

Finding Aid MCC-00232

NORA MARQUIS BAKER COLLECTION

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Collection Title: “Nora Marquis Baker”

Accession Number: MCC-00232

Shelf list number: UP-232 (3 boxes)
UM-232 (2 boxes)
BM-232 (1 box)

Range: 1920 – 1970

Provenance: Nora Marquis Baker

Donor: Gloria N. Seigars

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection.

Summary and scope of collection: For the most part, this collection is made up of personal letters, photographs, cards, notebooks, and scrapbooks. There are maps of and documents about New Canada. Other non-personal documents: Will of Georgiana Bourgoin, Naturalization papers of Alfred Bourgoin, and a description of the plot of land in New Canada that Nora and Joe Baker bought from Joseph Daigle in 1949.

Biography of Nora Marquis Baker: Nora Marquis was the daughter of Maxime Marquis and Alice Rioux, born in Fort Kent, on August 2, 1904.

She was the sister of:

Edwin b. 1899 d.

Paul b. 1913 d. ? married Jeanne

Jean-Louis b. ? , married a Daigle

Louis-Phillip

Marthe b. 1906, d. ?, married Joseph Daigle, d. 1951

Cora b. 1902 d. ?

Rosaire (b. 1915 d. ?

Maxime Marquis: From the 1920 Aroostook County Census of Fort Kent, we learn that he and his wife, Alice Rioux, were fifty and forty respectively. He was a lumberman who owned his own home.

Nora Marquis Baker: In 1920, she was listed as a tailor working in a tailor shop. She left Fort Kent to work for the Grover Cleveland Bradbury family (wife was originally from Fort Kent) from 1923 to 1940 when she married Joseph N. Baker of Bradley, Maine. They lived in Bradley when they were first married, then built a house in New Canada in 1949. Nora and Joe raised their nephew, Danny, after his mother Marthe Marquis Daigle died. They later adopted him. Joseph N. Baker died on February 10, 1957.

Bradbury family: Grober Cleveland Bradbury married Margaret Sweeny; children: Clarence, Carl, Beulah (Sister Euphresia), and Theresa (Mrs. Edmund Hooper).

Marthe Marquis Daigle died July 16, 1951, a the age of 46. She and her husband, Joseph Daigle, were the parents of: Rachel, Claudette, Mrs. Leon Bouchard, Donald, and Danny.

Itemized inventory of collection:

Oversize Manuscripts:

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1. One 11 in. x 16 in. scrapbook. Cover has drawing of pot of glue, scissors, brush and has title: "The Whopper Scrap Book". Year: 1933. It contains newspaper clippings of local and national events, and one letter from A. J. Mercier. *This scrapbook has been enclosed in a polypropylene envelope.*
2. There is another large 11 in. x 16 in. scrapbook, in bad condition, with a yellow ship on its cover. Date range: 1929-1945. It contains newspaper clippings about local and national events, a large photograph of Theresa Bradbury, and some verse. Inside the scrapbook are several loose invitations, birth announcements, and other assorted cards.

The album also contains newspaper clippings of Al Mercier, a boxer, and a letter from this gentleman to Nora, and personal correspondence from Henry C. Granger.

3. One 11.5 in. x 15 in. brown, hardcover photo album, says "Photo Album" on the cover. The book's covers are bowed from being over-stuffed. Interior pages are black. The album contains both loose enclosures and mementos that have been glued to the pages. On the pages are several cards wishing Nora and Joe the best on their wedding day, other greeting cards, and invitations: 18 pages.

Manuscripts:

Shelf list number: UM-232 Box 1 & 2 (Manuscripts):

Folder 1:

1. Deed information of lot purchased from Joseph F. Daigle by Joseph N. and Nora M. Baker.
2. Map of New Canada showing starch factory, lumber mill, 3 school locations, first home of Vital Daigle; Isaie Daigle post office/store; Hannah Daigle post office/store.
3. 1 typewritten page (#3) about D'Aigle
4. 4 sheets of photographs, photocopied, on 8.5 in x 11 in. paper
5. 3 sheets of information from Maine Register 1899-1900; 1930 to 1977 about New Canada Plantation
6. Last Will and Testament of Georgianna Bourgoin dated 6 August, 1942 with envelope
7. Certificate of naturalization of Alfred Arthur Bourgoin dated 8 October 1914

Folder 2:

