

Finding Aid

**Alice Breton Tourigny Song Manuscript Collection
(MCC-00186)**

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Collection title: Alice Breton Tourigny Song Manuscript Collection

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Provenance: This handwritten photocopy edition of French-language song text compiled by Alice Breton of Lewiston, Maine circa 1929 was brought in to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes on May 14, 1992 by Mr. Philip Belanger. Mr. Belanger was born in Auburn, Maine and moved to Plaisted in 1980. Mr. Belanger appended a pagesworth of obituary notes of Mrs. Tourigny and other relatives to the collection. This collection appears to be songs written by different artist of years past.

Date of donation: 15 April 1994

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

Quantity: 2 items, 90 leaves

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Photocopies and handwritten notes are in good to very good penmanship

Introduction. This finding aid provides information about the "Alice Breton Tourigny Song Manuscript collection: photocopies of a collection of song texts created by Alice Breton Tourigny from different artists.

Biographical Sketch: Alice Tourigny (née Breton), was born in St-Giles, Québec, on September 5, 1907 and died in Lewiston, Maine on 25 April 1966. Mrs Tourigny was the creator of the document, and maternal aunt to Mr. Philip Belanger, who is the present owner of a photocopy edition. Mr. Belanger did not know the whereabouts of the original notebook.

Philip Belanger, son of Philippe Henri Joseph Belanger and Eva Breton, loaned the Archives his photocopy edition for copying. Mr. Belanger, born in Auburn, Maine, went to school in Lisbon and Madawampeag, Maine. His wife is from Wallagrass and they moved to Plaisted in 1980.

According to Mr. Belanger, Alice Tourigny's father's name was Arcadus Breton. Her family moved to Lewiston during her childhood, where her parents worked in the mills. Alice had four brothers and three sisters. Mr. Belanger remembers visiting the Breton's household in Lewiston as a child and that his aunt and her sisters enjoyed singing around the piano, especially around the Christmas season.

Scope and content: This collection consists of 1 page of obituary notes, 1 cover page, 86 pages of photocopied French and English song texts, and 2 pages of song titles.

Order and arrangement: The material is in 1 archival folder
Original order is as follows:

1 obituary note:

photocopy of obituary cards of family members

1 cover sheet:

"Ce livre appartient à Alice Breton, 104 Knox St, Lewiston, Maine, 1929"

86 sheets of photocopied song texts with following titles (titles are written as they appear on documents)

Song # Titles

- 1) "Salut Ô ma belle Patrie"
- 2) "Le long du St Laurent"
- 3) "Chanson du Prisonnier"
- 4) "Un Canadien"
- 5) "Chanson"
- 6) "Un récit"
- 7) "Martha"
- 8) (no number 8 appears in the collection)
- 9) "Les fiancés du nord"
- 10) "Je t'aime"
- 11) "Le mousse noir"
- 12) "Les arceaux de Notre Dame"
- 13) "Dans le bon vieux temps"
- 14) "Chanson"
- 15) "Chanson"
- 16) "En Espagne"
- 17) "Ramona"
- 18) "Il fallait des Anges"
- 19) "Un coin du ciel bleu"
- 20) "Comme une rose"
- 21) "Belle Amoureuse"
- 22) "Chanson"
- 23) "Sous un ciel sans nuage"
- 24) "L'heure brève"
- 24) (Two number "24" appears) "Chanson"
- 25) "Les grands adieux"
- 26) "L'amour Pardonne"
- 27) "Chanson de Marier"
- 28) "S'il fait pleurer sa mère"
- 29) "Anatole et Amanda"
- 30) "Il m'adorait"
- 31) "L'Empress"
- 32) "Le fiancé mourant"
- 33) "Je suis orphelin"
- 34) "La berceuse"

- 35) "La Paloma" (la colombe/ song by Gabriel Soulacroix)
- 36) "Ange de mon berceau"
- 37) "Amour briser"
- 38) "Parmis mes souvenirs"
- 39) "Chanson"
- 40) "Chanson"
- 41) "Chanson"
- 42) "Joyeux enfants de bohème"
- 43) "Mon Soleil"
- 44) "Fermes tes jolis yeux"
- 45) "Pourquoi te faire aimer"
- 46) "A si j'avais des diamants"
- 47) "Evangeline"
- 48) "Là où je t'ai connu"
- 49) "Aurore petite martyre"
- 50) "La Mansarde"
- 51) "Tout doucement"
- 52) "Maman c'est pour la France"
- 57) (jumps from 52 to 57) "Dans le coeur d'une rose"
- 58) "L'hirondelle"
- 59) "Ma Normandie"
- 60) "Regrets"
- 61) "When your hair has turned to silver"
- "Chanson" (not numbered)
- "Si J'avais Su!" (not numbered)
- "From someone who cares" (not numbered)
- "S'aimer toujours" (not numbered)
- "Tell me" (not numbered)

2 sheets:

Photocopies of song titles