

**Upper St. John River Watershed map
MCC-477**

Finding Aid

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Title: Upper St. John River Watershed map

Creator/Collector: Jeffrey L. Hengsbach

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Extent: 1 map 38.5 in. x 18.25 in.

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Language: English

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Historical information: The St. John River is a major feature of the Valley landscape, and on a larger scale, of the state of Maine. It flows 435 miles from northern Maine to the Bay of Fundy, draining approximately 21,500 square miles of Maine, Québec, and New Brunswick (the greater St. John basin covers one-quarter of Maine).¹ It is one of the largest river basins on the East Coast and its upper portions are some of the most remote stretches of river in all New England.

¹ <http://acim.umfk.maine.edu/rivers.html>

The French explorer Samuel de Champlain named the river after sailing into its mouth on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist day in 1604.

A tributary, the Allagash, is a favorite canoeing destination. To protect this remarkable river, the state of Maine created the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a Federally-designated "Wild and Scenic River."²

Biographical information: Jeffrey L. Hengsbach's thesis for his Graduate program at the University of Maine, *A Recreational Study of the Upper St. John River Watershed*, 1970.

Scope and content: This collection consists of one map of the Upper St. John Valley Watershed mapped in December of 1966 by Jeffrey L. Hengsbach primarily from 1966 aerial photos. The map measures 38.5 in. x 18.25 in. The map is yellowed and has some water damage in the upper right hand corner but is in good condition.

² https://mainerivers.org/st_john.htm