

**Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes (CDEM) oral history  
collection, 1971-1972**

**MCC-00253**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes (CDEM) oral history collection

**Creator/Collector:** Université de Moncton. Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes (CDEM)

**Collection number:** MCC-00253                      Shelf list number: AA-253, AJ-253

**Dates:** 1971-1972

**Extent:** 9 audiocassettes (.90 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Guy Dubay on behalf of Michel Theriault, Archivist, CDEM, 1991.

**Language:** English and French.

**Conservation notes:** None.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access.

**Physical restrictions:** None.

**Technical restrictions:** An audiocassette player is required to access this collection.

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** La Fouille Brayonne collection, 1971, MCC-00243.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

***Organizational history:***

The *Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes (CDEM)* was founded in 1978 with the help of the Centre universitaire Saint-Louis-Maillet, which is now the University of Moncton, campus Edmundston, and the Société historique du Madawaska. The center, through a federal project, collects documentation on various aspects of the Madawaska region in New Brunswick, Canada. The CDEM was created to facilitate research on the evolution of the Madawaska region. It contains historical, political, cultural works as well as folklore, religion and economic works in different formats such as archival items, books, periodical, photographs, audio recordings, microfilms, etc.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of 9 audiocassettes containing interviews with individuals residing on the United States' side of the Saint John River Valley. Included are the following interviews; Jim Connors on poetry and logging; Joseph St. Germain of Wallagrass by Benita Harvey; Aaron and Rosie Jackson on life in Allagash and St. Francis, as well as the 1893 flood, interviewed by Jim Hoyt; Tom Pelletier on logging, the Allagash, the ferry boats, and the bridge; Belone Pelletier of Fort Kent, interviewed by Jim Hoyt; Dr. John L. Page on the footbridge; Salomon Saucier of Fort Kent, interviewed by James Martin, University of Maine at Fort Kent; and Ovila Saucier, interviewed by James Martin (in French). All of the interviews occurred between 1971 and 1972 and may have been associated with the Fouille Brayonne project.

***Inventory:***

- Item 1: Side A: Dr. John L. Page on the foot bridge. October 1971.  
Side B: Blank
- Item 2: Aaron, age 90, and Rosie Jackson. Interview on Allagash and St. Francis life, the flood of 1893, log drive. Interviewed by Jim Hoyt, Fort Kent. April 1972.
- Item 3: Side A& B: Jim Connors. Poetry and logging. April 1972.
- Item 4: Tom Pelletier, age 85, Allagash. Interview on logging, the ferry boats, and the bridge. April 1972.
- Item 5: Ovila Saucier, age 96. Eagle Lake Security Home. Interviewed by James Martin from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Note included states "side 2 should be 1st." In French. April 1972.
- Items 6-7: Belone Pelletier, age 87(?), Fort Kent. Interviewed by Jim Hoyt, Fort Kent. May 1972.
- Item 8: Joseph St. Germain, age 87, Wallagrass. Interviewed at the Eagle Lake Nursing Home by Benita Harvey. St. Germain was a lumberman, nicknamed "Squirrel." May 1972.

Item 9: Salomon Saucier, age 89, Fort Kent. At Eagle Lake Security Home.  
Interviewed by James Martin, University of Maine at Fort Kent. Undated.

***List of informants by alphabetical order:***

Connors, Jim  
Jackson, Aaron and Rosie  
Page, John L., M.D.  
Pelletier, Tom  
Pelletier, Belone  
St. Germain, Joseph  
Saucier, Salomon  
Saucier, Ovila

***Processing Actions:***

The 9 audio cassettes were auditioned for general contents and archival masters were created on archival gold compact discs for preservation. "Use copies" were also prepared from the original cassettes for public use and placed in the media section of the stacks ACADIAN A-V AudioCD F1044.S2 C44 1971-1972, pts1-9.

***Order and Arrangement:***

The 9 audio cassettes were given an order by date and follows the inventory list order above. The following is the concordance of the audio cassettes and the gold archival compact discs:

<b><u>Informants</u></b>	<b><u>Cassette Labels</u></b>	<b><u>Archival God Compact Disc Labels</u></b>
Page, John L.	AA-253 pt.1A	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.1A
Jackson, Aaron & Rosie	AA-253 pt.2A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.2A&B
Connors, Jim	AA-253 pt.3A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.3A&B
Pelletier, Tom	AA-253 pt.4A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.4A&B
Saucier, Ovila	AA-253 pt.5A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.5A&B
Pelletier, Belone	AA-253 pt.6A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.6A&B
Pelletier, Belone	AA-253 pt.7A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.7A&B
St. Germain, Joseph	AA-253 pt.8A&B	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.8A&B
Saucier, Salomon	AA-253 pt.9A	MCC-00253 AJ-253 pt.9A