

*Mae Ann Gagnon collection*

**MCC-00166**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Mae Ann Gagnon collection

**Creator/Collector:** Charette, Delia, 1897 - 1978

**Collection number:** MCC-00166

Shelf list number: BM-166

**Dates:** 1914

**Extent:** 1 oversize folder (.05 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Mae Ann Gagnon, daughter of Delia Charette Pinette.

**Language:** Not applicable.

**Conservation notes:** The matted black and white photo was inserted in clear mylar plastic for preservation and placed in an oversize folder.

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

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** Not applicable.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Biographical information:**

**Delia Charette** was born 11 September 1897 in Fort Kent, daughter of Antoine and Eglie Charette. She was a member of the Madawaska Training school class of 1914. After graduating from the Madawaska Training School, she taught in district schools at Little Black Lake and in Wallagrass, Maine. She married John Pinette in February 1925 and retired from teaching to raise

her family and take care of elderly relatives. In 1948 she returned to teaching at the St. Louis Convent in Fort Kent, Maine, where she taught for about fourteen years. She passed away April 24, 1978. She is not identified in the 1914 class photo.

**George F. Martin**, identified in the class photo, is standing in the middle in suit and tie. He was born in Lewiston, Maine and resided in Fort Kent. He was class president in 1914 at the Madawaska Training School. He enlisted in the military on June 22, 1917, during WWI, was sent overseas in September 1917, and was killed in action on May 10, 1918. The Martin-Klein American Legion Post 133 in Fort Kent, Maine, was named after George F. Martin and Kenneth Klein who were among the first to volunteer and the first two veterans from Fort Kent to be killed during WWI.

**Ardelle M. Tozier** of Presque Isle Normal School became acting principal while Miss Mary Nowland went on a leave of absence for part of the 1914 school year. She is believed to be in the photo standing to the left behind George F. Martin. Aroostook State Normal School (ASNS) in Presque Isle opened its doors on September 15, 1903 and Miss Tozier was an assistant teacher at the time. She was also the very first librarian at the Aroostook State Normal School now the University of Maine at Presque Isle. In a 1920 school report, she is listed as assistant principal.

Gertrude Michaud, not identified, was vice-president of the class of 1914 and Louis O. Cyr was treasurer.

**Scope and content:** This collection consists of one matted black and white photograph and one exercise booklet (missing) of the 1914 graduating class at the Madawaska Training School. The photo dimensions are 20 cm x 24 cm. The dimensions of the decorative mat board with photo are 29.5 cm x 34.5 cm. The mat board has a grayish colored core with a blue gray decorative frame. There are 20 females dressed in white either sitting or standing and 2 males, standing, dressed in suits and neck ties. The man in the middle of the photo has been identified as George F. Martin.

**Notes:** The class list of 1914 submitted by Mary P. Nowland to the Maine Department of Education is as follows: Helen D. Allen, Ashland; Cecile Bouchard, Upper Frenchville; Victoire M. Boutote, Fort Kent; Délie P. Charette, Fort Kent; Azalie Côte, Wallagrass; Chrisitne Cyr, St. David; Louis O. Cyr, St. David; Rosa Cyr, St. David; Délina Daigle, St. Francis; Ella Daigle, Fort Kent; Leanna Daigle, St. Francis; Grace Hébert, Madawaska; Elsie Labbé, Winterville; Laura B. Mallett, Fort Kent; George F. Martin, Eagle Lake; Gertrude Michaud, New Canada; Laura Ouellette, Upper Frenchville; Mary D. Ramsay, Fort Kent; Mary Roy, Daigle; Thérèse Saucier, Wallagrass. (Alice Reeve Cote's name is missing from this list but shows up in the University of Maine at Fort Kent "Century and a Quarter of Progress" class list of the 1914 roster).

### ***Inventory:***

- Item 1: photo of the Madawaska Training School graduating class of 1914 on mat board
- Item 2: one copy of the graduating exercises booklet for the MTS class of 1914 (missing)