

**Elisa Sylvain photograph and songbook, 1968**

**MCC-00285**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Elisa Sylvain photograph and songbook

**Creator/Collector:** Sylvain, Elisa (Elisa Marie Thibodeau), 1906-1998

**Collection number:** MCC-00285                      Shelf list number: UM-285

**Dates:** 1968

**Extent:** 2 folders (.15 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Robert Sylvain, 2004.

**Language:** French.

**Conservation notes:** None.

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

**Physical restrictions:** None.

**Technical restrictions:** None.

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** Not applicable.

**Location of originals:** Original songbook in the possession of the donor in 2004.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

***Biographical information:***

Elisa Marie Thibodeau was born in St. Francis, New Brunswick, Canada, on February 8, 1906, the eighth of ten children belonging to Mathias and Susanne (Nadeau) Thibodeau. When Elisa was five years old, the family moved to St. Francis, Maine, across the Saint John River. Her father farmed during the summers and worked as a woodsman during the winters. When she was twelve, Elisa worked as an au pair and a housekeeper. She married Henry Stanislaus Sylvain on December 26, 1922, in Van Buren Maine, at the age

of sixteen. Together they raised seven children. In 1939, Henry accepted a job in Winslow, Maine. Elisa passed away on March 15, 1998, at the age of ninety-two.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of a photograph of Elisa Sylvain taken in 1968 and a color reproduction of a manuscript songbook that she created.

***Inventory:***

Folder 1:      Photograph, 1968.

Folder 2:      Songbook, 42 p.