

“Beurmond Banville Bangor Daily News Collection”

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**Title:** Beurmond Banville Bangor Daily News Collection

**Creator/Collector:** Beurmond Banville

**Collection Number:** MCC-00225

**Shelf Numbers:** UM-225 (9 boxes)  
BM -225 (1 oversize box)

**Dates:** 1972-2006

**Extent:** 9 boxes, 1 oversize box (1.84 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** 6 boxes with 33 loose-leaf binders were brought in on November 24, 2006 by Mr. Banville. Mr. Banville donated his articles to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes to be preserved. In the Spring of 2016, Mr. Banville brought in 1 large box and 1 binder of newsprints and handwritten notes.

**Language:** English & French

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

**Physical restrictions:** None

**Technical restrictions:** None

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**Biographical Note:** Beurmond Banville was born 12 April 1945 in Clair, New Brunswick. Beurmond graduated from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 1970. He has been the northern and central Aroostook reporter for the Bangor Daily News and chief of its Madawaska bureau. Mr. Banville has worked for the newspaper for the past 30 years. He began his employment with the Bangor Daily News in February 1972 as the "Saint John Valley Bureau Chief" and has spent most of his working life reporting on events of interest in Aroostook County. He also wrote articles under Pen names such as 'Harry T. Age' (Heritage) and 'Brother Columbo'. Beurmond retired from the Bangor Daily News on 30 November 2006.

In addition to being a first-rate reporter, he took photography classes at Nikon School and at Picard School and became an accomplished photographer. He is one of the founders of the International Press Association of the Madawaska Republic. He resided in Frenchville, Maine for many years and was named Frenchville's Citizen of the Year in 1994. Beurmond generously donates his time and efforts to many civic and community

organizations in the area. In 1995, he was one of 4 adult Scout Masters of the Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to receive the Silver Beaver Award, the council's highest recognition for distinguished service to youth and the community. He received "la Décoration de l'héroïsme" for rescue.

Mr. Banville is an excellent journalist and valuable community member. He has been a member of the Knights of Columbus and served in different positions on local and regional levels. He's been implicated in his parish of Ste-Luce as president of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that parish.

He presently resides in Ste-Agathe, Maine and is serving on the town council as a councilman. Beurmond is still occasionally writing newspaper articles for the BDN even though he's retired.

**Historical Note:** The *Bangor Daily News* was founded on June 18, 1889 by the great-grandfather of the current publisher, Richard J. Warren. It merged with the *Bangor Whig and Courier* (1832-1900) in 1900. Also known as *the News* or *the BDN*, the paper is published by Bangor Publishing Company, a local family-owned company<sup>1</sup> now in its fourth generation of ownership. The Bangor Daily News has produced Maine's newspaper of record for well over one hundred years. The company continues to serve its readers and its advertisers with products that are relevant to the times and provide statewide coverage such as BDN Maine, bangordailynews.com, Bangor Metro Magazine and weekly geographically targeted publications. Carolyn J. Mowers, sister of the publisher, serves as chairman of the board.<sup>2</sup>

**Scope and Contents:** The articles in this collection were written by Beurmond Banville and published in the Bangor Daily News during the period of Mr. Banville's employment as a Bangor Daily News reporter. The articles were clipped from published editions of the newspaper and pasted onto pages in 33 three-ring binders by Mr. Banville soon after their publication. The date range is that of Mr. Banville's employment by the BDN: February 1974 through November 2006 although Mr. Banville did write articles intermittently after his retirement. Article datelines usually are on the American side of the Upper Saint John Valley, but occasionally include towns on the Canadian side.

While the bulk of the material concerns events and/or individuals in the greater Upper Saint John Valley region, Mr. Banville's bilingualism occasionally permitted him to be assigned to cover events in Québec (such as the Reagan-Mulroney summit meeting in Québec in March of 1985 and the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Québec in October 1987).

