

**Lowell E. Daigle Book Manuscript  
Finding Aid**

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*Provenance:* Professor Daigle's book manuscript began as an ethnographic field research project in Daigle, Maine, where she spent four summers of residence from 1966 to 1969. She subsequently married, became a permanent community member, found employment, and raised a family. From 1969 to the early 1990s she continued her research and analysis, and organized her findings into the chapters which make up the present manuscript.

*Chain of Custody:* Lowell Daigle's family donated a 204-page typescript to the Archives in October 1998.

*Date Range:* ca. 1969-1998

*Quantity:* 204 sheets

*Physical Characteristics/Condition:* The donated collection consists of 204 pages of 8.5' x 11" typescript.

*Access:* The estate of Lowell E. Daigle retains exclusive publication rights and copyright privileges for this collection until 8 October 2003. Up until that date, access to this material is limited to on-site consultation only. Researchers may take notes but they may not quote verbatim nor copy the material by mechanical or electronic means.

*Scope and Content Note:* The Lowell E. Daigle Book Manuscript examines Franco-American culture and society in Maine's Upper St. John Valley, focusing on data gathered between the late 1960s and the early 1990s in a small hamlet pseudonymously referred to as "Alouette." Organized into six chapters, the manuscript focuses on family, church, and recent changes in the study community. The manuscript also includes historical background about the Acadians prior to their arrival in Northern Maine.

The manuscript as originally donated appears to be incomplete, at least according to the information provided in the Table of Contents. Missing are the title page, preface, illustrations, and maps.

*Biographical Note:* Lowell E. Daigle (b. 6-30-1940, d. 8-10-1996) did undergraduate work at Wellesley College and at Boston University, where she received a B.A. in Dociology and Anthropology in 1964. She completed her M.A. in Social Anthropology at Harvard University in 1966. Professor Daigle first came to the St. John Valley in the mid-1960s as a Ph.D. student researching the residential community of Daigle, Maine. In 1969, she began a teaching career at the University of Maine at Fort Kent where, from 1990 to 1996 she served as Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology.

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