

**A Guide to the
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Provenance, scope and Content Notes. The eighty slides in the "Paula Lerner Photographs, 1995" collection are a representative selection of a series of approximately 400 images of Maine's Upper St. John Valley shot during the summer and early fall of 1995 by Paula Lerner. Ms. Lerner, a professional free-lance photographer, took these photographs for Mark Sullivan's *Yankee Magazine* features "This New England," which appeared in the June 1996 issue. The original images belong to the photographer. Acadian Archives staff contacted Ms. Lerner and requested that she select a representative sampling of the slides for purchase by the Archives.

The majority of Ms. Lerner's photographs document the potato harvest at the J. A. & R. Farm (St. Francis), the 1995 Acadian Festival (Madawaska), and the Chassè Family Reunion (Madawaska and St. Agatha). There are also a small number of photographs of individuals, the international border, and exteriors of private homes.

In addition to the microfilms, this collection includes a copy of the June 1996 *Yankee Magazine* in which Ms. Lerner's photographs of the St. John Valley first appeared.

Biographical Note. Paula Lerner, born in New York City in 1959, is a free-lance photographer based in the Boston area who works primarily for national and international magazines. Her clients include *The New York Times*, The National Geographic Society, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *German GEO*, *Der Spiegel* (Germany), *Panorama* (Italy), and *AERA* (Japan). She was a 1993 Pictures of the Year Award Winner and a multiple medal winner in the 1996 Big Picture Awards.

Order and Arrangement. The Photographer's original order has been maintained.

The Inventory. The inventory consists of the photographer's captions, which have been transcribed verbatim.

Indexes. At the end of the inventories, Archives staff has prepared indexes of personal names, subjects, sites, and towns. The personal name index, which is based on information supplied by the photographer, is not complete. Archives staff will be happy to add names of individuals identified by users of this collection.

Related Publication. A number of the photographs in this collection were published in the June 1996 issue of *Yankee Magazine* to accompany Mark Sullivan's article "This New England" (pp. 38-51, 118-121).

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Item-Level Inventory

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MCC:97-00151/1	At the 1995 Chassé Family reunion, relatives find names of their forbearers in the St. Agatha Cemetery.
MCC:97-00151/2	Les Chevaliers de Colomb, or Knights of Columbus, escort the clergy at a St. Agatha memorial service.
MCC:97-00151/3	Inside a potato harvester, workers sort out rocks from potatoes as they come by on a conveyer belt.
MCC:97-00151/4	A worker holds a chute as hand-picked potatoes pile up in a storage bin at the J. A. & R. Farms in St. Francis, ME.
MCC:97-00151/5	School kids still get out to pick potatoes during harvest time. Here hand-pickers take a break [sic] at J. A. & R. Farm in St. Francis.
MCC:97-00151/6	Whole families work together at potato harvest time. Here workers take a lunch break in a field of grass.
MCC:97-00151/7	At the J. A. & R. Farm in St. Francis, ME., workers hand pick potatoes. The truck comes by to pick up full barrels of the crop.
MCC:97-00151/8	Harvest time is still a time when families come together to work and play.
MCC:97-00151/9	Hand picking potatoes at the J. A. & R. Farm in St. Francis, ME. Parents and children work together.
MCC:97-00151/10	Valley kids get out of school to help with the potato harvest. Hand picking potatoes at J. A. & R. Farm, St. Frances, [sic].
MCC:97-00151/11	Gerald Ouellette drives a potato harvesting machine at Rocky Beach Farms in St. David, ME.
MCC:97-00151/12	Arnold Martin of J. A. & R. Farms in St. Francis, ME, dumps hand-picked potatoes into a storage bin.

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MCC:97-00151/13	Whole families come out to help bring in the harvest. Hand picking potatoes at J. A. & R. Farms in St. Francis, ME.
MCC:97-00151/14	Harvesting machine at dusk. Farmers work long hours to bring in the potato crop before the ground freezes.
MCC:97-00151/15	Nicole Bellefleur and high school coach Paul Baker wad in St. John River w MCC:97-0015/ students (in distance) to cool off on hot day.
MCC:97-00151/16	Retired potato farmer Romeo Chassé, 80, of St. Agatha, ME., watches clouds roll in before a storm.
MCC:97-00151/17	Don Cyr sits inside Notre Dame du Mont Carmel in Lille, ME. He has put great effort into restoring this unique church.
MCC:97-00151/18	Simion [sic] Doucette, 88, fiddles traditional Acadian tunes across the street from Notre Dame church in Lille, ME.
MCC:97-00151/19	Teacher Ross Paradis and his wife ME State Senator Judy Paradis with Acadian Flags at Adacian [sic] Festival Parade.
MCC:97-00151/20	Proud of her Acadian heritage, Geraldine Chassé of St. David, ME., holds a portrait of her parents
MCC:97-00151/21	The St. John River forms an international border between Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.
MCC:97-00151/22	Farmers [sic] fields with rows of oats and potatoes on a summer day. Near St. Agatha, ME.
MCC:97-00151/23	Farms in the St. John River Valley.
MCC:97-00151/24	Bridge over the St. John River between Madawaska, ME. In the U.S., and Edmundston, New Brunswick, in Canada.
MCC:97-00151/25	Mist on the St. John River early on a mid-summer morning.

