

**A Guide to  
“Fort Kent Blockhouse Interpretive Panels 2004”  
MCC-00221**

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## General Information

*Collection title:* Fort Kent Blockhouse Interpretive Panels, 2004

*Accession Number:* MCC-00221

*Shelf Number:* V2-221 (2 Posters)

*Description:* Two interpretive posters on the history of the Fort Kent Blockhouse and the Aroostook War.

*Provenance:* Created by the Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands in 2004 for use as interpretive panels at the Fort Kent Blockhouse. The Acadian Archives' copies of these posters were donated by the Bureau of Parks and Lands in response to a request from the Archives director.

*Physical Description:* Two 25.75" x 38" color printed posters      *Date Range:* 2004      *Language:* English

*Access:* There are no restrictions on this collection.

*Scope and Contents:* The "Fort Kent Blockhouse Interpretive Panels, 2004" provide historical information, drawings, and maps about the Aroostook War and the Fort Kent Blockhouse (1839). They will be of interest to researchers seeking visually rich, accurately researched overviews on these subjects.

The Fort Kent Blockhouse poster includes two sketches of the blockhouse (1842 and 1859) and a photograph of the building (1859). It also includes information about the events leading to the construction of the blockhouse and the chain of custody which eventually resulted in its acquisition by the State of Maine.

The Aroostook War poster includes the lyrics to "The Aroostook War Fighting Song" (1839) and a map showing the boundary line established by the Webster-Ashburton treaty of 1842 as well as the disputed boundary claims made by the United States and by Great Britain between 1821 and 1842. In addition, the poster includes historical information about the events leading to the Aroostook War and the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

*Related Archival Collections/Publications:* Researchers interested in related materials may wish to consult with the following collection at the Acadian Archives:

1. "Upper Saint John River America Treaty Lots 1843-1844" (MCC-0220): a series of maps which record lot boundaries and lot-holder names for the American side of the St. John river;
2. "Maine Militia Record Book, 1839" (MCC-0198): a bound volume containing handwritten regimental orders, related reports, and personal observations concerning the detachment of A Company, Light Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Reg., 1<sup>st</sup> Brig., 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. Maine Militia from mobilization through service in the Aroostook War;
3. "Northeastern Boundary Records [microfilm]" (MCC-0138): a microfilm copy of documents and maps relating to the dispute between the United States and Great Britain

over the Maine/New Brunswick/Quebec boundary. (Originals held by the Maine State Archives.)

4. "Federal Muster Rolls, Fort Kent, Maine, 1841-1845 [microfilm]" (MCC-0150): muster rolls for Federal troops stationed at Fort Jarvis (early name for Fort Kent, Maine) from 1841-1843 and from 1844-1845.

*Preservation Actions:* The panels arrived in excellent condition. They have been placed in archival clear sleeves to protect them from smudging and make them easier to handle.

*Arrangement:* The two posters have been arranged as follows:

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Poster

Fort Kent Blockhouse

Aroostook War