

**Ernest J. Gendreau obituary card collection
MCC-00459**

Finding Aid

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Title: Ernest J. Gendreau obituary card collection

Creator/Collector: Ernest J. Gendreau

Collection number: MCC-00459

Shelf list number: UP-459, UM-459

Dates: 1876- 2012

Extent: 1 album, 1 folder (0.17 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Linda Cyr daughter of Ernest J. Gendreau

Language: English and French

Conservation notes: All obituary cards were taken out of an album to be inserted in clear polyester sleeves and placed in archival album.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: None.

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Separated materials: Duplicates were given to St. Agatha Public Library.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information: Ernest J. Gendreau was born February 17, 1927, to Joseph and Edith (Clavette) Gendreau in Madawaska, Maine. One of fourteen children, he could not help but form bonds with people. He was a veteran of World War II and served in Italy. On August 26, 1947, he married Lucille Plourde and together they raised four children, Fernand, Linda, John, and Allen. He loved to play his harmonica and his favorite song was "You Are My Sunshine". He loved fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling.

His ability to relate was more complex. As a farmer (potato grower), he was inextricably tied to the land. Season after season, he put his entire livelihood in the ground, relinquished control to forces of nature and his faith. Working the land requires perspective; he lived his life grounded in the belief that he was a very small part of a much larger world. His daughter think he believed with every fiber of his being that each small part mattered and could, when joined with other small parts, add up to something meaningful and amazing.

He was compassionate and chose gratitude and joy whenever he could. For that reason, he was a people magnet. He loved his family, friends, grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids. He loved to laugh and to tease. He was a kid at heart and children were drawn to him.

As per his daughter, Linda, Ernest's last several years were not something he would have chosen. We have to acknowledge the courage and resolve with which he faced a disease that kept him trapped. We owe it to him to remember what came before, and keep those memories in the forefront.

Scope and content: This collection consists of obituary cards, prayer cards, 'thank you' cards, and a few newspaper clippings. The obituary cards are mostly from the St. John Valley.

Inventory:

Folder 1 / 1: Remembrance cards, prayer cards, newspaper clippings, 2 unidentified photos.

Inventory of obituary cards:

Albert

Elmo
Fred E.
Jacqueline
Jeannette
John E.
Marie Anne
Rose
Stella

Rita
Vincent

Beaupré

Annie
Annie

Beatty

Bertha Gaetane

Auclair

Madeleine

Bechard

Roger

Ayotte

Yvette

Belanger

Monique

Beaulieu

Agnes
Corinne
Gérald L.
Joseph

Bérubé

Rose Anna

Bolduc

Roger J. Reverend

Bossé

Catherine
Lawrence
Yvonne

Bouchard

Clifford

Boucher

Fernand

Caron

Aline
Cecile
Gilman
Joan R.
Rino
Winnie
Yvon

Carrier

Laurette
Leo James

Cassavant

Adrien, Reverend

Chaloult

Gilman, Rev. Msgr.

Charette

Albert, Rév. Cure fondateur de St-Gerard de
Grand Isle

Chassé

Agathe
Alcide
Anita
Catherine
Edward
Erny
Gilman
Henri
Joseph L.
Mabel
Napoleon P.
Priscilla

Clavette

Agnes
Charles
Denis G (Bill)
Edith
Emma
Lawrence
Leon
Marie
Melvina
Rene J.

Cormier

Carl

Corriveau

Joseph Ulric, L'Abbé

Cote

Annie
Aurele
Bella
Gina
John Alphie
Normande
Priscilla

Couture

Louis E.
Sadie M.

Cyr

Alice
Annie
Clarence W.
Claude 'Blackie'
Joseph Manuel
Joseph P.
Louis 'Pee Wee'
Louis J.
Lucien A.
Paul
Priscille
Remie
Rosaire

Sophie
Thecle Marie

Daigle

Almeda

Daigle continued

Bernice G. Daigle

Cecile

David L.

Donat A.

Emmanuel J.

Leo James, Jr.

Mamie

Norman

Pea

Vetal R.

Deschaine

Ida

Vanier

Deschenes

Albine

Marie

Desjardins

Diane

Napoleon

Paul

Destromp

Patricia

Devost

Sophie

Dionne

Albert

Alphie

Aurèle

Jean Francois

Louis Philip, Jr

Louis Philip, Sr

Rose

Sylvia

Doucette

Léo H.

Mathilda

Reid

Simion

Dube

Clarice

Dubois

Amanda

Aurella 'Rella'

Dufour

Claude

Emmanuel

Jean-Paul

Mina

Therese

Dumais

Valier

Dumond

Louis A.

Wilson J.

Dupéré

Anna

Ezzy

Ferris G.

Faucher

Conrad Francois

Fortin

Ronald

Gagnon

Anna

Gardner

Arnold

Gendreau

Aurele

Conrad
Dale
Eddie
Edith
Edwin
Ernie
Gladys
Hector J.
Irma
Joseph T.
Laura
Marisa Lee
Olivine
Paul
Percy
Philomene
Roland
Willard
Yvonne
Zéphirin

Gervais

Bryan
Gerard

Girard

Geralda

Gorneau / Gorneault

Louis
Ozithe

Grivois

Patrick

Hébert

Michael

Lagassé / Lagassey

Antoinette
Armand
Jeannette

Lajoie

Raymond W.

Landry

Edith

Lang

Louiselle

Langlais

Sophie Jane

La Mothe

Dorina

Lausier

Thaddie A.

Lavoie

Anna

Lavertu

Aldea
Ernest
Manus
Wilmer L.
Yvette

Lavigne

Roseann

LeVasseur

Lewis

Levesque

Alfred
Armand 'Blanc'
Corrine
Eugene
Gedeon
Lionel A.
Marius 'Ti-Num'
René P.
Roger
Roland

L'Italien

Georges
Renaud

Lizotte

Guy
Jeanne O.
Marie

Marquis

Diane
Fernand
Jeanne M.
Lionel
Milford J.

Martin

Gilbert B.
Lewis
Lorette
Lorraine D.
Marie
Richard G.

Michaud

Amaranthe J.
Artheline
Claude J.
Corrine
Emile O.
Irene
James E.
Marie
Olivier
Yvette

Morin

Alphena
Bertha
Charles J.
Fernande
John Gregory
Leo
Lorraine C.
Michel

Morneault

Albénie
Paul

Morrow

Norma

Nadeau

Allen M.

Ouellette

Albenie
Emery
Jimmy Dale
Raymond J.
Roland
Yvette

Parent

Gérard J., Reverend

Pelletier

Alfred N.
Annie
Bernice
Noel
Patrick

Plourde

Alfred M.
Arthur F.
Cécile
Della
Fernand
Irma
Isabelle
James
James
Joel
Joseph
Mamie
Marie A.
Michelle
Modeste
Noel
Norman J.
Philip A.
Priscilla
Valaire
William

Raymond

Modeste
Ozithe
Patrick
Willie

Vermette

Antoinette

Ringuette

Richard

Roix

Dean A.

Roy

Georges C.

Ruest

Cecile

Sirois

Albert
Denis C.
Fernand 'Joe'
Joseph T.
Marie (Louise)
Romeo M.

Soucy

Camille
Hector
Odile
Ronald E.

St. Pierre

Romeo A., Reverend

Tardif

Norma P.
Philip L.

Theriault

Reno

Thibodeau

Emily

Toussaint

Alma