

Larry Bouchard oral history with Leo Parent

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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Date Range: 1974

Physical Characteristics/Condition: 1 C-60 audio tape containing tape-recorded interview with Leo Parent of Saint Agatha, Maine regarding smuggler Fred Levesque of Edmunston, New Brunswick.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biographical information:

No biographical information on Larry Bouchard is available.

Leo Parent was born on October 8, 1905 in St. Agatha, Maine, the son of Damase Parent and Eupheme Michaud. He died on October 17, 1985.

Joseph Alfred "Fred" "A.J." Levesque was born on June 22, 1893 in Frenchville, Maine, the son of Damase and Elise Cyr Levesque. He married Albertine Collin (born ca. 1895, the daughter of Pierre and Annie Cyr Collin) on September 25, 1916 in St. Hilaire, New Brunswick. Levesque was a notorious bootlegger in the New Brunswick/Northern Maine region, in as well as a well-known business man. He and Maxime Albert donated the money to build the St. Hilaire Catholic Church. While living in Blue River/Riviere-Bleue, New Brunswick, he owned the general store, restaurant, pool room, and barber shop. He also served as the District Agent for Tennant Limited, a soft drink manufacturer out of Amherst, Nova Scotia. By 1927, he had moved to Notre Dame du Lac. Levesque served time in a Riviere du Loup prison for his bootlegging and was released on December 22, 1935. He moved to Edmundston, where he rented properties. Levesque died in Edmundston, New Brunswick, on July 17, 1951.

Scope and Content Note:

1 C-60 audio tape containing tape-recorded interview with Leo Parent of Saint Agatha, Maine regarding smuggler Fred Levesque of Edmundston, New Brunswick. Parent describes how Fred Levesque smuggled alcohol from Montreal and New Brunswick into Maine by switching his license plate. He was eventually caught and sent to prison in Rivière-du-Loup. After his release, Levesque moved to Edmundston, New Brunswick.

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Order and Arrangement: 1 C-60 audio cassette.