

Laurette Lebel and Thelma E. Melanson collection, c.1915-1946

MCC-00367

Finding Aid

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Title: Laurette Lebel and Thelma E. Melanson collection

Creator/Collector: Melanson, Laurette Lebel; Melanson, Thelma E.

Collection number: MCC-00367

Shelf list number: BM-367

Dates: c.1915-1946

Extent: 1 oversize box (.50 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Laurette Melanson, May 2011.

Language: English.

Conservation notes: MTS Graduating Exercises pamphlet was placed in a plastic sleeve. The “plan book” and “The Maury’s New Complete Geography” book were wrapped in tissue paper for protection

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Related materials: Not applicable.

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Biographical information: Laurette Lebel Melanson was born in St. Francis, Maine, the daughter of Ernest and Lilia Dubois Lebel. She attended school in St. Francis and at the Madawaska Training School in Fort Kent, Maine. She graduated from MTS in 1946. Soon after, Laurette became a teacher and taught in St. Francis in the Lowell School, McKinley School, and Lincoln School. She also taught 6th grade at the St. Louis Convent.

Laurette retired from teaching in 1976 after 31 ½ years in the profession. She then worked as a supervisor for student teachers from 1976 until 1986. No biographical information is available on Thelma E. Melanson.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of school materials pertaining to Thelma E. Melanson and Laurette Lebel Melanson. The first item is a photograph (copy) of students outside McKinley School in St. Francis, Maine, 1946. It depicts Laurette's class during her first year of teaching; at the time, she was teaching 4th-8th graders. Also depicted is Patricia Martin, who was teaching Kindergarten-3rd grade. The building was a two-room schoolhouse. The second item in the collection is a planbook, dated March 21, 1928, belonging to Thelma Melanson. The plans are for elementary level students. The third item in the collection the program for the Madawaska Training School's 1926 graduating exercises; the program lists Thelma E. Melanson as a graduate. The fourth item in the collection is *The Maury's New Complete Geography* book, c. 1915, that belonged to Kellen Melanson from St. Francis. The book was used for geography classes in Lincoln School, St. Francis.

Inventory:

Box 1:

Item 1: Photograph of Laurette Melanson and her students. Black and white, 11x17. 1946.

Item 2: Classroom plan book belonging to Thelma Melanson. March 21, 1928.

Item 3: Madawaska Training School graduating program, 1926.

Item 4: *The Maury's New Complete Geography*. c.1915.