

Gerry Morin collection, 1837-1935

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Finding Aid

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Related materials: MCC-00245 Gerry Morin engraving and lithograph of *Evangeline*; MCC-00246 Gerry Morin collection of sheet music and legal instruments

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Scope and content:

This collection consists of materials collected by Gerry Morin concerning various people, businesses, and events in Aroostook County. Included are correspondence, financial

records (including accounts, bills of sale, and telephone bills), land documents, images, and maps. The financial records are for many businesses, both in Aroostook County and elsewhere, many in retail and agriculture, including American Agricultural Chemical Co. The telephone bills are from three separate telephone companies: White Mountain Telephone Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Aroostook Telephone and Telegraph Company. Also included are twenty-two issues from various newspapers, 1837-1841, containing articles on the Northeastern Boundary dispute. Included in the images are cabinet cards of Major William Dickey and Hannibal Hamlin. A large portion of the correspondence and the financial records concerns Horace G. Richards of Fort Fairfield, Maine, and his brother, George W. Richards of Houlton, Maine, as well as A.S. Richards of Van Buren, Maine. George W. Richards owned G.W. Richards and Co., a merchant of dry goods and other "small wares." The collection also contains sheet music for "Come to the Heart that is Thine," from an opera based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *Evangeline*.

Order and Arrangement:

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1865-1927

Item 1: I.R. Clark, State Land Office, Bangor, Me. to Mr. A.S. Richards, Van Buren. May 13, 1865. 1 p. "Dear Sir/Enclosed please find land certificates for W. Hammond Jr., Hebert Thibodeau, Antoine Violette, Frederic Souci, Francis Parent, Gabriel Violette, Paul Page, Firman Cyr, Cyr King, Zellerford D(?), More anon, yours truly, I.R. Clark." Certificates not included with letter.

Item 2. E. Levasseur, No. Lyndon, Me. to Mr. Richards. February 6, 1883. 1 p. Advises Richards that a draft for \$129.77 for oats is enclosed. Levasseur was a "dealer in dry and fancy goods, groceries, provisions, small wares, etc."

Item 3: Springfield Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Ohio to Thurbogh and Richards, Fort Fairfield, Me. December 19, 1885. 1 p. With envelope.

Item 4: Springfield Manufacturing Company, Springfield Ohio to Thurbogh and Richards, Fort Fairfield, Me. May 24, 1886. With envelope.

Item 5: George W. Richards, Houlton, Me. to "dear brother." July 19, 1887. 1 p. Letter is signed "George" and is on stationery of G.W. Richards and Co., dealers in dry and fancy goods, small wares, etc."

Item 6: J.M. Childs and Co., Utica, N.Y. to Mr. H.G. Richards, Fort Fairfield, Me. February 6, 1889. 1 p. J.M. Childs and Company were "manufacturers and wholesale dealers in agricultural implements, wagons, and carriages."

Item 7: J.M. Childs and Co., Utica, N.Y. to Mr. H.G. Richards, Fort Fairfield, Me. February 14, 1889. 1 p. J.M. Childs and Company were "manufacturers

and wholesale dealers in agricultural implements, wagons, and carriages." Envelope included.

Item 8: H.L.D., Mars Hill, Me. to "Dick." 189-. 1 p. Letter written in pencil on letterhead of "R.A. and C.N. York, hardware, stoves, and tinware, builder's material, etc." of Mars Hill.

Item 9: W. Dickey, Augusta, Me. to "Private." February 15, 1895. 1 p. "I also want 4 lap boards for ladies writing with springs to hold paper..."

Item 10: Alden Spicers Sons Co., Boston, Mass. to Messers Thurolgh and Richards. July 15, 1897. Telegram demanding fulfillment of order for starch or check for \$1364.26.

Item 11: F.W. Woolworth Co., Boston, Mass. to Hopkins Bros, Ft. Fairfield, Maine. January 14, 1927. Telegram enclosing a check for \$175 "in full settlement for rent for month of January 1927 premises which we occupy at Ft. Fairfield, Maine." No enclosure.

Item 12: F.W. Woolworth Co., Boston, Mass. to H.G. Richards and T.E. Holt, Fort Fairfield, Maine. February 14, 1927. Telegram "in full settlement for rent for month of February 1927 premises for which we occupy at Fort Fairfield, Maine."

