

Finding Aid

**Ida Bourgoïn Roy Song Manuscript Collection
(MCC-00161)**

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Collection title: Ida Bourgoïn Roy Song Manuscript Collection

Accession Number: MCC-00161

Provenance: The collection owned by Ida Bourgoïn Roy from Van Buren was sent, by mail, to the Acadian Archives on May 14, 1992.

Date of donation: May 14, 1992

Access to the collection: There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Quantity: 25 pages (1 folder)

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Photocopies and handwritten notes are in fair conditions

Introduction. This finding aid provides information about the "Ida Bourgoïn Roy Song Manuscript collection: photocopies of a collection of song texts collected by Ida Bourgoïn Roy from her father, Joseph Patrick Bourgoïn, a St. Agathe resident; from Georges Arsenault, "La chanson du pays, 1983"; and Alsime Madore

Biographical Sketch: Ida Bourgoïn Roy was born April 17, 1921, in Stockholm, Maine, the daughter of Patrick and Alvina (Marquis) Bourgoïn. She had been collecting and singing the songs of her ancestors for over 50 years. She learned from her father, Patrick Bourgoïn, and other neighbors in the S. John Valley at *soirées* and family gatherings.

From the Bangor Daily News' Obituary, Saturday, February 24, 2007

"Ida was well known throughout the state as the "Voice of the Valley," for her Acadian folklore singing. She was featured in Downeast magazine for her contributions to Acadian culture. Ida was selected as Woman of Aroostook County 1999, and although she won honors for her renditions of American melodies as a child, it was French songs she loved best. Her love of Acadian music had become a lifelong passion to keep the musical art alive.

She performed at the Maine State Festival on many occasions, and composed many published poems and songs. Ida had many other passions, such as painting, composing music, crocheting, knitting and singing. Her favorite, recent pastime was using the internet and forwarding her written songs and poems to family and friends. Ida was well known throughout the community for her affectionate personality and talents. She was a member of the American Historical Society, St. Agatha; the Evangeline Circle No. 464; Daughters of Isabella and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 49, Van Buren.

Ida, 85, died Feb. 22, 2007, at a Van Buren nursing home, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. She is survived by three daughters, Cecile Roy and husband, Claude Sr., of Van Buren, Edwina Roy and husband, Gerald, of Frenchville and Brenda Cyr and husband, Dean, of Lewiston; five sons, Rosaire Roy Jr., and wife, Marie, of North Turner, Louis Phillip Roy Sr. and wife, Diane of Augusta, Angelo Roy of Fort Kent,

Romeo Roy, Sr. and wife, Judy, of Augusta, Sylvio Roy of Virginia Ouellette-Thibault
A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bruno-St. Remi Catholic Church with special
friend, the Rev. David Raymond, celebrant.”

Scope and content: This collection consists of 25 pages of photocopied French and English song
texts and photos. The songs seem to have been written by Ida Bourgoïn Roy’s
father, Joseph Patrick Bourgoïn.

Order and arrangement: The materials were contained in a 10 x 13 inches manilla envelope.
Original order is as follows:

2 handwritten notes:

1 original handwritten note from Ida with some names and addresses

1 photocopied handwritten note from Mary Jane, dated “Jeudi le douze mars”

19 photocopied song texts with following titles (titles are written as they appear on
documents)

- 1) “C’est un Garçon Que J’ai Lontemps Amie!”
by Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 2) “Cesse De Couler Mes L’arme’s”
coll.: Ida Roy; by Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 3) “Je ne Pense Q’ua toi”
coll.: Ida Roy, from Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 4) “Petit S’oiseau”
coll.: Ida Roy, from Patrick Brougoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 5) “L’aissez-Moi D’ormir”
by Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 6) “Un Soir j’etais Assie”
by Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 7) “Reviens, Reviens”
coll.: Ida Roy
- 8) “Corrine De La Douceur!”
coll.: Ida Roy, St. Agathe, Me.
- 9) “Ecouter Je Vais Vous Chanter;”
coll.: Ida Roy, St. Agathe, Me.
- 10) “La guerre a Bien Ete Longue!”
by Patrick Bourgoïn, St. Agathe, Me.
- 11) “:Rossignol Des Bois;”

by Patrick Bourgoin, St. Agathe, Me.

- 12) "Fox HENRY."
- 13) "Un Voyageur Ce D'eternime;"
From Patrick Bourgoin, St. Agathe, Me.
- 14) "Estropie Dans Un Chantier"
From Patrick Bourgoin, St. Agathe, Me.
- 15) "Complainte LES TROIS FRERE'S"
Coll.: Ida Roy
By Patrick Bourgoin
St. Agathe, Me.
- 16) "Notch BabySong"
Composer: Ida Roy
January 13, 1990
- 17) "Un Jeune Soldat!
Qui Revient De La Guerre"
Coll.: Ida Roy
By Patrick Bourgoin
St. Agathe, Me.
- 18) "En Haut De Ces Montagnes"
Coll: Georges Arsenault,
La chanson du pays, 1983
- 19) "La Complainte A Wilfred Roy"
Coll.: Ida Roy
"Composser par Alsimé Madore"

2 taped sheets:

1 photocopy of 3 different photos with names of individuals photographed:

"Rosaire with his team of horses"

"Brothers Wilfrid and Rosaire with sister Mary Jane"

"Wilfrid Roy at John Cormier chantier" with an illegible newspaper note
appearing on the photo.

taped to: 1 sheet of typewritten note explaining the newspaper article in photo
about "Fort Kent Man Is Crushed Under Log At Portage Lake"

1 photocopy of a picture:

"Rosaire; Albene Bouley; Rosaire's brother of Wilfrid; Wilfrid; Alfie
Roy, cousin.

1 photocopy of article from "Le Forum" (not dated):
"Notch Baby Song composed and submitted by Ida Roy, Van Buren,
Maine"