Letters in French from Rev. E. Robitaille, Alice (Nora's mother), Sr. Rachel, Arthur Violette, Sr., Marie-Rose Richard, Pea D.; and in English from Joel, letters and poems from Grover Cleveland Bradbury (1950-1965), Margaret Sweeney Bradbury, Wilfrid, Lou, Beulah (Sister Euphrasia): Date range: 1927-1968. Cards from Paula (Jean-Louis' wife), godson Bobby, Betty and Brad, Beulah, The Bradbury's, U.S. Veterans Bureau, and Mrs. Gertrude Cyr. Date range: 1925-1951. 1 letter from Pauline with drawings of flowers and color swatches. 65 items or sheets

Folder 3:

Letters from Jean-Louis Marquis, Nora's Brother; 13. Date range: 1942-1943

Folder 4:

53 letters from Joseph N. Baker to Nora Marquis; 1 letter from Nora to Joe. Date range: 1938-1939

Folder 5:

Notebook "Instruction religieuse" handwritten in French by Marthe Marquis: no date

Folder 6:

Account book 8.5 in. x 14 in., thin, blue-green, soft cover book of Marthe Marquis store, (fictitious store, presumably composed by Marthe for school) Ste-Agathe 1 September 1922 to March 14, 1923: 16 pages of items bought and sold and prices of each.

Folder 7:

October 1941: Sympathy cards for death of Maxime Marquis, Nora's father, telegram from Jean-Louis, and thank you card. 29 items.

Folder 8:

Account book (1928) of Nora Marquis, including revenues and expenses, drafts of letters; notebook with inscription: "My name is Nora Marquis. In case of an accident please call for Edwin Marquis Fort Kent Maine."

Folder 9:

One 5-year diary 1972-1976 written in French and English Nora M. Baker; 1 5-year diary 1932-1933 mostly written in French, with inscription "Nora M. Marquis given by Flora Thomas R.N."; 1 year diary 1947. Inscription inside reads: "Mrs. ? Pelletier, Needham, Mass.;" 1 1950 diary, compliments of U. J. Hedrich Co. in Presque Isle, Me. Inscription inside is "Joe N. Maker and Nora M. Baker" Fort Kent, Me.

Folder 10:

Notebook 8.5 in x 10.5 in containing instructions about various beauty treatments; 2 songs written in French; 1 page of accounts dated Jan. 1928; a letter addressed to Miss Marquis; newspaper clippings of poems in French by Charles Lemercier, Guy de Maupassant, Albert Ferland, J. Hervé Roy, Victor Hugo and one anonymous.

Folder 11:

Memo book 6 in x 3.5 in, 1940, red cover, contains notes about various household items bought and prices; various receipts; 1 Asst. Scoutmaster card (Joseph N. Baker); 1 calling card Nora M. Marquis. Journal 7.5 in. x 12 in. with inscription on page 11 "Joe Baker and Nora Marquis build their house when they are engaged in Bradley". It contains expenses and money borrowed to buy lot and build home.

Folder 12:

Soft cover notebook Marthe Marquis. "English": essays and creative writing pieces. Not dated.

Folder 13:

University looseleaf. Marthe Marquis Fort Kent Mills, Me. 1924 and 1925. Notes about Dewey system of cataloguing books; reading; library lessons for grade school children; notes about authors and American history.

Folder 14:

Photo album belonging to Nora Marquis, 1934, containing mini-postcards of Washington, D.C. and Chicago's World Fair. Scrapbook 10 in. x 11 in. with illustration of 18th Century scene on cover. Nora Marquis "1934 - A

Century of Progress” – Souvenirs of trips taken to World Fair, Québec, Montréal, Ontario, Atlantic City; accident policy of Nora Marquis, postcard to G. C. Bradbury from Beulah.

Folder 15 & 16:

Sympathy cards when Joseph Baker died February 1957.

Folder 17:

1 red leather bound funeral home guest book “In Memory of “Mr. Joseph Baker.

Folder 18: (In October 2009, folder 18 was created with the following documents found in a box in the Archives)

7 wedding invitation cards; 1 birth announcement; 2 graduation invitations; 2 thank you notes; 1 receipt for perpetual care of lot; 1 note signed by Mark.

