

**Guy Dubay historical compilation of “Looking Back” images for the St. John Valley Times
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Finding Aid

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year-old St. John Valley Times from Walls Newspapers of Birmingham, Alabama. Walls Newspapers has owned the St. John Valley Times for more than 40 years. In addition to Bangor Daily News, Maine's most-read news outlet, Bangor Publishing Co. also owns other weekly newspapers: The Star-Herald in Presque Isle, Aroostook Republican and News in Caribou, The Piscataquis Observer in Dover-Foxcroft, the Houlton Pioneer Times, and The Weekly, which covers Greater Bangor. The company also publishes Bangor Metro, a monthly magazine.

Biographical information: Guy Dubay graduated from Van Buren Boys School in 1960 and from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 1964. He took a teaching position in the Madawaska School Department, in which town he established his home with wife, Ernestine. Guy Dubay holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Maine. He is a retired teacher and former school principal and is now an independent scholar, author of several regional history books (among others, *Chez Nous: The St. John Valley*, 1983; *Light on the Past: Documentation On Our Acadian Heritage*; *The Story of Germaine Dubé of Hamlin*, 1989; *With Justice For All* (play about How the Valley Acadians became Americanized.) 1976). Mr. Dubay is also a researcher, historian, and genealogist. Mr. Dubay has done extensive research on the French colonization of the Upper Saint John River Valley (both sides of the river) from the Lower Saint Lawrence (Québec) and Acadia. Mr. Dubay has also been a Guest Lecturer at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and is a strong supporter of the French culture and language in Aroostook county Maine.

Biographical information: Allen Jackson grew up in the small town of Allagash, Maine. His home was a remote place referred to then and still is today as the Head of the Rapids. Summers were a delight, since he was brought up next to the St. John River, which was their playground.

After high school graduation, Allen joined the Army. Allen mentions it was quite a culture shock but he settled into a routine after he was sent at his permanent station at Howard Air Force Base in the Canal Zone in Panama. There was a small Army annex called Fort Kobbe where he spent the next 32 months. He says that life was good and climate was excellent and work was busy as the 193 Infantry Brigade Headquarters clerk.

After Panama, Allen went at Fort Ord in California for two months, then to Fort Meade, Virginia. When his service time was over Allen went to live in Connecticut for a few years and worked at various places before moving back to Maine.

He has been living in Fort Kent for over 20 years as a disabled Veteran and have no thoughts of moving to any other place. He is passionate about doing genealogy, tracing family history for himself and for others, and Allen is a collector of old photographs of the areas and loves to share his findings with others. He has been dedicated to helping the Allagash Historical Society and Museum getting a new building and getting artifacts to display. He served as the Vice-President of the Allagash Historical Society, worked as a tour guide for several years, and has been involved in several projects such as "Looking Back".

Scope and content: This collection consists of a compilation of newspaper clippings prepared by Mr. Guy Dubay through a 2018 Maine Acadian Heritage Council Educational grant for the purpose of gathering and publishing old photographs in the St. John Valley Times local newspaper. Other images, from the Telegraph Journal in New Brunswick, which were not part of the grant but still showed places or people of yesteryear, were included. The areas and people portrayed date back from 1910 through 1983. The images are from Allagash, St. Francis, Fort Kent, Portage Lake, Eagle Lake, Frenchville, Ste-Agathe, Sinclair, Madawaska, Grand Isle, Van Buren, Maine, and Edmundston, Clair, Baker Brook in New Brunswick.

Images were contributed by Allen Jackson, Darrell McBreairty, children of Therese Voisine of Fort Kent, Martine A. Pelletier Special Collection, Ste-Agathe Historical Society, George Taylor coll. of the New Brunswick Provincial Archives, Madawaska Historical Society, Martin Ruest of St-Basile, James Fraser photograph coll. of the Provincial Archives of N.B.

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