

**Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes collection on the Bangor and Aroostook  
Railroad in Fort Kent (Me.), 1975-2004**

**MCC-00333**

**Finding Aid**

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**Creator/Collector:** Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes

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**Dates:** 1975-2004

**Extent:** 1 box (.50 cubic feet)

**Provenance:** Not applicable.

**Language:** English.

**Conservation notes:** None.

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**Related materials:** Not applicable.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

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**Organizational history:**

The Bangor and Aroostook Railroad (BAR) was chartered in 1891. In the 1950s, the railroad hauled potatoes from Aroostook County, Maine to southern parts of the State and beyond. The railroad company closed in 2003. Fort Kent's railroad station was built in 1902; BAR added the station as its northern point in 1903. The rail provided both

passenger and freight service to Fort Kent and the extended Saint John Valley. Retired in 1979, currently the Fort Kent station is on the national Register of Historic Places and serves as the home for the Fort Kent Historical Society.

***Scope and content:***

This collection consists of materials on the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad in Fort Kent, Maine. It was compiled by the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, under the direction of Lisa Ornstein, in preparation for an exhibit at the Fort Kent Historical Society. Included in the collection are correspondence in both letter and email form between Ornstein and various people regarding the exhibit, images, the grant application from the Fort Kent Historical Society to the Maine Humanities Council for the Fort Kent Bangor and Aroostook Documentary Photography Project, research materials, and clippings. The collection contains transcripts of interviews conducted by Guy Dubay for the Fort Kent Historical Society Bangor and Aroostook Project. He interviewed Albert Lebel, the station agent, Louis Hebert, the freight clerk, Richard Daigle, a machine operator, Aurelle Dumond, the round house foreman, and Norman Daigle, the conductor. Also included are the following printed materials: issues of "The 470," the monthly newsletter of the 470 Railroad Club, 2001-2004; a photocopy of *Bangor & Aroostook Railroad: From Potatoes to Pulp and Paper* (Portland, Me.: Portland Litho., c1983); and "My Train Ride From Van Buren to Fort Kent, Maine" by Linda Gerard DerSimonian (*Le Forum*. 24:3-4. Aug. 1996. p.22).

***Inventory:***

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 2000-2001.
  
- Folder 2: Fort Kent Historical Society Bangor and Aroostook Project interview transcripts, 2000.
  - Item 1: Tape #002. Mr. Albert Lebel, Station Agent, Fort Kent. Aug. 7, 2000. Interviewed by Guy Dubay.
  - Item 2: Tape 3. Louis Hebert, Freight Clerk, Fort Kent, Maine. Aug. 8, 2000. Interviewed by Guy Dubay.
  - Item 3: Tape #4. Richard Daigle, Machine Operator. Oct. 4, 2000. Interviewed by Guy Dubay.
  - Item 4: Tape 5. Aurelle Dumond, Round House Foreman. Oct. 9, 2000. Interviewed by Guy Dubay.
  - Item 5: Tape 6. Norman Daigle, Conductor, Fort Kent. Undated. Interviewed by Guy Dubay.
  
- Folder 3: Grant application from the Fort Kent Historical Society to the Maine Humanities Council re: Fort Kent Bangor and Aroostook Documentary Photography Project, 2000.
  
- Folders 4-5: Images.
  
- Folder 6: Research materials.

- Folder 7: Printed materials: "The 470" monthly newsletter of the 470 Railroad Club, 2001-2004.
- Folder 8: Printed materials: *Bangor & Aroostook Railroad: From Potatoes to Pulp and Paper* (Portland, Me.: Portland Litho., c1983).
- Folder 9: Printed materials: DerSimonian, Linda Gerard. "My Train Ride From Van Buren to Fort Kent, Maine." *Le Forum*. 24:3-4 (Aug. 1996). p.22.
- Folder 10: Clippings, 1975-2001.