Item 13: Burton McCracken, Portland, Me. to T.E. Holt, care of Fort Fairfield Lumber Co. (Me.). February 18, 1927. Telegram stating "can now cover all or part Hopkins Block fifty dividend wire or mail coverage/Binder will follow receipt."

Item 14: A.Y. Nickerson, Fall River, Mass. to H.G. Richards, Fort Fairfield, Me. undated. Partial envelope only. A.Y. Nickerson was a "wholesale dealer in potatoes, apples, fruit, country produce, etc."

Folder 2: Contracts, 1866-1896

Item 1: Memorandum of agreement with Jos. Nugent. 1862. Unknown person agrees to timber prices for pine and spruce, stumpage prices on the lumber, and agrees to furnish molasses and tobacco at noted prices. The author also notes that Nugent wants a pair of work horse collars and two bridles and a set of double lines.

Item 2: H.A. Amiraux and Co. agree to pay Baptist Violette \$5.00 per thousand feet of "good spruce logs." November 21, 1866.

Item 3: Antoine Violette to A.S. Richards. Van Buren, Me., April 24, 1867. "Settlement in full of my account at Grand Isle store.."

Item 4: Desire Violette to A.S. Richards. Van Buren, Me., November 4, 1870. Agreement signed with Violette's mark, agreeing to pay A.S. Richards \$100.00 in shingles for a "sorrel mare."

Item 5: A.S. Richards to B.F. Brown and Co., Van Buren, Me., January 18, 1871. Richards assigns "goods, lumber, accounts and notes" from "the joint business with B.F. Brown and Co." for \$1600. For an additional fifteen bushels of buckwheat, Richards rents the store premises until November 1st.

Item 6: Alexander and Fossey Gagnon of Caribou, Me. to the Standard Feed Company of Boston, Mass. August 17, 1896. Chattel mortgage for two horses. On printed form.

Folder 3: Financial records: bills, 1866-1898

Item 1: I and F Burpee bill, St. John N.S. September 1866. Account statement.

Item 2: Scammell Bros., St. John, N.S. Bill of Crocking. September 29, 1866. Account statement.

Item 3: A.H. Amiraux and Co. with Temple Pickard. October 1866. Account statement.

Item 4: Messers H.A. Amiraux and Co., both of Robison and Whelan. "Bill of liquors." October 1, 1866. Account statement.

Item 5: W.A. Amiraux. October 2, 1866. Bill of sale.

Item 6: Messr. M. Lean and Dowling bought of Thos. R. Jones, wholesale and retail clothier, St. John, N.B. October 4, 1866. Bill of sale.

Item 7: Mes. M. Lean Dowling bought of I. and F. Burpee, dealers in all kinds of British and foreign hardware, St. John, N.B. October 13, 1866. Bill of sale.

Item 8: H.A. Amiraux to Vetal Morin for a horse and shingles. January 29, 1967. Bill of sale.

Items 9-12: J.M. Childs and Co. of Utica, N.Y. to Richards and Thurlogh of Fort Fairfield, Me. J.M. Childs and co. were "manufacturers and wholesale dealers in agricultural implements, wagons, and carriages. June 1, 13, 14, 23, 1888. 4 bills.

Item 13: Mr. H. Richards. Account statement with Crockett Bros., "manufacturers of and dealers in hard wood flooring, sheathing, moulding, etc." September 12, 1895.

Item 14: Conant, Patrick and Co., Dr. of Portland, Me. to H.G. Richards, Mars Hill. November 30, 1896. Account statement.

Items 15-16: R.A. and C.N. York of Mars Hill, Me. to H.G. Richards. August 12, 1897 and August 5, 1898. R.A. and C.N. York were dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, builder's materials, etc. 2 bills.

Item 17: Ralph Greenough to H.G. Richards. Payment order on stationery of Ralph Greenough, manufacturer of light and heavy harness. "H.G. Richards, please pay R. Greenough on order Three and 38/100 dollars and charge the same to me. Albion Merrill." Stationery printed as from Houlton, Me., but Mars Hill, Me has been stamped over it. November 13, 1895.

Folder 4: Financial records: bills, 1901-1935

Item 1: Mr. H.G. Richards to G.W. Richards. June 20, 1901. On stationery of G.W. Richards and Co., "wholesale and retail dealers in all kinds of dry and fancy goods, small wares, etc. Bill. Envelope included.

