

**Lionel Doucette musical performance and photograph, 2000**

**MCC-00268**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Lionel Doucette musical performance and photograph

**Creator/Collector:** Doucette, Lionel, 1936-

**Collection number:** MCC-00268                      Shelf list #: UM-268, AJ-268

**Dates:** 2000

**Extent:** 1 folder (.05 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Lionel Doucette, 2009.

**Language:** English and French.

**Conservation notes:** Audio recording was transferred from original audio cassette to CD.

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

**Physical restrictions:** None.

**Technical restrictions:** A CD player is required to access a portion of this collection.

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**Separated materials:** None.

**Related materials:** Eunice Tardif audio recordings, MCC-00251.

**Location of originals:** Original recording in the possession of the donor in 2009.

**Location of copies:** A patron use copy is available in the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes with LCCN: ACADIAN A-V AudioCD CS71 .D68 2000 .

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Biographical information:**

Lionel Doucette was born August 20, 1936 in Grand Isle Maine. He is the son of Siméon Doucette of Grand Isle and Roseanna Michaud from Ste Agathe, Maine. Lionel married Simone Bouchard on October 25, 1955. They had 3 daughters and 3 sons. Lionel worked

at Frasers for 42 years and retired in December 1998. His father, Siméon, was a farmer and an avid fiddle player who played at weddings and *soirées* for many years.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of an audio recording of fiddle music Lionel Doucette on violin and Joan Baron on piano. The recording was made on June 1, 2000. Also included is a digital image of Lionel, Simeon, and Reid Doucette and their violins. Some of the song titles listed on the accompanying list are in French.

***Inventory:***

Folder 1:

- Item 1: Audio recording, Lionel Doucette on violin, Joan Baron on piano, June 1, 2000. With photocopied song list from original audio cassette cover.
- Item 2: Photograph of Lionel, Simeon, and Reid Doucette, undated.

***Notes:***

Mr. Doucette mentioned that some tunes recorded in this collection have been played from generation to generation and were probably altered since they were played by ear while listening to them on the radio or on phonographs. When the titles were not known, Mr. Doucette or someone else would give them a title. For example, “The Flat Mountain Reel” or “Bernie’s Reel” was given this title because he, Lionel, learned it from his uncle Bernie. He learned most of those tunes by listening to artists like Don Messer and His Islanders, old-time music group, the most popular in Canada during the mid-20th century, largely on the basis of its CBC radio and TV series. It was formed in 1939 for CFCY radio in Charlottetown by the fiddler Don (Donald Charles Frederick) Messer. Also, Ti-Blanc Richard, which combined traditional Quebec folk music with country music, did many of his own compositions and arrangements and other artists of his time and of his father, Siméon’s time.

The following transcriptions record titles that appear (as is) on the handwritten labels on Mr. Doucette’s original audiocassette:

- | <b><u>Side A</u></b>    | <b><u>Side B</u></b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| - Spanish Two Step      | - Silver Bells       |
| - Twenties Waltz        | - Chinese Breakdown  |
| - Flat Mountain Reel    | - Lone Star Rag      |
| - Valse des hirondelles | - Sim’s Breakdown    |
| - Joys of Quebeque      | - Rubber Dolly       |
| - Westfalia Waltz       | - Gramma’s Ballad    |
| - Red Wings             | - Pic-a-boo Waltz    |
| - Norwegian Waltz       | - Down Yonder        |
| - Maple Leaf Two Step   | - White River Stump  |

- Country Waltz
- Golden Slipper Reel
- Mocking Bird Hill
- Bernie's Reel
- Home Waltz
- Bonsoir mes amis

- Blue Dream Waltz
- Under the Double Edge
- Flop Eared Mule
- German Waltz
- Mississippi Sawyer