

*Roger Paradis collection of Peter Paul Malecite canoe drawing plan*

**MCC-00410**

**Finding Aid**

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**Title:** Roger Paradis collection of Peter Paul Malecite canoe drawing plan

**Creator/Collector:** Roger Paradis

**Collection number:** MCC-00410

Shelf list number: BM-410

**Dates:** 1849-1890

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

**Provenance:** Material was brought in by Mr. Roger Paradis on April 25, 2014. The material was given to Mr. Paradis by Peter Lewis Paul in the 1980s

**Language:** English.

**Conservation notes:** The drawing plan was inserted in a clear Mylar poster sleeve 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:** Unknown

**Location of copies:** Not applicable.

**Published in:** Not applicable.

**Biographical information:** Peter Lewis Paul was born in 1902 on the small Maliseet Woodstock Reserve on the banks of the St. John River in New Brunswick, Canada. Peter was brought up by his grandparents when his mother died in childbirth and his father left the Reserve. Peter's grandfather, Noel Paul, born about 1850, was the village elder and head man. In 1928 Peter married Minnie Dedham, a granddaughter of Chief Gabe Atwin and had 9 children. Peter was convinced that education was the key to the future and gave the children the best possible

education, but regretted that they lost their native language. He was the recipient of many honors: in 1969 he was awarded a Centennial Medal; in 1970 Peter Paul received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the University of New Brunswick; on June 29, 1987, he received the Order of Canada. Peter Paul was a fountain of traditional knowledge and generously shared information with numerous professional linguists, ethno-historians, and anthropologists. Peter Paul passed away on August 25, 1989 and was buried at the Calvary Cemetery in Woodstock, Carleton County, New Brunswick, Canada.

***Scope and content:*** This collection consists of a carbon copy of one 24” x 18” drawing plan of a Malecite canoe and paddles. The drawing shows how different parts of a Malecite canoe were built in 1890; an 1849 drawing of Passamaquoddy maple and cedar paddles; an 1888 Malecite maple paddle; a salmon spear.

***Inventory:***     item 1:           24 inch x 18 inch drawing plan of a Malecite canoe details, paddles, etc