

Acadian Archives woven linen sample

MCC-00433

Total boxes: 1
Cubic feet: 0.12 ft

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Collection Overview

Creator

Unknown

Dates

Unknown

Extent

1 small box (0.12 cubic feet)

Provenance

Material was purchased at “Antiqué Michel Prince” in Sainte-Eulalie, PQ. by Archives’ Director.

Language

Not applicable

Conservation Notes

Sample of the linen was wrapped in buffered tissue paper and placed in an archival box.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions

Physical: No restrictions

Technical: No restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Linen is a textile made from the fibers of the flax plant. Technically, linen is a vegetable. Linen fabric is made from the cellulose fibers that grow inside of the stalks of the flax plant, one of the oldest cultivated plants in human history.

Flax is an annual plant, which means it only lives for one growing season. From seed-planting, it is ready to be harvested in about a hundred days. Unless the weather is particularly warm and dry, flax requires little watering or attention during this time. It grows to about three or four feet tall, with glossy bluish-green leaves and pale blue flowers, though on rare occasions, the flowers bloom red.

Flax is cultivated around the world not only for its fine, strong fibers, but also for its seeds, which are rich in nutrients such as dietary fiber and omega-3 fatty acids. Flax oil is also a popular drying oil amongst oil painters. The flax variety tends to grow taller, more slender, and with less branches. It is cultivated in order to extract the very long fibers from inside the wooden stem of the plant, which are then spun and woven into linen fabric.¹

Scope and Content

This collection consists of one piece of woven linen 37in x 25in. It is of a grayish color and somewhat discolored in some areas probably due to the processing of the flax.

Arrangement

Not applicable

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable

Subject Headings

Flax

Linen

Related Materials

Not applicable

Collection Inventory

Piece of woven linen 37in x 25in in diameter.

¹<https://www.decktowel.com/pages/how-linen-is-made-from-flax-to-fabric>