This collection also includes occasional articles about Mr. Banville (or which include references to him) and random small pieces by other journalists which may be related to items in the collection.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangor\\_Daily\\_News](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangor_Daily_News)

<sup>2</sup> <http://bangordailynews.com/about/>

**Preservation Actions:** All articles in the 33 binders were taken out of the binders and arranged by dates in archival folders. The folders were then placed in 17 different archival boxes for preservation and housed in the Archives collection room. **Note: In 2011-2012, the staff noticed that the newspapers were getting yellowed and damaged in their folders. It was decided to photocopy all the articles on archival paper and discard the original newspaper articles. This reduced the number of boxes from 17 to 10. The folders and boxes were re-numbered and re-labeled. See below**

**Arrangement:** Articles are housed in chronological order of publication up to box 9:

**Box 1:** Folder 1: February 4, 1972 to December 19, 1972  
Folder 2: January 1, 1973 to December 28, 1973  
Folder 3: January 3, 1974 to December 28, 1974  
Folder 4: January 3, 1975 to December 31, 1975  
Folder 5: January 8, 1976 to December 28, 1976  
Folder 6: January 3, 1977 to December 31, 1977  
Folder 7: January 6, 1978 to December 16, 1978

**Box 2:** Folder 1: January 3, 1979 to December 29, 1979  
Folder 2: January 2, 1980 to December 13, 1980  
Folder 3: January 9, 1981 to December 29, 1981  
Folder 4: January 4, 1982 to December 29, 1982  
Folder 5: January 5, 1983 to December 31, 1983  
Folder 6: January 17, 1984 to December 23, 1984  
Folder 7: January 11, 1985 to December 30, 1985

**Box 3:** Folder 1: January 6, 1986 to December 20, 1986  
Folder 2: January 7, 1987 to December 18, 1987  
Folder 3: January 5, 1988 to December 26, 1988  
Folder 4: January 4, 1989 to December 23, 1989  
Folder 5: January 5, 1990 to December 15, 1990  
Folder 6: January 1, 1991 to December 19, 1991

**Box 4:** Folder 1: January 4, 1992 to December 29, 1992  
Folder 2: January 8, 1993 to December 18, 1993  
Folder 3: January 6, 1994 to December 30, 1994  
Folder 4: January 6, 1995 to December 28, 1995  
Folder 5: January 1, 1996 to December 23, 1996  
Folder 6: January 6, 1997 to December 30, 1997

**Box 5:** Folder 1: January 6, 1998 to December 21, 1998  
Folder 2: January 2, 1999 to July 29, 1999  
Folder 3: August 3, 1999 to December 31, 1999  
Folder 4: January 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000  
Folder 5: September 1, 2000 to December 30, 2000

**Box 6:** Folder 1: January 1, 2001 to July 31, 2001  
Folder 2: August 1, 2001 to December 29, 2001  
Folder 3: January 1, 2002 to June 29, 2002  
Folder 4: July 1, 2002 to December 19, 2002  
Folder 5: January 1, 2003 to June 27, 2003  
Folder 6: July 4, 2003 to December 31, 2003

**Box 7:** Folder 1: January 1, 2004 to June 28, 2004  
Folder 2: July 1, 2004 to December 23, 2004  
Folder 3: January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005  
Folder 4: July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005  
Folder 5: January 2, 2006 to June 30, 2006  
Folder 6: July 1, 2006 to December 13, 2006

**In the Spring of 2016, Mr. Banville brought in a large box and a binder of newspaper and handwritten articles in regard to specific stories that were covered either by him or other journalists. The staff went through the newspaper articles and discarded all duplicates. Box 8, 9, and 10 (oversize box w. shelf list BM-225) were added to his collection.**

**Box 8:** Folder 1: January 12, 2007 to December 31, 2007  
Folder 2: January 8, 2008 to May 7, 2008  
Folder 3: January 28, 2009 to November 11, 2015  
Folder 4: Trial of André Bourgeois, Ste-Anne de Madawaska, 1984. Content:  
Agreed Statement of Facts; photo 1 is a b & w photo of a mobile home in winter; photo 2, view of a house in winter; newspaper articles  
Folder 5: Trial of Maurice Dionne, Mayor of Plaster Rock, N.B.  
Dec. 1983-Jan. 1985  
Folder 6: New Sweden, Maine Arsenic saga. June 1987 – Oct. 2005  
Folder 7: Violation of Provincial Court Order case. 1982-1993