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MCC:97-00151/26	Bridge over St. John River at Fort Kent, ME. Cemetary [sic] in foreground overlooks river.
MCC:97-00151/27	Cemetary [sic] with many French names, Madawaska, ME. Factory smoke stack and church spires in background.
MCC:97-00151/28	View of Long Lake at dawn. St. John Valley, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/29	Silhouette of harvesting machines against cloudy sky during potato harvest. St. John Valley, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/30	Harvesting machine in field during the fall potato harvest. St. John valley, Maine.
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MCC:97-00151/33	Man sits on porch of his house. Madonna statue is in yard. St. John Valley, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/34	Madonna statue next to wood pile. St. John Valley, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/35	Reno Chassé (left) and sister Anita Chassé (right) carry hammer and horse shoe at Chassé family mass, St. Agatha, ME.
MCC:97-00151/36	Father Michael Gendreau gives a member of the Knights of Columbus communion at Chassé family mass, St. Agatha, ME.
MCC:97-00151/37	Carrying the Chassé family banner at the Chassé family mass in St. Agatha, ME. Part of 1995 Chassé reunion festivities.
MCC:97-00151/38	Priest in Catholic Church during the 1995 Chassé family reunion mass in St. Agatha, ME.
MCC:97-00151/39	A family attends a French language mass at St. [sic] Luce Church in Frenchville, ME.

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MCC:97-00151/40	Mother attends to a baby while a young girl plays during the 1995 Chassé family reunion mass in St. Agatha, ME.
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MCC:97-00151/42	Jeunes Chanteurs Acadians on a float at the Acadian Festival Parade in Madawaska, Maine 1995.
MCC:97-00151/43	Danielle Cyr dances with American flag and sings during the 1995 Acadian Festival talent show in Madawaska, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/44	Miss Mini Maine, Mallory Lavoie, age 5, sings during the 1995 Acadian festival talent show in Madawaska, Maine.
MCC:97-00151/45	Don Cyr dresses in traditional Acadian costume and dances at the 1995 Acadian Festival in Madawaska, ME.
MCC:97-00151/46	(1-r) Sharon Pelletier and Mallory Lavoie help 2-yr-old Linsay Lavoie sing at the 1995 Acadian Festival in Madawaska, ME.
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MCC:97-00151/51	Girls dance to contemporary music at the 1995 Acadian Festival in Madawaska, ME.
MCC:97-00151/52	Canoes come down the St. John River in a reenactment of the arrival of the first Acadians, part of the 1995 Acadian Festival.

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MCC:97-00151/53	Canoes arrive at the landing site of the 1 st Acadians in the St. John Valley, a reenactment as part of the 1995 Acadian Festival.
MCC:97-00151/54	Wearing a traditional Acadian dress, Lee Cyr and daughter Mary help reenact the arrival of 1 st Acadians, at 1995 Acadian Fest.
MCC:97-00151/55	Wearing traditional dress, Doug and Lee Cyr and their family help reenact the arrival of 1 st Acadians, at 1995 Acadian Fest.
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MCC:97-00151/57	Girls dressed in traditional costume climb on sculpture of first Acadians arriving in St. John Valley at 1995 Acadian Festival.
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MCC:97-00151/60	Simion [sic] Doucette, 88, gives a speech at the celebration of his 60 th wedding anniversary in St. Agatha, ME.
MCC:97-00151/61	Group of singers in traditional costume at the Chassé family talent show, 1995 Chassé family reunion. Madawaska, ME.
MCC:97-00151/62	Group of singers in traditional costume at the Chassè family talent show, 1995 Chassè family reunion. Madawaska, ME.
MCC:97-00151/63	Hundreds of people from all over country come for the 1995 Chassé family reunion in Madawaska, ME.

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MCC:97-00151/64	Jeannine Chassé Lynch (originally from Van Buren) hugs a family member at the 1995 Chassé family, Madawaska, ME.
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