

*Roger Belanger manuscript collection*

**MCC-00388**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Roger Belanger manuscript collection

**Creator/Collector:** Roger Belanger

**Collection number:** MCC-00388

Shelf list number: UM-388

**Dates:** 1922-1940

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

**Provenance:** Material was acquired from Roger Belanger.

**Language:** English

**Conservation notes:** All documents were inserted in Mylar sleeves for protection.

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

**Physical restrictions:** None.

**Technical restrictions:** None.

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**Separated materials:** Not applicable.

**Related materials:** Not applicable.

**Location of originals:** Not applicable.

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Biographical information:** **Roger Belanger** was born on May 10, 1941 in Fort Kent, Maine, son of Pauline Paradis and Manzer Belanger, Sr.. He attended the convent in Fort Kent and the Model School from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He was in the army, worked in different States. He considers himself a laborer. Mr. Belanger owned an auction house in Wallagrass, Maine, and is a collector of all things.

**Pauline (Paradis) Belanger** was born April 22, 1911 in Eagle Lake, Maine. At 16, she worked at the Blue Bird Café owned by Joe A. Long, in Fort Kent, Maine. She married Manzer Belanger, Sr., and had 15 children. She worked at many different jobs during her lifetime. She died at 101 years old in March 2012

**Joseph A. Long/Lang** was born 12 February 1880 son of Joseph R. Long and Alphonsine Bérubé. He married Marie Anne Victoria Clair on 18 February 1898 in Clair, N.B. (she died in 1925 in Clair N. B.) He married Emelie Madore in Fort Kent, Maine on 24 August 1926, daughter of Alfred Madore and Julie Beaupre. Emelie was born circa 1907. Joseph A. Long/Lang died in 20 April 1963 in Hartford Connecticut.

**Scope and content:** This collection consists of one letterhead from the Blue Bird Café, proprietor Joe A. Long, which existed in Fort Kent circa 1927; two “Joe A. Long General Merchandise” invoices from Clair, New Brunswick, Canada; one “Secret Ballot on Prohibition and Soldiers’ Bonus” a poll conducted by The Literary Digest in 1922; three 1927 “Official Ballot for Grand Isle” Maine.

**Historical notes:**

**Blue Bird Café** was in operation in 1927. The proprietor was Joseph A. Long son of Joseph R. Long and Alphonsine Bérubé of Clair, New Brunswick, Canada. Joseph R. Long was responsible for the construction of the suspended bridge between Clair, N.B. and Fort Kent, Maine in 1902-03. (no other information is available on The Blue Bird Cafe).

**Joe A. Long dealer in General Merchandise** (no information available)

**Secret Ballot on Prohibition and Soldiers’ Bonus:** A 1922 national poll of the public will on prohibition and the soldiers’ bonus conducted by the Literary Digest and distributed to all classes of voters in all States and all communities in the nation. Millions of ballots were sent by mail and others were distributed in plants and factories. The Digest ballot was seeking the opinions of those who believe that the Amendment should be modifies to permit light wines and beer as well as those who believe that the whole Prohibition Amendment should be repealed, or that the Volstead Law for putting into effect the Prohibition measure should stand as it is and be strictly enforced.<sup>1</sup>

**Inventory:** 1 folder

- Item 1: Blue Bird Café letterhead
- Item 2: 2 invoices from Joe A. Long Dealer in General Merchandise
- Item 3: Secret Ballot on Prohibition and Soldiers’ Bonus
- Item 4: 3 Official Ballot for Grand Isle, Maine, Oct. 18, 1927.

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<sup>1</sup> From [http://www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/LitDigest/LD\\_1922a.html](http://www.brocku.ca/MeadProject/LitDigest/LD_1922a.html)