

Venney Bolduc Scrapbook Collection

MCC-00514

Total Boxes: 2¹
Linear Feet: 1.38 ft.

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¹The 1st box contains folders for other collections that fit into a single folder as well.

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Shelf List Number: AB-514, UM-514

Collection Overview

Creator

Venney Marquis
Fort Kent High School
St. Charles Church

Dates

1936-1943
1991
1894-1994

Extent

1 scrapbook, 1 high school yearbook, 1 highschool reunion book, and 1 church memory book.

Provenance

Donated by Claire Bolduc of Orono, ME through the Franco-American Centre at the University of Maine at Orono.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Venney's scrapbook (1936-1941) has loose objects/papers that have come loose from the bound pages due to age. Handle with care.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions
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Technical: No restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Venney Marquis Bolduc was born to Joseph Benoit Marquis and Anastasie Nadeau on June 17th 1918 in Caron Brook, New Brunswick.

She attended grammar school in Baker Brook, N.B. Then the Marquis family moved to Fort Kent, Maine in 1935 and Veney went to 8th grade in English to “qualify” for high school. She decided to enter the convent at Baie St. Paul (Quebec) with the order of the Little Franciscans of Mary. While a postulant, she became ill and returned home, spending time with doctors trying to get a diagnosis (1936-1938). For part of this time, Venney was cared for by her aunt, Georgianne Nadeau, an R.N. in Portland. She became a naturalized citizen in 1949.

Once she recovered, Venney returned to Fort Kent, where she went to high school and graduated in 1941. While in school she started working for the Bangor Daily News and the J.C.Penney store as a sales person and window dresser. Later Venney worked at the Oxford Paper Co. in St. Just. During World War II, she served on the civil patrol and also worked as a switchboard operator in Fort Kent. She was very active in the church choir and community activities.

After graduation, Venney worked even more and socialized with friends and family. In 1943, she met a dark handsome fellow and her dreams of a religious life disappeared. She married Roland Bolduc in 1945 and moved with him and their growing family at Roland’s work sites in lumbering operations in Fort Kent and Rumford.

For the three years before her death, Venney and her husband lived with their daughter Claire in Orono, ME. Venney was a passionate gardener and cook. She was a communicant of the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord and active in the church as well as the communities she lived in. She contributed to the following organizations: the Acadian Society, Santa’s Helpers, and St. Athanasius-St. John Church fundraisers.

For many years she prepared thanksgiving baskets, collected, cleaned and donated household goods, and always planned how to please family and friends around holidays. Her joyfulness and laughter will be treasured always. At the time of her death (January 5, 2013) Venney had four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Partial information taken from *Bangor Daily News* obituary.

Scope and Content

This collection is made up of four books. One highschool yearbook; one 50th anniversary reunion book that highlights the former students’ accomplishments; a book celebrating the 100th anniversary of the St. Charles church in St. Francis that contains captioned pictures of its priests and parishioners; and a scrapbook made by Venney Bolduc [née Marquis] during her high school years.

Arrangement

The collection was left in the original order that it came to the Acadian Archives in. Because there are only four books, the processing archivist did not create a series(s) to divide them into.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Subject Headings

Caron Brook, New Brunswick, Canada.

Church anniversary

Churches

Fort Kent, ME

J.C.Penny (store)

High school reunions

High school Yearbooks

Scrapbooks

St. Francis, ME

Related Materials

Not applicable

Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	Description	Dates(s)
1	1	"Meteor" Fort Kent High School (FKHS) yearbook	1941
1	2	Fort Kent High School Class Reunion- 50yrs.	1941-1991
1	3	St. Charles 100th Anniversary, St. Francis, ME	1894-1994
2		Scrapbook [made by Venney with a picture of a lake nestled in a set of mountains on the cover within a gold frame.]	1936-1943