

Robert Daigle oral interviews collection, 1993-1995

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Shelf List Number: AA-418 + digital audio files

Collection Overview

Creator

Robert Daigle

Dates

1993-1995

Extent

6 audio cassettes, 12 digital audio files (.03 cubic feet)

Provenance

Material was acquired from the creator, Robert Daigle, with a grant from the Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian studies.

Language

English

French

Conservation Notes

Audio cassettes were digitized for preservation.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions

Physical: No restrictions

Technical: An audio cassette player or a computer with audio capabilities is required to access this collection.

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Robert Daigle is the son of Zenon Daigle of Fort Kent and Beatrice Jacques of Soldier Pond, Maine. He is a teacher of French for the Maine School Administrative District #27. Robert is

very dedicated and passionate about his French roots. He is an advisor for the French Club at the high school where he works and was responsible for a French Exchange Program in 2013 with students from France. He was also responsible for some of his students attending the 2012 Youth Festival in Nova Scotia. During the school year 2011-2012 he started a monthly French newspaper “Gazettes des guerriers”. Robert is married to Jessica and they have 2 daughters.

Zenon A. Daigle is the son of Ludger and Azilda Daigle born July 8, 1929 and died February 10, 2011 at the age of 81. He enlisted in the National Guard in May 1948 and honorably discharged in July 1959 with the rank of sergeant. He ran a seed potato farm for 35 years, raised cattle and cut lumber. After retirement he substituted as a bus driver and janitor for SAD 27 for 20 years. He served on the board of directors for Farmers Home Administration for 17 years. He was a Legion of Honor member of Catholic Order of Foresters, serving the St. Louis Court 230 in various offices from 1966 till 2011. He was also a 4th Knight of Columbus Council no. 0352, Fort Kent. He loved dancing, cooking breakfast on the fireplace at camp and playing cards with his family.

Beatrice Jacques Daigle is the daughter of Adrian Oreni Jacques and Bertha Regina Theriault. She married Zenon A. Daigle.

Cecilia Jacques Michaud is the daughter of Adrian Oreni Jacques and Bertha Regina Theriault. Cecilia married Norman Michaud of St. Agatha on August 20, 1946.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of interviews conducted by Robert Daigle with a grant from Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian Studies. Mr. Daigle interviewed family members including his father, Zenon Daigle of Fort Kent, his aunts, Adrienne Desjardins, Cecilia Michaud, Theresa Dumont, and Euclide and Bernice Theriault. The interviews are on the Martin, Theriault, Jacques, and Daigle families. The interview subjects also include farming, lumbering, religious life, education, local food, social life and customs, railroads, genealogy, smuggling, mill work, Lewiston, Fort Kent, history of the Acadians, Emery family, river crossing.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Acadians--Genealogy
Border crossing
Daigle family
Dairy farming--Maine
Fort Kent (Me.)--Education
Fort Kent (Me.)--Religious life and customs
French Americans--Maine--Saint John River Valley
French Americans--Maine--Social life and customs
Jacques family

Lumbering--Maine--Aroostook County
 Railroads--Maine--Aroostook County
 Smuggling--Maine--Saint John River Valley--History
 Theriot family

Related Materials

Not applicable

Collection Inventory

<p>Interview with Zenon Daigle. November 1993. 46 minutes. French Interview with Zenon Daigle. November 1993. 16 minutes. French</p>	<p>Cassette 1a 1b</p>
<p>Interview with Zenon Daigle. January 6, 1995. 46 minutes Interview with Zenon Daigle. January 6, 1995. 16 minutes</p>	<p>2a 2b</p>
<p>Interview with aunts Adrienne & Theresa. January 2, 1995. 46 min. French & English Interview with aunts Adrienne & Theresa. January 2, 1995. 37 min. French & English</p>	<p>3a 3b</p>
<p>Interview with Adrienne Desjardins & Theresa Dumont. January 2, 1995. 46 min. French & English Interview with Adrienne Desjardins & Theresa Dumont. January 2, 1995. 46 min. French & English</p>	<p>4a 4b</p>
<p>Interview with Adrienne Desjardins, Theresa Dumont, Cecilia Michaud. January 2, 1995. 46 min. French & English Cecilia Michaud, Euclide & Bernice Theriault. Jan. 3, 1995. 46 min. French & English</p>	<p>5a 5b</p>
<p>Interview with Euclide & Bernice Theriault. Jan. 3, 1995. 46 min. French & English Interview with Euclide & Bernice Theriault. Jan. 3, 1995. 31 min. French & English</p>	<p>6a 6b</p>

A label for each audio cassette was made as follow with subject areas:

- Item 1: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 1 of 6 [Daigle family, genealogy, smuggling during prohibition, war ration, ferry boat, lumbering, farming, water source, local food]
- Item 2: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 2 of 6 [Daigle family, Joseph & Suzanne Martin, Jos Daigle, land sale, Old St. Louis Cemetery, farming, potato house, Francois Xavier Daigle, barn, river crossing, Presque Isle Base, Conrad Daigle owner of Una's Restaurant now Dolly's]
- Item 3: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 3 of 6 [Martin family, railroad work, education, Soldier Pond, farm life, Presque Isle Air Base, lumbering, Jacques family, religious life, Acadians, local foods]
- Item 4: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 4 of 6 [Martin family, genealogy, Acadians, Fort Kent, Social life and customs]
- Item 5: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 5 of 6 [Jacques family, Martin family, Emery family, mill work in the States, smuggling, Maxime Albert, Theriault family, farming, George Labbe's mill in Wallagrass, farming, lumbering, log drive, railroad]
- Item 6: MCC-00418 AA-418, tape 6 of 6 [Emery family, Theriault family migration to Connecticut, wages, agriculture, education]