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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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with Enaud Daigle, Armand Berube, and Frederick Fournier on liquor smuggling
during Prohibition, particularly the activities of Fred Levesque of New
Brunswick, submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biographical information:

No biographical information for Tom Bouchard is available.

Enaud Daigle was born in 1912. He worked as a runner for Fred Leveque during
Prohibition.

No biographical information for Armand Berube is available.

Frederick Fournier was born in Frenchville, Maine.

Scope and Content Note:

3 audio cassettes containing oral history interviews with Enaud Daigle, Armand Berube, and Frederick Fournier on liquor smuggling during Prohibition, particularly the activities of Fred Levesque of New Brunswick, submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Joseph Alfred "Fred" "A.J." Levesque was born on June 22, 1893 in Frenchville, Maine, the son of Damase and Elise Cyr Levesque. He married Albertine Collin (born ca. 1895, the daughter of Pierre and Annie Cyr Collin) on September 25, 1916 in St. Hilaire, New Brunswick. Levesque was a notorious bootlegger in the New Brunswick/Northern Maine region, in as well as a well-known business man. He and Maxime Albert donated the money to build the St. Hilaire Catholic Church. While living in Blue River/Riviere-Bleue, New Brunswick, he owned the general store, restaurant, pool room, and barber shop. He also served as the District Agent for Tennant Limited, a soft drink manufacturer out of Amherst, Nova Scotia. By 1927, he had moved to Notre Dame du Lac. Levesque served time in a Riviere du Loup prison for his bootlegging and was released on December 22, 1935. He moved to Edmundston, where he rented properties. Levesque died in Edmundston, New Brunswick, on July 17, 1951.

Enaud Daigle describes the life of Fred Levesque as a businessman and talks about his personality. Enaud worked as a runner for Fred Levesque during Prohibition. He describes how Fred made and sold beer and about the prison time Fred served.

Armand Berube discusses Fred Levesque and his business style. He describes Fred's personality and physical appearance.

Frederick Fournier discusses Fred Levesque's life experiences and personality. Fournier describes a number of events that happened in Levesque's lifetime.

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Order and Arrangement: 3 C-60 audio tapes.