

*Nathalie (Talie) Hebert Cyr tatting shuttle, early 20<sup>th</sup> century*

**MCC-00387**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Nathalie (Talie) Hebert Cyr tatting shuttle, early 20<sup>th</sup> century

**Creator/Collector:** Nathalie Hebert Cyr

**Collection number:** MCC-00387                      Shelf list number: UM-387

**Dates:** early 20<sup>th</sup> century

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

**Provenance:** Material was mailed to the Acadian Archives by Jacqueline Guerrette Wilson in December 2011. Jacqueline found it in her mother's (Lena Cyr) jewelry box, after she passed away, with a note saying that the shuttle belonged to Lena's grandmother, Talie Hebert Cyr.

**Language:** English.

**Conservation notes:** None.

**Access restrictions:** There are restrictions on access.

**Physical restrictions:** None.

**Technical restrictions:** None.

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** See collection MCC-00296, Anathalie Hebert Cyr diary, genealogy, and images.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Biographical information:**

**Nathalie Hébert** was born on July 4, 1861 in St. David, Maine, the daughter of Honoré and Henriette Michaud. She married Joseph Cyr (1856-1922) on February 1, 1880, in St. David. She had six children: Eugenie Cyr (1882-1882); Denis Cyr (1883-1953); Adeline Cyr (1885-1891);

Alfred Guillaume Cyr (1887-1887); Alexis Cyr (1884-1889); and Marie Delina Cyr (1908-1989). Nathalie died on March 2, 1948.

**Marie Cécile Jacqueline Guerrette “Jackie”** was born June 4 1950 in St. David, Maine daughter of Adrien Joseph Guerrette of Frenchville and Lena Cyr of St. David, Maine. Jackie married Robert Ellie Wilson, Sr. and lives in Orlando, Florida.

***Historical information:*** Tatting dates to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. In most European language, tatting is derived from French *frivolité*, referring to the decorative nature of textiles produced by this technique. Tatting with a shuttle is the earliest method of creating tatted lace and a shuttle facilitates tatting by holding a length of thread and guiding it through loops to make the required knots. Shuttles are usually about 3 inches long and come in a variety of shapes and materials.

***Scope and content:*** This collection consists of a tatting shuttle used to do knots and loops to create patterns of rings and chains to form lace edging, doilies, and other decorative pieces. Also included in this collection are 3 family group records for Joseph Cyr and Nathalie Hebert (Talie), Denis Cyr and Annie Sirois, and Adrien Guerrette and Lena Cyr.

***Inventory:***

- Item 1: Tatting shuttle (in box)
- Item 2: 3 family group records