Item 2: Joseph W. Gerry, Boston, Mass. to Horace G. Richards of Fort Fairfield, Me. Bill of sale for rolls of wall paper. April 15, 1904.

Item 3: Myer Abrams and Co., Boston Mass. to H.G. Richards. Bill of sale for harness. December 21, 1904.

Item 4: The American Agricultural Chemical Co., M.E. Wheeler and Co. Branch, manufacturers of high grade fertilizers of Rutland Vt. January 10, 1905. Credit settlement sheet for various individuals in Fort Fairfield, Me.

Items 5-9: The American Agricultural Chemical Co., M.E. Wheeler and Co. Branch, manufacturers of high grade fertilizers of Rutland Vt. to A.C. Duncan of Presque Isle, Me.; George H. Stone of Presque Islen, Me.; A.M. Foy of Fort Fairfield, Me.; W.J. Wymouth of Easton Center, Me.; and E.S. Patterson of Fort Fairfield, Me. August 1905. 5 bills.

Items 10-19: The American Agricultural Chemical Co., Lazaretto Guano Works Branch, Rutland Vt. to Thomas Gibson of Fort Fairfield, Me.; D.L. Whitmore of Fort Fairfield, Me.; O.D. Noble of Presque Isle, Me.; Chas. L. Whittaker of Sprague Mills, Me.; P.M. Smith of Castle Hill, Me.; F.E. Shaw of Caribou, Me.; D.J. and W.D. Crabb of Spragues Mill, Me.; J.F. Currier of Washington, Me.; E.E. Austin of Fort Fairfield, Me.; and J.W. Plummer of Fort Fairfield, Me. August 15, 1905. 10 bills.

Item 20: Horace Richards. Account with the Star Clothing Co. March 20, 1907. Account statement.

Item 21: H.G. Richards and Son, Fort Fairfield, Me. Bill of sale for one car of "screened coal" from H.G. King of Chipman, N.B. may 9, 1935. Envelope included bearing note: "library coal."

Folder 5: Financial records: telephone bills, 1905-1908

Items 1-2: White Mountain Telephone Company to H.G. Richards. December 1905-January 1906. General services only, no parties specified. 2 bills.

Items 3-8: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to H.G. Richards. 1906-1907. List calls made and parties called. 6 bills.

Items 9-13: Aroostook Telephone and Telegraph Company to H.G. Richards. 1906-1908. General services only, no parties specified. 5 bills.

Folder 6: Financial records: replevin bond, 1853

Item 1: Replevin bond for Stephen E. Phipps, Henry N. Hyde, and John B. Grafton for \$200.00. April 23, 1853.

Folder 7: Financial records: Equitable Life Assurance Society receipts, 1907

Items 1-2: H.G. Richards. Annual premium payments to the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States of New York, N.Y. for policies on the life of H.G. Richards. January 3, 1907. Envelope included.

Folder 8: Financial records: Notary public statement, 1905

Item 1: Statement by Frank Shay, Notary public, of failed attempt to cash a check drawn on the First National Bank of Houlton, Me. April 13, 1905.

Folder 9: Land documents: certificates, 1866-1867

Item 1: State Land Office permitting Laurence Parent and Guigey Deplisis to "enter as a Settler upon Lot numbered thirty-eight in Township L Range Two WELS." Signed by Isaac R. Clark, land agent, July 17, 1866. Relinquished and assigned by Parent and Deplises to Henry A. Amiraux, March 25, 1868.

Item 2: State Land Office permitting George Pluard to "enter as a Settler upon Lot numbered twenty-nine in Township G Range one WELS." Signed by Isaac R. Clark, land agent, November 15, 1867.

Folder 10: Land documents: monies paid for bridge and road work, 1860-1866

Item 1: "Van Buren Plantation 3." Information on monies paid for bridge and road work in the years 1860-1866. Written on reverse of blank School Agent's Return form.

Folder 11: Maps, undated

Item 1: Map of Maine showing pre-1842 American-claimed northern boundaries. 13 cm. x 18 cm. Appears to have been removed from a book.

Item 2: Map of New England showing pre-1842 American-claimed northern boundaries. 13 cm. x 18 cm. Appears to have been removed from a book.

