

FINDING AID FOR

“Roland Page Family Collection”

MCC-00229

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Collection Title: “Roland Page Family Collection”

Accession Number: MCC-00229

Shelf Numbers: UM-229; UJ 229; UP-229; BX3-229, AV-229

Provenance/Chain of Custody: The materials in this collection (with the exception of the facsimiles of the *Bangor Daily News*) were collected by John “Jack” Page from family members and were donated to the Acadian Archives in September 2006. The newspaper facsimiles were produced by Archives staff.

On March 5, 2009, Mr. Jack Page walked in the Archives and asked that the collection name be changed from “Jack Page Collection” to “Roland Page Family Collection” and wanted to add home movies (2 DVDs titled “Roland Page Movies, 1951-1953” and “1951-1952”) to the collection.

Date Range: 1940 – 1943 and 1951 - 1953

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

Citation Information: Cite as “Roland Page Family Collection” MCC-00229 Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Physical Description:

- pp. 13-16 of the 20 February 1943 edition of the *Bangor Daily News*;
- 25-page set of 11” x 17” digital reproductions of pp 13-15 of the February 10, 1943 edition of the *Bangor Daily News* (reproduced by Archives staff)'
- 1 10.25” x 5.5” letter envelope from Roland Page to Miss Penelope Vandirer postmarked 11 April 1943 (no enclosures);
- 25 8.5” x 10” pages of photocopy reproductions of manuscript French-language letters from Rosario J. Page to his son Simon in 1940, with typescript transcriptions in English by Carole (Page) martin;

- 1 CD-R with 89 still image photographs of the Page family;
- 5-page 8.5” x 10” computer print-out of index to the CD-R of Page family photographs;
- 26 4” x 6” black and white photographic reproductions of still images of Page family members.
- 2 DVDs titled “Roland Page Movies, “1951-1952 and 1951-1953” were added to the collection in March 2009 as requested by Mr. Jack Page.

Language: French and English

Preservation: The newspaper originals and photographic prints are stored in mylar enclosures. Because of the fragile and embrittled state of the newspaper originals, Archives staff produced a photocopy set to facilitate consultation.

The 89 photos of the collection were placed on gold archival CD for preservation and a copy was made for patron use.

In March 2009, Mr. Jack Page asked to add 2 DVDs to the collection titled: “Roland Page Movies 1951-1952 and 1951-1953”. These DVDs were reproduced on archival gold DVDs for preservation with shelf list number MCC-00229 AV-229 1/2 and 2/2. The DVD copies brought in by Mr. Jack Page were placed in our stack collection for patron use.

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of photographs, correspondence, and newspaper excerpts relating to Rosario Page and other Page family members of Fort Kent, Maine. The correspondence and newspaper materials are from the early 1940’s, while the photographs date from ca. 1890 – 1956. The correspondence is a series of personal letters written by Dr. Rosario Page in French to his eldest son Simon, who was then residing in New York. The newspaper excerpt is a 1943 *Bangor Daily News* feature on WWII servicemen from the Fort Kent region and includes photographs, locations, and addresses of local soldiers. There are also articles about Fort Kent servicemen killed in action or training and a local serviceman decorated for bravery at Pearl Harbor. This collection will be of

particular interest to researchers studying WWII history, Fort Kent history, or the history of the Page family in Fort Kent.

The DVDs brought in March 2009 by Jack Page contains home movies of the Page family that was transferred, by Jack Page, from a reel to a DVD. We see the Page children, Carol, Nancy, Jack, Jim, and Peggy at home playing, at their cottage in Cross Lake, and at other events. A voice-over narration of the home movies was done by Jack Page and Maxine Page.

Biographical Notes:

PAGE, ROSARIO JEAN-BAPTISTE (1879-1940). Born in Montreal, in 1879, Rosario Page was a prominent Fort Kent doctor. He married Alphonsine Long (b. 2 October 1883; d. 6 December 1965) of Clair, New Brunswick, in Clair on November 3, 1903. Together, they had five sons and one daughter:

Joseph Paul Jean **Simon**

Joseph **Roland** Rosario Albert (d. 1984)

Jean-Louis (John L.) Joseph Georges **Jean** Alphonse Ludovic

Joseph Rosario Albert “**Rosaire**”

Joseph Jérôme **Robert** Gaston

Marie **Simone**

Dr. Page received a physician’s certificate from the Maine Board of Registration of Medicine in 1904. He became a United States citizen in 1923; at that time the Maine Register lists him as a physician in Fort Kent. Dr. Page practiced medicine for 40 years in Fort Kent, interrupted only during the Depression when he served for a few years as the doctor for the mill in Millinocket, Maine. Patients knew him as either “Dr. Jim Page” or “Dr. R.J. Page”.

