

“U. S. 1: American Profile [Maine Excerpt]”

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Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: “U. S. 1: American Profile [Maine Excerpt]”

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Biographical/historical data:

“U.S. 1: American Profile [Maine excerpt]” is an excerpt from the 60-minute television documentary special “U.S. 1: American Profile.” This program about the 2,500-mile highway which runs from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida was produced for NBC-TV in 1962 with sponsorship from the Savings & Loan Foundation. Narrated by actor Van Heflin, the documentary was produced and written by Lou Hazam and directed by Tom Priestley and Ray Garner. Camera crews were directed by Tom Preistley in the north and Ray Carver in the south. The program was broadcast on NBC 29 March 1962.”

Provenance: NBC News Archives produced this videocassette excerpt in 1995 as a courtesy to the Acadian Archives. Archives director Lisa Ornstein had established contact with NBC seeking permission to make a videocassette transfer of a 30-minute 16 mm. film excerpt of “U. S. 1: American Profile” donated to the Archives as part of the Fort Kent Historical Society Collection. NBC News Archives staff informed her that NBC owns the copyright and that the Acadian Archives did not have the right to make such a transfer. They also informed her that the 60-minute film was not available through a commercial distributor. However, their News Archives offered to donate a transfer the “Maine segment” of the documentary to the Archives.

Date Range: 29 March 1962

Physical Characteristics/Condition: 1 VHS (videocassette) showing “NBC NEWS” printed on label and “Maine American Profile” handwritten on label. Recording of videocassette is grainy but in fair condition and audio is good.

Restrictions on Access: NBC is the sole owner of all copyrights and exclusive rights in and to the footage of this videocassette. This videocassette may only be used as follows: on the University of Maine System campus for non-commercial educational purposes during regular hours of the research/reading areas where

other such items are available for use; the preservation and /or a service copy only of the footage shall be used, and no further copying, distribution or other use of any kind of the footage may be made by the University of Maine System without NBC's prior written consent.

Identified individuals or groups that appear in the video recording:

Fort Kent area residents: Omer Thibodeau, Willard Jalbert, Sr., Willard Jalbert, Jr., Gerry Bouchard, Jimmy Daigle, Marilyn Etscovitz.

Identified locations:

Maine:
Fort Kent: Main St. (including Coté's jewelry store, Jeannie's Diner, Nadeau Furniture), Block House
Frenchville: Couvent Rosaire
Fort Fairfield area: Farm of George Finland
Washington County: winter hunting scenes
Calais: house
Bar Harbor region: summer homes, sea shore
Rockland: lobstering scene
Brunswick: Bowdoin College, Harriet Beecher Stowe home

Conservation needs: a Gold DVD preservation copy was made of the original videocassette (collection number AV-131) and a used DVD copy was made for the media section of the archives with call number: ACADIAN A-V DVD HE356.M35 U8 1995

Scope and Content Note: 1 videocassette of "U.D. 1: Maine American Profile" segment of an NBC News report of March 29, 1962 reproduced in 1995 for the Acadian Archives/ Archives acadiennes.