Photographs: (Note: Some photographs have not been identified)

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UP-232: Box 1 of 3: Photos 1 to 200

- 007 Lady youngest daughter of Marthe and Joe (Hitler) Daigle, sister of Danny – wedding picture
- 008 dam of Long Lake on the Allagash
- 009 Nora Marquis Baker and “Papoune?”
- 010 Edwin Marquis’s family: from left: Herman, Jean
- 011 Maxime and Alice?
- 017 Nora Marquis Baker
- 018 Nola Marquis and Norm Marquis (frerots) Paul shot the bear (’47)
- 019 family of Marthe?
- 023 baseball player
- 022 Edwin’s family – Marc
- 033 Maxime?
- 039 Nora and Joe Baker
- 040 Bradbury house?
Joseph Marquis Ste-Agathe, Me (brother of Maxime?)
Jean-Louis Marquis
Paul, Maxime Marquis,
Paul with bear back was house where immigrant workers would stay for 5, 6 weeks, cook food
1938 picture – Daigle (Nora’s) store
Maxime and
- 068 Paul and Pat Pelletier (next door neighbor)
- 070 Alice Rioux Marquis
Paul with horses
Herman, older son of Edwin? In military
- 080 Danny Daigle, Nora and Joe’s adopted son ?
Rachel Daigle and Martin Daigle:
Joe Baker and Danny in front of store
Jean-Louis and Annette Marquis
- 083 Joe and Nora Baker, Danny and unknown man
- 084 Joe and Nora Baker
Daigle School House:
Joe Baker with sports
Nora Baker sitting at kitchen table
son of Marthe, Maurice
Daigle school
- 100 Nora and store long roof and porch
- 103 Jean-Louis in front of house/store school house in back
Nora
- 104 1971 store in Daigle still in operation (closed around 1971)
- 106 Paul, Nora,
- 107 Linda Marquis and two girls

UP-232: Box 1 of 3: Photos 1 to 200 (continued)

- 112 Papoune Chihuahua
- 118 Monette, Danny, Nora in center
- 124 Nora in front of thoroughfare between Cross Lake and Sinclair?
- 125 Joe, Nora and Danny
- 138 Danny Daigle, mother was Marthe Marquis Daigle, Nora's sister.
Nora and Joe brought him up.
- 140 Christmas 1943
- 142 Inside Joe Baker's home/store
- 145 Sandy Savoie; Nora Marquis; Molette, Old Town, Maine 1925.
- 145a "A la douce mémoire de Magloire Belanger"
- 146 Pete Willette and Joe?
- 147 Last day at school "mom"; Estelle at 9 years old.
- 149 Looks like Pete Willette with Joe Baker?
- 150 Alice pour Joe! 7 mai 1939
- 151 Sandy Savoie
- 153 "Best of luck to aunt Nora, uncle Joe and Danny.....Claudette"
- 154 John B. Baker?
- 160 Margaret Ann Hooper was nicely born August 20 in '56.....
- 161 1929
- 165 Old Town to Bradly Express, Sept. 16, 1925.
- 168 Jan. 1, 1924
- 170 "le 3 juillet 1931"
- 171 1925
- 173 Juin 1927
- 178 April 1926
- 179 Juin 1927
- 186 Dec. 12, 1923; "Are you still friends with cats?"
- 192 March 17, 1929
- 193 1925
- 194 "A Merry Christmas from the little boys Herman 7 years old,
Louis-Philip 6 yrs, Marc Emile 3 yrs. To aunt Nora"
- 197 La cuisine, 1928

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- 201 Avril 1926
- 205 March 17, 1929
- 209 July 5, 1925
- 216 "On mangeant du blaidende dans Old Town le 15 Septembre
1925"
- 225 "My bedroom" in January 1924
- 228 Avril 1926
- 229 Maud est toujours prêt a partir
- 230 "Manger du blaidende" 1925