Dr. Page raised his family in Fort Kent in a house which burned in 1925. He rebuilt on the same lot and that house still stands at 458 West Main Street. His family belonged to the Saint-Louis parish in Fort Kent and Dr. Page was a member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

PAGE, ROLAND A. (29 November 1908 – 3 March 1984) Born in Fort Kent, Roland A. Page was the son of Rosario and Alphonsine (Long) Page. After local schooling, he attended the Collège Saint-Joseph in Memramcook, New Brunswick. He obtained his undergraduate degree in

1930 at Georgetown University and completed his law degree there in 1933. After a few years working as a surveyor, Roland Page established a law practice in Fort Kent in 1963. He married Maxine Gagnon (d. of Eusèbe and Zoé Michaud of Eagle Lake, Me) in 1938. Roland Page practiced law in Fort Kent until 1975. During that time, he served for a number of years as a member and/or Chair of the local school board. He worked as the draft agent for northern Maine at the onset of WWII. His children are John (Jack), James (Jim), Carole Martin, Nancy Felini, and Peg Crowley.

Related Collections:

1. MCC-00123 Fort Kent Historical Society Collection, Series II, Subseries H: Rosario J. Page Family, 1904-1967, n.d.
2. Acadian Stacks CE 275.P34 L54 2000. Robert G. Page. *The Life of Robert G. Page*.

Arrangement: The materials in this collection have been organized by genre into four series:

Series I. Manuscript and print materials.

Series II. Still images.

Series III. Newspapers.

Series IV. Home movies.

The 5-page annotated index to the still images in Series II prepared by the collection donor has been incorporated into this finding aid as Appendix A. Series I, Subseries 1 arrived with staples joining together related correspondence and translations. Archives staff removed the staples, but preserved the original order and chronology of this correspondence.

Series Description:

Series I. Manuscript and print materials, 1940 – 1943

Subseries I. Photocopy edition of correspondence from Rosario Jean-Baptiste Page to Simon Page. [ca. September – December 1940] with English-language translations by Carole Martin, n.d.

UM-229 Folder 1/3

25 sheets (UM-229/1:1 – UM-229/1-25)

Subseries II. Letter envelope from Roland Page to Miss Penelope Vandirer, postmarked 11 April 1943 (no enclosures).

UM-229 Folder 2/3

1 envelope (UM-229/2:1)

Subseries III. Digital prints of pp. 13-15 of *The Bangor Daily News* 10 February 1943.

UM-229 Folder 3/3

12 sheets (UM-229/3:1 – UM-229/3:12)

*NOTE: Because of the fragile condition of the newspaper originals (Series III), researchers are requested to make use of these reproductions rather than the originals, when possible.

Series II. Still images

Subseries I. DVD of 89 still images of Page family photographs, ca 1890-1956. UJ-229. NOTE: See **Appendix A** of this finding aid.

Series III. Newspaper

pp. 13-16 of the 20 February 1943 edition of *The Bangor Daily News*. BX3-229 (1/2) 1943; BX#-229 (2/2) 1943.

NOTE: Because of the fragile condition of the newspaper originals , researchers are requested to consult the digital scans (Series I, Subseries 3) instead, when possible.

Series IV. Home movies

2 DVDs of home movies transferred from reels to DVDs by Jack Page and brought to the Archives in March 2009 to be added to the collection. The home movies, ca 1951 -1953 with shelf list numbers for the archival gold preservation copies is MCC-00229 AV-229 1/2. The home movie, ca. 1951-1952 with shelf list number for the archival gold preservation copy is MCC-00229 AV-229 2/2.

Note: the 2 DVDs were also copied on white label DVDs for patron use with shelf list number:

ACADIAN A-V DVD TR896.P34 R65 1951 disc1 and 2