

**Roger Paradis papers and photographs, 1831-2007**

**MCC-00369**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Roger Paradis papers and photographs

**Creator/Collector:** Paradis, Roger

**Collection number:** MCC-00369

Shelf list number: UM369

**Dates:** 1831-2007

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

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Roger Paradis

**Language:** French, English

**Conservation notes:** the 6 photos were placed in plastic sleeves for preservation.

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

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**Biographical information:** No biographical information is available.

**Scope and content:**

This collection consists of a letter written to Roger Paradis, a transcription of an 1831 legal contract, and 6 photographs taken by Paradis. The letter, written by Claudette V. Cyr on October 24, 2007, pertains to the legal contract transcript and the newspaper

clipping, as both were sent to Paradis by Cyr. The contract, dated March 21, 1831, is between Jean Baptiste Daigle and spouse (Marie Daigle) of Madawaska colony in New Brunswick and Regis Daigle and spouse (Elizabeth). The contract, written in French, describes goods contracted to the second party by the first. The document may be a form of will, as it describes the mass and prayers that should be performed upon death. The document was signed in the presence of Charles (Chas.) Beckwith, Michael Tighe, and Francis Rice, J.P. The newspaper clipping contains an article, "Father of the School Bus," written by Robert West Howard and published in *NRTA Journal*, July-August 1981. The article discusses Frank Cyr of Nebraska, who called for a national regulation of the school bus system, including a specific color of vehicle (the article was sent to Paradis because of the nominal connection of "Cyr" to the Saint John Valley; nothing in the article specifically pertains to the region).

The photographs contained in this collection depict aspects of Acadian culture in Louisiana and were taken in 2003. The first two photographs are from an Acadian Village in St. Martinville, Louisiana. The second photograph is of a painting of Acadians and "the Deportation." The third and fourth photographs depict the Evangeline Oak Tree, and the fifth photograph is of a quilt of Acadian history. All photographs are in color.

***Inventory:***

- Item 1: Letter. Claudette V. Cyr to Roger Paradis. October 24, 2007. Written in French. 2 p.
- Item 2: Legal contract, Jean Baptiste Daigle and spouse (Marie Daigle) of Madawaska colony in New Brunswick and Registe Daigle and spouse (Elizabeth). Written in French. March 21, 1831. 1 p.
- Item 3: Newspaper clipping, Robert West Howard, "Father of the School Bus," *NRTA Journal* (July-August 1981). 1 p.
- Items 4-9: Photographs of Acadian culture in Louisiana. Color. 6 photographs. 2003.