

Viola Lausier family scrapbook, circa 1980

MCC-00266

Finding Aid

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Title: Viola Lausier family scrapbook

Creator/Collector: Lausier, Viola, b. 1924

Collection number: MCC-00266 Shelf list number: UM-266

Dates: ca. 1980

Extent: 1 folder (.10 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Real Lausier, 2006.

Language: English.

Conservation notes: None.

Access restrictions: None.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: None.

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Separated materials: Not applicable.

Related materials: Viola Lausier, *It's 60 Years Later* (Florence, Mass.: Evening Tribune, 1981). FK ACADIAN REFERENCE CS71 .L387 I87 1981.

Location of originals: Original scrapbook in the possession of the donor in 2006.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information:

Marie Viola Lausier was born on July 21, 1924 in Grand Isle, Maine to Thaddie A. Lausier (1898-1984) and Mabel Laura Michaud (1904-ca. 1930). She attended Lincoln School in Grand Isle from 1930 to 1940. Because her school did not extend past sophomore year, Viola entered the convent before finishing high school. She later

received her high school diploma through correspondence courses from the American School in Chicago, Illinois. On August 25, 1940, she entered the novitiate of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Biddeford Maine. On August 15, 1941, she received the religious habit and veil and was given the name Sister Saint Benedicta. Her final profession occurred on August 15, 1947, when she became "a perpetual member of the community." Viola was stationed in various convents throughout the years, including Mt. Carmel Convent (1943-44), St. Ann's in Lawrence (1944-46 1949-50), Sacred Heart in Caribou (1946-49, 1957-58), St. Theresa's in Methuen (1950-51, 1953-57), St. Ann's Orphanage (1951-53, 1958-67), and St. Andre's Home (1967-70). Viola attended Dominican College in Racine Wisconsin between 1970 and 1971. In March of 1989, Sister Viola was chosen by the Maine Broadcasting System as the recipient of the Jefferson Award for her "contribution of time, care, and concern for others through her work in the area of children's needs."

While the majority of the scrapbook dates to circa 1980, there are some portions that were inserted in later years, perhaps by other people.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of a photocopy of a scrapbook entitled "11th Generation" and kept by Sister Viola Lausier. The scrapbook contains the history of the Lausier family. It begins with Viola's life history, including her work as a nun and a teacher. The scrapbook then covers the lives of her parents, Thaddie A. Lausier and Mabel Laura Michaud, as well as a section including birth dates and 8th grade graduation dates for her siblings. The three sections on Viola, Thaddie, and Mabel include newspaper clippings from the year of each person's birth. Also included in the scrapbook are photographs and printed materials from various aspects of their lives.

Inventory:

Folder 1: Scrapbook, ca. 1980. 68 p.