- 231 25 January 1922
- 234 Presbytère, Old Town, Maine
- 237 “La bunch joyeuse” 1927
- 240 March 17, 1929
- 252 January 1926
- 254 Avril 1926
- 258 “La plus beau tour de voiture” September 1923
- 262 February 1929
- 266 July 1925
- 270 Le 4 Juillet 1925
- 274 August 1933
- 277 25 January 1922
- 281 Alice Marquis 2nd from left?
- 285 To cousin Nora
- 286 “Le côté garage chasie et parte ensuilé ent la shed ensuilé chasie de cuisine.”
 “Les deux ensemble chambres a grandpère au dessus.”
- 291 May 1927
- 296 Hellis Madden’s last inspection – now retired in Florida
- 302 July 5, 1925
- 310 New Jersey
- 316 Nora dans la chaise du president a Washington, D.C.
 Août 1934
- 326 6 March 1932
 Taken at Madawaska Station on a bright Sunday afternoon.
 “Mae” my sister with the bows.
- 331 “Dad is wearing your shirt over another one; he likes to wear it like a jacket or sweater.”
- 332 “Dear Nora: This picture in my room at Teresa’s shows Danny, 3 kids, and you up on the cabinet, with two of Pat on the desk. Also the letter rack Christmas present hard at work. The separate photos of Teresa and I may give you a little kick, too.”
 January 23, 1965
- 334 Nora Baker
- 335 January 1944
- 336 Mrs. Bradbury?
 Visiting Carl in Texas on April 20, 1942
- 344 Old Grover
- 345 Standing left to right: Carl, Johnny, Clarence, Gary
 Sitting: Peggy, Marcy, Susan, Pauline
- 346 Teresa’s young Margaret
- 354 1960
- 357 June 1957
- 360 “We cut this out of a snapshot and had it enlarged...just the way we want to remember her.”

- 362 “Dear Nora: I hope June 6, 1966 does not make you sick...Picture is Marcie taking a swing before a swim. Grover”
- 363 New shirt and cap for Christmas
- 365 Teresa’s backyard
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- 370 Niagara Falls
- 371 Beulah, April 1968
- 373 Clarence outside fireplace and picnic table
- 375 “To Nora from Meg, 1964”
- 376 Mark 8 years 1969
- 377 Me at Clarence’s Blades Pond
- 379 At Bob and Sandy’s in Philadelphia, PA
In front of their house on September 1976

UP-232: Box 3 of 3: Photos 382 to 523 and negatives

- 389 Married September 6, 1969
Louise and Philip Morand
- 405 October 1974
- 407 October 1974 in Webster
- 408 Darlene and Nora
- 410 “...Believe it’s in 1969 we visited you – same Irene.”
- 411 Carl, Pauline, and Jean
- 419 Adam 2 years
Dan 3 weeks
- 425 Kevin in a game
- 426 Première visible de Jre à Ste. Marie de Lewiston
- 428 Lynne 1972
- 429 Louise
- 430 Margaret Sweeney Bradbury?
- 431 Grover Cleveland Bradbury?
Bangor
- 432 Nora Baker
- 434 Janice at 14 months
- 435 The family with Danny taken at Thanksgiving 1963
James, Marylyn, Margueret, Louise, Connie, and Clair
- 437 Claire, 1967
- 438 January 1960
- 440 Chuck and Nicole Behr
- 442 Saucy révant à Melle Boutin
- 444 “A very merry Christmas to Nora and Danny from Dave, Kathy,
Kevin, Meg, mom and dad!”
- 447 Baby Anne 9 months
- 448 Jim, Claudette, Mark 2 years, Kevin 1 year
- 451 Carlee at 6 weeks

453 Kevin 1970
454 Mark 3 years old (almost 4), Janice 7 months old, Kevin 2 ½ years old
455 Gena (?) and Jim
457 Jimmy 1967
458 Justin, 21 ½ months, 1973
459 “To Nora from Kevin, 1964”
460 Janice 2 years
461 Tammy 3 years old, Sherry 1 year old
464 Class of 1962
465 Ann
466 Class of 1959
467 Class of 1954
468 Class of 1949
469 Megan
478 “To Danny from Donna”
479 Lorraine
483 Kathy sleeping
489 Louise’s daughter at 7 months
491 Our home in Florida
March 12, 1970
492 “Best wishes” from Jim, Claudette, Mark, Kevin
493 From: Dick, Gladys, and daughter Dawn Marie
494 Mark 4 years, Janice 7 months, Kevin 2 ½ years
495 January 1958
498 Louise, January 1958
499 Janice 7 months, Beverly Maznio – Godmother
504 November 1962
505 Marilyn 1967
507 Janice and Godfather
508 August 4, 1971
510 Megan, 13 years old
512 6 years old
513 Janice, 5 years old, 1969
516 Kevin, 6th grade, 11 years old, 1964
518 Kevin, kindergarten, 5 years old, 1967
519 Mark, 5 years old, 1967
520 Kevin, 7 years old, 1969
521 Mark, 1st grade, 6 years old, 1967
523 Meg, 3rd grade, 8 years old, 1964