

Jacqueline Chamberland Blesso interviews, 1992

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Finding Aid

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Biographical information:

Jacqueline Chamberland Blesso was born and brought up in St. Agatha, the daughter of Gerard Chamberland and Eva Guerrette. She lives in New Jersey, where she teaches French at Fairleigh-Dickinson University. She has been published in French and English in *France-Amerique*, *The French Review*, *Les Amities Acadiennes*, *Le Forum*, *The River Review/La Revue Riviere*, *Echoes* and *The St. John Valley Times*.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of interviews conducted by Jacqueline Chamberland Blesso for her Master's thesis at Montclair State University, New Jersey. Blesso interviewed a variety of Saint John Valley residents, including Roger Paradis, Ida Pelletier Morin, Catherine Morneault, Don Cyr, Gerard Chamberland, Gilman St. Pierre, Alzared Gagnon, Ida Roy, Alfred Marin, Fernand Sirois, and David Raymond. She also recorded Ida Roy singing a song written by Maria B. Chamberland.

Blesso's thesis concentrated on "complaintes" (laments), a form of song, and their relation to the Saint John Valley, particularly St. Agatha, Maine. A large portion of the interviews concern the music of the region and the history of the music. In addition, the recordings include singing by Fernand Sirois, Ida Roy, Catherine Morneault, Gilman St. Pierre, and Alzared Gagnon. The interview subjects also include the history of St. Agatha and the St. John Valley region, including farming, potato harvests, buckwheat, forestry, hunting, education, social life and customs in St. Agatha and the St. John Valley, the history of the Acadians and the Deportation, and the history of the Maliseet.

Processing Information:

Originally, the collection consisted of 7 audiocassettes. The audio was digitized in 13 files and made available on 13 compact discs.

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