**Box 9:** Folder 1: “Failing to comply w. a non-publication order” court document & handwritten notes. 1982  
Folder 2: Samuel Gagnon murder case. 1982

**Box 1: BM-225 (Oversize box):** Content:  
Item 1: laminated Bangor Daily News article: *Converted warplane recovered in Aroostook County woods*. Sept. 19, 1991  
Item 2: laminated Bangor Daily News article, side 1: *Bomber recovery called ‘fantastic’: Avenger pulled from Maine woods* by Beurmond Banville.  
Side 2: *Pilot recalls day plane crashed; Recovery operation had its exciting moments, but it was scary too*. By Beurmond Banville.  
Item 3: Valley. Vallée. A view of the people and places of the St. John Valley. Volume one, number one, April 1987.  
Item 4: Valley. Vallée. A view of the people and places of the St. John Valley. Volume one, number two, May 1987.

Item 5: Valley. Vallée. A view of the people and places of the St. John Valley.  
Volume one, number three, June 1987.

Item 6: Valley. Vallée. A view of the people and places of the St. John Valley.  
Volume one, number four, July 1987.

Item 7: Valley. Vallée. A view of the people and places of the St. John Valley.  
Volume one, number five, August 1987.

Item 8: Bangor Daily News 100 years in Maine: Maine Diary: A Time Line of  
History in the Twentieth Century. Tuesday December 14, 1999. Section  
D1 – D24.

**Item 9 & 10: *The Bangor Daily News*. “This 40-page special collection of  
newspaper pages recounts some of the most important events in the  
history of the United States. Through the Bangor Register and the  
Bangor Daily Whig and Courier, which merged into the Bangor Daily  
News, a historical account has been put together for the Bicentennial  
celebration.”**

Thursday, April 17, 1823, vol. VIII, no. 16

July 2, 1834, vol. 1, no. 2

Tuesday Morning, April 11, 1865, Volume XXXI, Number 240

Monday Morning, April 17, 1865, Volume XXXI, Number 245

Friday Morning, October 1, 1869, Volume XXXVI Number 234

Tuesday Morning, July 4, 1876, Volume XLIII, Number 157

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Whig and Courier, Tuesday July 4, 1876

Whig and Courier, Tuesday July 4, 1876

Tuesday, June 18, 1889, Number 1

Friday, Morning, March 21, 1902,

Tuesday, December 22, 1903

Monday Morning, May 1, 1911

Wednesday Morning, April 17, 1912

Saturday Morning, April 7, 1917, Volume 28, Number 252

Tuesday Morning, November 12, 1918, Volume XXX

Friday Morning, August 27, 1920, Volume XXXII

Monday Morning, May 23, 1927, Volume XXXVIII

Tuesday Morning, May 24, 1927, Volume XXXVIII

Saturday Morning, June 11, 1927, Volume XXXVIII

Wednesday Morning, October 30, 1929, volume XLI

Wednesday Morning, November 9, 1932, volume XLIV

Wednesday Morning, November 4, 1936, volume XLVIII

Wednesday Morning, October 13, 1937, volume XLIX

Friday, September 1, 1939, vol. 51

Monday, December 8, 1941 vol. 53

Wednesday, November 8, 1944, vol. 54

Wednesday, May 9, 1945, vol. 54

Wednesday, August 15, 1945, vol. 55

Friday, October 24, 1947, vol. 56

Wednesday, June 28, 1950, vol. 59

Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11, 1955, vol. 67, no. 73  
Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 23-24, 1963, col. 72, no. 137  
Monday, January 25, 1965, vol. 76, no. 190  
Thursday, June 6, 1968, vol. 79, no. 305  
Monday, July 21, 1969, vol. 81, no. 29  
Monday, October 6, 1969, vol. 81, no. 95  
Monday, March 9, 1970, vol. 81, no. 330  
Friday, August 9, 1974, vol. 86, no. 46  
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1974, vol. 86, no. 122

**A listing of his articles was compiled and inserted  
in the finding aid folder MCC-00225.**

**Please see finding aid folder for this listing.**