

**Marc Chassé pin-back buttons and badges collection
MCC-00500**

Finding Aid

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Title: Marc Chassé pin-back buttons and badges collection

Creator/Collector: Marc Chasse

Collection number: MCC-00500

Shelf list number: AX-500

Dates: 1960 - 1980

Extent: 1 large box (0.6 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was brought in by Mr. Marc Chasse in November 2018.

Language: French and English

Conservation notes:

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Biographical information: Marc Chassé was born in St. Agatha, Maine in April 1938. He is the eldest of four children to Marie Estelle Franck and Emile Chassé. He left St. Agathe to attend high school at St. Francis High School in Biddeford, Maine, where he met the woman he would later marry, Priscilla Hanna. After studying pre-med at Merrimack College in Andover, Mass, he went to Palmer College of chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, where he graduated in 1962. Dr. Chassé practiced chiropractic in Fort Kent for 35 year, retiring in 1998. He and Priscilla raised 4

children, Daniel, Carl, Kevin, and Christine. Marc has been involve in a number of community and civic organizations and is the recipient of several awards.

In 2004, Marc published a book *Les belles histoires du Couvent de Ste-Agathe*, a 200 page compilation of 112 anecdotes from former students to celebrate the Daughters of Wisdom's Centennial in Ste-Agathe. He is an avid golf and tennis player.

Historical information: *Les Ateliers Nadeau* of St. Francois de Madawska, New Brunswick, was owned by Mr. Henri Nadeau and his wife Aurella Pelletier for over 40 years. The *Ateliers Nadeau* were known for the quality of their arts and crafts. When the business started in 1950, they were located in a hangar next to their house but soon moved to a two-story building in the surrounding area when fire ravaged their work place. They constructed a second factory of 2,400 square feet. During their first years of productions, each item was crafted by hand and hand-painted but with competition all over, they had to change and utilize modern molding techniques. The application of colors and the disposition of scenes always received an artistic touch.

Wall plaques with peasant scenes were hand-painted and wood sculptures were a symbol of quality in their excellent products. They were producing *macarons*/pin-back buttons, key holders, lapel pins, clocks, recreational games, trophies, and sculptures on demand. One of their wood sculptor was Mr. Claude Michaud of St. Francois. Their products were sold throughout Canada and the United States but Ontario and Quebec were their principal markets.

Scope and content: This collection consists of over 290 colorful, two-inch diameter, wooden *macarons*/pin-back buttons. Included in this collection are a few buttons of rectangular shape and a few lapel pins. The pin-back buttons represent events, places, businesses, foundations, organizations, sports, etc. and are mostly from New Brunswick and Quebec but, also from Fort Kent, Maine, Florida, Massachusetts, and Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia, Canada. The pin-back buttons are made of wood with a coat of polyurethane and a few are metals which were not made by *Ateliers Nadeau*. The pin-back buttons are either hand sculpted or machine molded but most are hand-painted. There is a stamp on the reverse side with *Les Ateliers Nadeau Ltée* and *Peint à la main* (painted by hand). A pin is glued to the back of the buttons so it can be temporarily fastened to the surface of a garment. They are beautifully designed and very colorful.

Inventory:

Maine

- Tray 1: Buttons/macarons from Fort Kent, Eagle Lake, Van Buren, Madawaska, Madawaska Lake
- Tray 2: Rev. Charles Sweron, Rev. Wilfred Ouellette, Christian Life Center, Notre Dame du Mont Carmel
- Tray 3: Lincoln, Oakland, Woodland, Katahdin, Lincolnville, Old Orchard Beach, Pine Tree Snowmobile Club, Milford, Maine.

New Brunswick:

- Tray 4 & 5: République du Madawaska, Haut Madawaska, Edmundston, and New Brunswick.
- Tray 6: St-Jacques, St-Basile

- Tray 7: Grand Sault, St-Leonard
- Tray 8: Clair and St-Francois
- Tray 9: St-Francois
- Tray 10: St-Quentin, Kedgwick, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Campellton
- Tray 11: Natashquan, Nigadoo, Beresford, St-Georges, Parc Sugarloaf, Paquetville, Eel river Crossing, Atholville, Saint John.
- Tray 12: St-Isidore, Charlo, Caraquet, Bas-Caraquet, Shediac, Richibucto, Petit Rocher, Peninsule acadiennes.

Quebec:

- Tray 13: Temiscouata, Notre-Dame du Lac, Dégelis, Rivière-du-Loup, Estcourt,
- Tray 14: Ile-aux-Coudres, La Pocatière, Ile d'Orléans
- Tray 15: Quebec City, Laretteville (Village des Hurons)
- Tray 16: Polyvalente Neufchatel, Donnacona, Ste-Anne de Beaupré, Chute Montmorency, Mont Ste-Anne
- Tray 17: Beauce, Windsor, Mont-Apica
- Tray 18: Gaspésie, Chandler, Pointe a la Croix, Carleton, New Carlisle, Percé, Matane, Manic 5, Sept Iles
- Tray 19: Montréal, Vieux Montréal, Eglise Orthodoxe Roumaine de Montreal, Deschambault, Hull, Pte-Gatineau, La belle province Quebec

Canada:

- Tray 20: Ottawa, Ontario, Toronto, Red Deer, Alberta, Calgary Stampede, North Kamloops, Beavers Canada, Royal Canadian Air Cadet, Canadian Ski Patrol, Kidney Foundation of Canada

Miscellaneous:

- Tray 21: Sports: Volley ball, gymnastique, tennis, rolodrome, fishing, diving, KubKar rally, skateboarding
- Tray 22: North Essex, MA, Tewksbury, MA, Andover, MA, Miami, FL., Decolores
- Tray 23: Hospitality Days, Professional Institute Nurses, Futur Generation, Jesus, Chevaliers de Colomb, Viking,
- Tray 24: Scorpion, Taureau, Chez ti-père