

“Marie Thérèse Martin Collection”

(MCC:-00234)

Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: “Marie Thérèse Martin Collection”

Citation: “Marie Thérèse Martin Collection”; MCC:00234, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Accession Number: MCC:00234

Shelf list number: AV-234, SV-234

Provenance: The material mentioned below was donated by Marie Thérèse Martin from Rumford Point, Maine, on 24 May 1993 for the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes.

Date Range: 1900-1988

Physical Characteristics/Condition: 1 copy of video cassette containing a 1979 meeting of Acadian Heritage Society (AHS) of the Mexico-Rumford area. 1 paperback book of “My Grandmother’s Face = Le visage de ma grand-mère” written by Marie Thérèse Beaudet Martin.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biography notes: Marie Thérèse Martin is the daughter of Evangeline Richard Nolkemper of Rumford, Maine, and the granddaughter of Alma Poirier Richard.

Scope and Content Note: This 59 minute copy of the videocassette was edited and produced in 1990 by David Sanbourn. It was shot by local junior high school students in 1979 during a meeting of Acadian Heritage Society (AHS) of the Mexico-Rumford area and color segments shot in April 1988 in conjunction with the Acadian Music Festival, an AHS-sponsored event in Rumford, Maine. It features interviews about P.E.I. (Prince Edward Island) childhood Christmas memories of local Acadian community elders; childhood reminiscences of younger Acadian community member, Dr. John Gallant; preparation of “poutines” (recipe) by AHS members for 1988 local AHS-sponsored festival; performance excerpt by Maine music ensemble “Old Grey Goose” at 1988 AHS-sponsored “Acadian Music Festival (with shots of audience stepdancers).

1 paperback book of “My Grandmother’s Face = Le visage de ma grand-mère” written by Marie Thérèse Beaudet Martin containing poems, recipes, genealogy, maps.

Identified individuals or groups that appear in the video recording:

<u>Tape Counter</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Description</u>
00:24			opening credits
00:49	1979	AHS meeting	AHS President Dr. Edward Martin proposes to interview a group of Prince Edward Island-born local Acadian community elders about their childhood Christmas memories
01:40	1979	AHS meeting	Henry Arsemault (b. 1896, St. Louis, P.E.I., immigrated to area in 196): childhood Christmas memories (hanging stockings, mother’s Christmas eve death, foodways, moving to Maine, childhood church and pastor, Rev. Gauthier)
08:58	1979	AHS meeting	Mrs. Alma Richard (b. 1898, Debloise (Tignish area), P.E.I., immigrated to area in 1914); childhood Christmas memories (midnight mass, foodways, hanging stockings, family music)
14:00	1979	AHS meeting	Fred Blanchard (b. ca. 1898, Bloomfield, P.E.I., immigrated to area ca. 1914): childhood Christmas memories (Christmas eve church services and pastor Johnny Cash, church choir, hanging stockings, family musicians, family stepdancers)
18:00	1979	AHS meeting	Joe Martin (b. 1899, Alma region, P.E.I., immigrated to area ca. 1915): childhood Christmas memories (foodways, Christmas tree and decorations, family music, midnight Mass at Tignish church, Rev. MacDougal, church picnics, Christmas presents, homemade textiles and clothes, traveling to midnight Mass)
24:29	1979	AHS meeting	Mary Ann Maheagan [spelling ?] (b. 1899, Tignish area, P.E.I., immigrated to area in 1921): childhood Christmas memories (Christmas tree and decorations, presents, mass, church music, family music, foodways)
29:25	1979	AHS meeting	Dr. John Gallant (b. ?, Rumford, Maine): reminisces about growing up in Rumford (participation in local French church,

			scout troop, school band, raising chickens and gardening, family discussions about Acadian Expulsion, grandfather Charlie Gallant going on a spree in Shédiac, N.B., stories about genesis of Gallant family name, grandfather's stressing importance of Acadian identity and experience)
37:00	1979	AHS meeting	Dr. John Gallant (cont'd) hauling firewood for grandfather, grandfather keeps family together when Mr. Gallant's mother leaves; neighborhood memories
41:21	1979	AHS meeting	Dr. John Gallant (cont'd): childhood foodways
43:09	1979	AHS meeting	Dr. John Gallant (concl.): the Acadian expulsion of 1755 and related incidents around the world
45:49	16 Apr. 1988	Acadian Festival Rumford, Me.	Marie Thérèse Martin interviews members of AHS as they prepare <i>poutiness</i> (boiled dumplings with a pork meat center) for the upcoming Acadian Festival
53:17	17 Apr. 1988	Acadian Festival Rumford, Me.	Excerpt from Acadian Festival supper performance: Old Grey Goose member Jeffrey McKeen explains how to play the bones and demonstrates, accompanied on the fiddle by fellow-member Greg Boardman; camera picks up spontaneous stepdancing by three male festival-goers
58:50			Credit
59:00			end

Order and Arrangement: The **videocassette** “Christmas Past” was placed in the collection room with collection number “MCC:00234 and shelf list number SV-234”.

The videocassette was transferred on **DVD** in July 2008 for use by our patrons with call number “Acadian A-V DVD F1037 .C47 [1990].

A **gold archival DVD** was made for preservation and placed in our collection room with collection number MCC:00234 and shelf list number AV-234.

The **book** “My Grandmother’s Face = Le visage de ma grandmère” has been cataloged in the stacks with call number “Acadian Stacks TX715.6 .M378 1990”.