

**Heritage Vivant Historical Society Reconnaissance scrapbook
Van Buren, Maine
(MAHC grant project)**

MCC-00451

Finding Aid

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Title: Héritage Vivant Historical Society Reconnaissance scrapbook

Creator/Collector: Living Heritage Historical Society (Van Buren Historical Society)

Collection number: MCC-00451 Digital collection

Dates: undated

Extent: 1 scrapbook (0.06 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Living Heritage Historical Society for digitization.

Language: English and French

Conservation notes: Scrapbook was left as is.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

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Related materials: MCC-00450 Living Heritage Historical Society digital image collection

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Historical information: On May 9, 1973, a corporation was formed and named, “Notre Héritage Vivant”. The name representing the eastern part of the Saint. John Valley in Aroostook County of Maine. It encompasses the communities of Grand Isle, Van Buren, Hamlin, and Cyr Plantation. The purpose of the corporation is to foster, promote, and encourage interest in the history and in preserving the heritage and culture of the people of the region. Many fundraising

projects were held and with the help of generous supporters who donated land and buildings the Acadian Village was underway. Gilles Nadeau was chosen as the village designer.

The society received a CETA grant and a matching grant from the Maine State Bicentennial Commission. When the weather permitted, volunteers started getting the land ready and moving buildings one at a time or constructing new buildings on the site of the present village.

“The Acadian Village contains a group of buildings depicting an Acadian Heritage. A culture that is very distinguished in exposing the skills of art, courage, faith, and the hardship our ancestors had in establishing the Saint John River Valley.”

Scope and content: This collection consists of one scrapbook containing the names of major contributors in different events that occurred during the construction of the Acadian village “Notre Héritage Vivant Historical Society” in Van Buren, Maine. The scrapbook measures 24 x 28.5 x 2 cm and is orange in color.

Inventory of scrapbook:

- Page 1 Heritage Vivant – Historical Society Reconnaissance title page 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 2 Living Heritage Recognition 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 3 Legal Advisors: Judge Elmer Violette, Bill Smith, Attn., Philip Parent, Attn.
28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 4 Gravel Frolics: Gilles Nadeau, Roland Durepos, Camille Lausier, Albert Gagnon, Joey Dumond, Albert Cyr, Raymond Lajoie, Herman Lajoie, Mike Lajoie, Vincent Beaulieu, Aurele Collins, Ronald (Bibee) Martin, Gerard Parent, Arthur Durepos, Rudolph Martin; Equipment list – Stacy Dumond, Albert Cyr, Leo J. Dumond, Charles Ayotte, Louis Philip Dionne, Louis Cyr Jr., Aleide Fortin, Lione Sirois, Edgar Ouellette, Bertram Sirois, Philip Rossignol, Philip Gagnon Sr., Albert Gagnon, Town of Van Buren, Town of Grand Isle 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 5 Shingle Frolics: Joel Cyr, Albert Cyr, Leo J. Dumond, Philip Rossignol, Elaine Rossignol, Paul Rossignol, Louise Rossignol, Albeau Deveau, Daniel Deveau, Clement Deveau, Steve Madore, Andy Ferretti, Bob Corbin, Bob Nadeau, Denis Hossengasser, Carl Morrow, Althea Cyr (Rudy), Joan Dumond, Arlene Michaud, Arma Corbin, Philip Gagnon Sr., Pat Ayotte, Camille Lausier, Reed Levesque, Anita Deveau, Verna Dumond, Jackie Demers, Anita Levesque 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 6 Dons et Nature: Fathers of St. Bruno’s Parish, V.B., St. Gerard’s Parish, Grand Isle, St. Joseph’s, Hamlin, Mount Carmel’s, Lille, St. Remi’s Parish, Keegan, Sisters of the Good Shepard, St. Martha’s Hospital Guild, School District #24, Teachers of SAD #24, Cafeteria Staff of SAD #24, American Legion Auxiliary, Rev. Lemlin, Soldier Pond, American Legion Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Brother John Marquis, Paul Gagnon, Van Buren Fire Dept., Veterans of Foreign Wars,

Van Buren Police Dept., Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, B&A Rail Road, Class of '76, Class of '78, Class of '79, Sisters of Mercy, Eagle Lake 28 x 20.5 cm

- Page 7 Bicentennial Committee: Carlton Dubois, Richard Cormier, Albert Cyr, John Lajoie, Gene Desjardins 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 8 Chicken bar-Que: Peter Martin, Albert Gagnon, Philip Gagnon Jr., Camille Lausier, Nora Dumont, John Dumont, Patrick Ayotte; Cooks list – Verna Cyr, Viola Cyr, Eglantine Damboise, Cecile Corriveau, Maxine Lajoie, Gerry Beaulieu, Grace Paradis, Carmen Violette, Marylyn Ouellette, Aurore Cyr, Jeanne St. Pierre, Lucie Laplante, Renie Cyr, Claudette Rossignol 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 9 Musiciens: Gilles Nadeau, St. Bruno's Choir, Jim Duplessie, Nadeau Family, Bill States & Stompers, Regie Albert & Stompers, Tina Lagasse, Renie Morrow, Lilly Gagnon, Junior High Students, Sara Mae Stewart, Jeannine Cyr, Adrienne Parent, Soucy Family, Simeon Doucette, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Parent; Musicians list – Hector Soucy, Emile Beaulieu, Charles Gendreau, Gerald Baron, Willard Gendreau, Gilbert Levesque, Carl Morrow, Mrs. Roger Michaud, Gene Michaud, Lionel Chamberland, Noble Levesque Family, Philip Rossignol Family, Roger Michaud, Roland Gendreau, Reno Guerrette 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 10 Special Services: Senior Citizens, Mattie Dumond, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bell, The Bard Family, Stacy Dumond Family, Mrs. Lucie Parent, Mrs. Diane Parent, Hat Show Presentators, Flea Markets Workers, Heritage Weekend Workers, Jig Dancers, Louis Cote, Chief Samgoose, Malisset Tribe, Soiree du bon vieux temps, Aurore Ouellette, Lawrence Parent, Lucille Parent, Louise Cyr, Cecile Corriveau, The Harisses 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 11 Personnages de Renom: Mrs. Blanche Thibodeau (Tante Blanche), Joan Rossignol (Evangeline), Eugene Rossignol (Gabriel); Minute Men list – Paul Rossignol, David Dumont, Patrick Dumond, Kevin Ouellette, Tim Ouellette, Dale Dumond 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 12 Heritage Mothers: Mrs. Martha Cyr Genest, Mrs. Lucie Parent, Mrs. Emily Harris 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 13 Artistes: Sr. Corinne Sirois, Augustin Cormier, Jeannine Cormier 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 14 NYC: Daniel Deveau, Tina Lausier, Patsy Deschaine, Linda Gagnon, Reynold Voisine, Cyndy Duplessis, Janet Ouellette; Ceta Workers list – James Parent, Mike Cote, Patrick Ayotte, Jos Laplante, Camille Lauzier, Philip Gagnon, Reed Levesque, Philip Rossignol 28 x 20.5 cm
- Page 15 Aroostook Republican and News article, "Antique Thresher" dated August 20, 1980 20.5 x 28 cm

