AC-123 (3/11) River Logging

MCC-00123 AC-123 (4/11) Hospital

MCC-00123 AC-123 (5/11) Parade

##### Archival gold DVDs

MCC-00123 AV-123 (1 of 5)

MCC-00123 AV-123 (2 of 5)

MCC-00123 AV-123 (3 of 5)

MCC-00123 AV-123 (4 of 5)

MCC-00123 AV-123 (5 of 5)

**(Reels 6 to 11 were not transferred)**

**Note: Archival gold DVDs were transferred on white label DVD and cataloged in the media section under Fort Kent Historical Society**

#### *Order and arrangement:*

##### **Series 8 – Audio recordings**

**AR-123 (12 archival reels, 9 of which are originals and the others are copies. The**

**originals were copied on 8 archival gold compact discs.**

- Subseries A, Public meetings on Higher Education Planning  
Commission Reports, held at Fort Kent High School. 1969;
- Subseries B: Oral Histories, 1974;
- Subseries C: UMFK
- Subseries D: Miscellaneous

Note: The reels were re-numbered trying to establish an order due to the multiple copies of some of the reels.

Reel 1

Content unknown, inaudible.

Reels 2, 3, & 4

(consist of 1 original and 2 copies) = AR-123 Reel 2,  
AR-123 Reel 2, c.2  
AR-123 Reel 2, c.3

**Speakers:** Vaughn Currier; Chancellor MacNeil; Joseph M. Fox President of Fort Kent State College; Bill H. Knight, Dean of Instruction at FK State College; Bert Cyr, president of the Student Senate at FK State College. Duration 1hr 3 minutes.

(Public meeting called by the Chancellor, Donald McNeal, U. of Maine, Dec. 9, 1969 on the *Progress Report of the Higher Education Planning Commission to Donald R McNeal, Chancellor, University of Maine, November 11, 1969*)

Reels 5 & 6

(consist of 1 original and 1 copy) = AR-123 Reel 3  
AR-123 Reel 3, c.2

**Speakers:** Senator Elmer Violette; Senator Jim Martin; the Minority Leader of the House Representative Emilien Levesque of Madawaska; ?(Hershel) Good from Monticello; Marcella Belanger Violette's; Father Marcotte, pastor of the St. Louis Church; Bernard Pelkie, Principal of Fort Kent Elementary School; Romeo Marquis, principal Van Buren District High School; Brenda Hart, senior at Fort Kent High School; (Gomer Doody / Dube?) representing Madawaska Chamber of Commerce. Duration 1hr. 9 minutes.

(Public meeting called by the Chancellor, Donald McNeal, U. of Maine, Dec. 9, 1969 (hearing on the *Progress Report of the Higher Education Planning Commission to Donald R McNeal, Chancellor, University of Maine, November 11, 1969*)

Reel 7 = AR-123 Reel 4

**Speakers:** Dr. Verne Morey speaking on behalf of the faculty; Attorney Robert Jalbert of Fort Kent; Richard Crocker, chairman of the Aroostook Co. Superintendent...

Duration 1 hr 8 minutes.

(Public meeting called by the Chancellor, Donald McNeal, U. of Maine, Dec. 9, 1969 continued) (hearing on the *Progress Report of the Higher Education Planning Commission to Donald R McNeal, Chancellor, University of Maine, November 11, 1969*)

**Subseries B: Oral Histories, 1974**

Reel 8 = AR-123 Reel 5

Conversation with **Francis McBreairty** describing the use of various antiques from the local lumber industry. Unknown interviewer, not dated, poor sound, recorded over another track at different speed. Duration 16 minutes.

Reel 9 = AR-123 Reel 6

Conversation with **Patrick Mullins** of St. John Plantation, born in 1919, and his father **Daniel Mullins**, born in the Allagash. They talk about work in the woods of the Allagash and beyond. Sound is good but not great. Two tracks are playing simultaneously at differed speed. Duration 50 minutes.

Reel 10 = AR-123 Reel 7

Conversation with **Denis Pelletier** of Allagash talking about his family life, farm life, and work. Unknown interviewer. Sound is good. Duration 47 minutes.

### **Subseries C: UMFK**

Reel 11 = AR-123 Reel 8

Live broadcast of the Thanksgiving Mass (1978) at the gym at the University of Maine at Fort Kent celebrating the school's centennial. Broadcasted by Russ Brimmer for Maine Public Radio. Mass presided over by Archbishop Jean Gardeau.

### **Subseries D: Miscellaneous**

Reel 12 = AR-123 Reel 9

Lowell Onsgood, UMFK Athletic Director speaking about the poor conditions of the campus athletic facilities; "Knock," a **French** satire, written by Jules Romain, and read by different students, not dated.

### *Concordances (reels)*

<u>Reel #</u>	<u>Archival Gold Compact Disc</u>	<u>LCCN (ACADIAN A-V AudioCD)</u>
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AR-123 Reel 1 was not transferred on CD because of the very poor sound quality

AR-123 Reel 2	MCC-00123 AJ-123 1/8	LA298 .P83 1969 pt.1
AR-123 Reel 3	MCC-00123 AJ-123 2/8	LA298 .P83 1969 pt.2
AR-123 Reel 4	MCC-00123 AJ-123 3/8	LA298 .P83 1969 pt.3
AR-123 Reel 5	MCC-00123 AJ-123 4/8	GR110.M2 M334
AR-123 Reel 6	MCC-00123 AJ-123 5/8	GR110.M2 M85
AR-123 Reel 7	MCC-00123 AJ-123 6/8	GR110.M2 P45
AR-123 Reel 8	MCC-00123 AJ-123 7/8	BX2230.2 .L58 1978 pt.1, pt. 2, pt.3
AR-123 Reel 9	MCC-00123 AJ-123 8/8	PQ2635.O52 K56

**V1 -123 (5 items) Note: These items were given to the Acadian Archives in March**

**and April 2012 from the Fort Kent Historical Society to be added to this collection**

- V1-123 item 1: Poster** of A.L. Dugal Hardware store which was added to the collection in 2012. Poster size is 21 ½" x 30 ½". It is undated but as per Chadwick Pelletier, President of the Fort Kent Historical Society, it would be from the 1930's. The Poster was inserted in a Mylar sleeve for protection.
- V1-123 items 2 & 3:** Bangor & Aroostook R.R. excursion to Houlton, April 4, 5, & 6, 1911. Measurements 10.5 in. x 29 in.; Bangor & Aroostook R.R. Camp Meeting at Littleton, Special Train Sun., Aug. 6, 1911. Measurements 10.5 in. x 29 in.
- V1-123 items 4 & 5:** Bangor & Aroostook R.R. Camp Meeting at Littleton, Special Train, Sunday, Aug. 13, 1911. Measurements 10.5 in. x 29 in.; Bangor & Aroostook R. R. Camp Meeting at Riverside Camp Ground, Special Train, Sunday, Aug. 13, 1911. Measurements 10.5 in. x 29 in. Color: light blue.