Folder 12: Newspapers, 1837-1841

Item 1: *The New World*, New York. vol. 2, no. 10 (New York, March 6, 1841). No local content except for indirect mention "late news from Washington on the Maine Boundary question is so decidedly pacific, that we may consider it (at least temporarily) settled" in one of several articles on "the McLeod affair."

Item 2: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 2 (Feb. 16, 1839). Brief article on Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 15.

Item 3: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 3 (Feb. 23, 1839). Article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 22.

Item 4: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 4 (March 2, 1839). Article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 30. There are several other mentions of the issue in other articles in this issue.

Item 5: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 5 (March 9, 1839). Details on activities related to the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 38.

Item 6: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 6 (March 16, 1839). Mention of passing a bill for surveying and settling "the Aroostook River and road" and a report of Congressional debate on the Northeast Boundary, p. 46.

Item 7: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 7 (March 23, 1839). Brief notes on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 54.

Item 8: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 18 (May 25, 1839). Brief notes on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 142.

Item 9: *Maine Farmer and Journal of the Arts*, Winthrop, Me. vol. 7, no. 19 (June 1, 1839). Brief article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 150.

Item 10: *Evening Palladium*, New Haven, Conn. vol. 1, no. 50 (January 24, 1840). An article on the Northeast Boundary dispute on p. 2.

Item 11: *Evening Palladium*, New Haven, Conn. vol. 1, no. 54 (Feb. 3, 1840). AN article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 3.

Item 12: *Yankee Farmer and Portland News Letter*, Portland, Me. vol. 3, no. 24 (June 17, 1837). Article on arrest of E.S. Greeley, p. 198.

Item 13: *Yankee Farmer and Portland News Letter*, Portland, Me. vol. 3, no. 25 (June 24, 1837). Brief report on arrest of E.S. Greeley, p. 198.

Item 14: *Yankee Farmer and Portland News Letter*, Portland, Me. vol. 3, no. 29 (July 22, 1837). Article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 230.

Item 15: *Yankee Farmer and Portland News Letter*, Portland, Me. vol. 3, no. 39 (September 30, 1837). Brief article on Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 310.

Item 16: *Boston Weekly Magazine*. vol. 1, no. 27 (March 9, 1839). Brief article on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 215.

Item 17: *Boston Weekly Magazine*. vol. 1, no. 28 (March 16, 1839). Brief article on the return of troops from Aroostook, p. 263. Very brief article on "The War" in Aroostook, p. 223.

Item 18: *Boston Weekly Magazine*. vol. 1, no. 33 (April 20, 1839). Brief article on the return of troops from Aroostook, p. 263.

Item 19: *The Albion: British, Colonial, and Foreign Weekly Gazette*, New York. vol. 2, no. 28 (July 11, 1840). A lengthy article with a large map on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 225-226.

Item 20: *Eastern Argus*, Portland, Me. vol. 6, no. 40 (April 4, 1838). Lengthy letter by Hon. John Forsyth to Gov. Kent appears on front page.

Item 21: *Eastern Argus*, Portland, Me. vol. 6, no. 53 (May 18, 1838). Lengthy article on the Northeast Boundary dispute on inside pages.

Item 22: *Eastern Argus*, Portland, Me. vol. 6, no. 57 (May 28, 1838). Two articles on the Northeast Boundary dispute, p. 2.

Folder 13: Images: cabinet cards, undated

Item 1: Jno. B. Madigan. By C.E. Shorey, Augusta.

- Item 2: Fred N. (?). By Hearn, Portland.
- Item 3: W. Dickey. By Shorey, Augusta.
- Item 4: William Dickey. By Rendee(?), Augusta.
- Item 5: Hannibal Hamlin. By Purdy, Boston.
- Folder 14: Northern Telegraph Company message forms (blank)
- Items 1-21: Northern Telegraph Company message forms (blank).
- Folder 15: Messenger note, Office of the Sheriff of Aroostook County, 1885
- Item 1: Deputy sheriff's notice advising "Horace Richards of Fort Fairfield" that Oscar B. Keene was deemed an insolvent debtor by the Court of Insolvency for Aroostook County. December 16, 1885.

The sheet music titled "Come to the Heart that is Thine." Words by J. Cheever Goodwin, music by Edward E. Rice. From the "new American opera bouffe, *Evangeline*.", included in this collection was placed in an oversize self sealing sleeve with acid free stiffener and placed in an oversize archival box for preservation. See shelf list number MCC-00244 BM-244 (1/1)