

Caryl Soucie folklore collection, 1974

MCC-00056

Finding Aid

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Title: Caryl Soucie folklore collection

Creator/Collector: Soucie, Caryl, 1953-

Collection number: MCC-00053

Dates: 1974

Extent: 1 folder, 26 images (.15 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Roger Paradis, March 1991.

Language: English, French

Conservation notes: None.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: An audio cassette player is required to access a portion of this collection.

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Separated materials: Some materials were separated from the collection and discarded, as they were deemed not to fit the collection.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information:

Caryl Soucie was born on September 3, 1953 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Debra S. Stackhouse was born on October 7, 1955 in Limestone, Maine.

Dennis (Joseph Dennis) Albert was born on October 6, 1902, in St. Agatha, Maine. He married Bertha Ouellette Albert on November 18, 1924. He died on July 25, 1991.

Bertha Ouellette Albert was born on March 19, 1902 in St. Agatha, Maine. She married Dennis Albert on November 28, 1924. She died on July 23, 1989.

Delina Rowe was born on August 30, 1940 in Augusta, Maine.

Laura Ouellette was born on March 15, 1900, in Edmundston, Canada. She married Edgar Ouellette.

John Arnold McNamee was born on November 14, 1917, in Fort Fairfield, Maine. He married Mary Brayall on April 25, 1945 and worked as a farmer in Fort Fairfield. McNamee died on December 18, 1985.

Deborah Fairbrother was born on September 24, 1952 in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Paul Willette was born on July 26, 1953 in Orono, Maine.

Marie Yvonne Willette was born on August 4, 1927 in Old Town, Maine, the daughter of Albert and Alice Dionne Lagasse. She married Arthur F. Willette on December 18, 1943. She died on March 27, 2012.

Earl J. Soucie was born on June 17, 1924 in Orono, Maine. On January 16, 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He died on January 3, 1993.

Dorothy Soucie was born on July 17, 1931 in Orono, Maine.

Arthur Willette was born on October 25, 1926 in Old Town, Maine. He married Marie Yvonne Lagasse on December 18, 1943. Willette died on June 6, 1990.

Lawrence Joseph Ouellette was born on June 23, 1918 in St. Agatha, Maine. he died on June 26, 1990.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of materials created by Caryl Soucie through interviews and correspondence with numerous current and former residents of Aroostook County, Maine, including note cards, audio recordings of interviews, and images. The note cards contain research notes of people's reminiscences pertaining to games, folklore, colloquial sayings, legends, superstitions, folk remedies, songs, and regional place names. The interviewees are listed on the cards' verso: Debra S. Stackhouse; Mrs. Dennis Albert; Dennis Albert; Delina Rowe; Laura Ouellette; Berta Albert; Deborah Fairbrother; Paul Willette; Marie Yvonne Willette; Earl J. Soucie; Dorothy Soucie; and Arthur Willette. The interviews are with two unidentified women and include singing and a discussion of

superstitions. Also included in the collection is a letter to Caryl Soucie from Bertha Albert telling "The Story of Papineau the Beggar."

The images in this collection include 12 color photographs of farm tools (some are varying views of the same item); these images correlate to a letter from J. Arnold McNamer(?) of Fort Fairfield, Maine that lists descriptions of these tools. The images are numbered on their verso to correspond with the written descriptions. Also included are 14 images primarily of woodcraft items. These images have descriptions on their verso and also correspond with some identification cards. These cards describe woodcraft items and the people who made them: a whistle made by Dennis Albert; a whistle, two paddles, and a clothes pin made by Lawrence Ouellette.

These materials were submitted for the course History 361 "Canadian American Folklore" at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Spring 1974.

Inventory:

2 manuscript letters
26 color photographs
4 identification cards
1 audio cassette
Index cards with notes