

**Rachel Charette centennial dress, cap, and purse
MCC-00497**

Finding Aid

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Title: Rachel Charette centennial dress, cap, and purse

Creator/Collector: Charette, Rachel

Collection number: MCC-00497

Shelf list number: AX-497

Dates: 1969

Extent: 1box (0.5 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was brought in by Rachel Charette in June of 2009

Language: No language content

Conservation notes: Items were wrapped in tissue paper and placed in an archival box.

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Biographical information:

Historical information: In 1969, the town of Fort Kent, Maine celebrated their 100th Anniversary with an exceptional array of events and processions. Groups of people, such as *Les Colonnes*, *The Acadian Teens*, *Rip Van Whiskers*, *Mountain Dew Boys*, *Poche D'Our Vikings*, *La Bourgeoisie feminine*, *School Marms*, *Bucket Brigade*, to name a few, were formed to participate in diverse competitions. The celebrations lasted from June 28 through July 5, 1969. Daily

program of events included *official opening ceremonies, Kangaroo Kourt, horse show, religious ceremonies, concerts, sports tournaments, firework display, class reunions, Bar-B-Qs, parades, pageants*, and more. Costumes were fashioned by participants and worn during events and processions to characterize the styles and allures that those yesteryears represented.

Scope and content: This collection consists of one long sleeve dress with one small head covering (cap called a *câline*), and a drawstring purse, handmade for the Fort Kent 100th Anniversary in 1969. These items are made of cotton print with small yellow flowers and orange leaves on white background.

The cap, called a *câline*, is open on the back of the head for a woman to put her knotted hair through. The front opening has lace around and a ribbon to tie the cap under the chin and a ribbon in the back that ties at the nape.

The maxi long sleeve dress, made for a young girl, has a white front bib with ten brown buttons going down. The white bib's contour has laced. The dress has long sleeves with white cuffs that attaches with two brown buttons and some lace around the wrists.

The inside container for the drawstring purse is a white plastic receptacle covered with the same cotton print material as the dress and cap. The plastic container measures about 11.5cm in diameter and 7.5 cm tall. The cotton covering the container is about 20 cm tall and has white lace around the middle and a drawstring at the top. A small hair bow, made of the same cotton print was found inside the purse.

Inventory:

Box 1/1

- Item 1: One woman's cap called a *câline*
- Item 2: Long sleeve dress for young girl
- Item 3 & 4: Drawstring purse with hair bow inside the purse.