

**John Glenroy Sinclair papers, 1978-2007**

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**Finding Aid**

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**Published in:** Manuscripts published as *Tote Roads and Memories: the Story of a Real Maine Woodsman*. John Sinclair (Fort Kent, Me.: Rose Sinclair, c2007).

**Biographical information:**

John "Jim" Glenroy Sinclair (1920-2006) was born on September 7 in St. Francis, Maine, the son of John Roy Sinclair and Delia Savage Sinclair. He left school at the age of 16 to work in the woods and help support his family during the Great Depression. He joined the S. Corps of Engineers in 1940 and then the United States Navy after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to an aerial mapping unit. Sinclair married Mary Jane

Baker of St. Francis in 1944. The couple moved to St. Pamphile, where he worked as the district manager of the Pingree Heirs and as the chief fire warden for the Seven Islands district. The family moved to Bangor in 1956 when Sinclair became the woodlands manager for the Pingree Heirs. Mary Jane Baker Sinclair passed away in 2001. In 2003, John remarried to Rose Nadeau of Fort Kent, Maine. Throughout his life, John was an avid Maine woodsman. He passed away on October 31, 2006, at the age of 86.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists primarily of notes and typescript drafts from Jim Sinclair's manuscript, *Tote Roads and Memories*, which was edited by his wife, Rose Nadeau Sinclair, and published posthumously. Also included are writings by Sinclair on other subjects, correspondence, biographical and personal materials, newspaper articles (some on Sinclair), and photocopies of photographs depicting the Sinclair family.

***Inventory:***

- Folder 1: Biographical and personal materials, 1998-2007.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 2000-2007.
- Folders 3-4: Manuscript and typescript notes, various dates.
- Folders 5: *Tote Roads and Memories*. "Reminiscences." Typescript.
- Folder 6: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Various pages. Typescript.
- Folder 7: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Incomplete. Typescript.
- Folder 8: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Forward and table of contents. Typescript.
- Folder 9: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Various pages. Typescript.
- Folder 10: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Page 3. Typescript.
- Folder 11: *Tote Roads and Memories*. Pages 4-140. Typescript.
- Folder 12: "Tote Roads." December 1996. Typescript.
- Folder 13: "The Upper St. John Valley, 1840-1979: Perspectives in History, Management, Timber Markets, and Current Trends." Prepared by Seven Islands Land Company, Bangor Maine. July 1979. Typescript.
- Folder 14: "Emeline Savage Sinclair: Her Story." Typescript.
- Folder 15: "Tape of Lionel Caron - Side 1." Typescript.

- Folder 16: "George C. Sawyer," by John G. Sinclair. April 18, 1997. Typescript.
- Folder 17: "Louis M. Powell," by John G. Sinclair. April 22, 1997. Typescript.
- Folder 18: "Emeline's Story." Typescript.
- Folder 19: "William H. Robinson," By John G. Sinclair. March 1996. Typescript.
- Folder 20: "O. Lee Abbott," by John G. Sinclair. April 21, 1997. Typescript.
- Folder 21: "The future of Maine's Forest Resources..." Sept. 1996. Typescript.
- Folder 22: "Northern Maine Woods: Experience the Tradition." Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001-02 and Update on Operations for 2002-03. Letter from John Sinclair printed on page 59; Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002-03 and Update on Operations for 2004.
- Folder 23: Newspaper articles, 1978-2004. Photocopies.
- Folder 24: Images. Photocopies.