

Rinette Theriault Michaud and Lewis Emile Michaud family collection

MCC-00578

Total boxes: 2 + a digital folder
Linear feet: 2.39ft

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Collection Overview

Creator(s)

Rinette Theriault Michaud and Lewis Emile Michaud

Dates

1890s-1950

Extent

1 scrapbook, 1 braille book, and 103 physical and digital photographs housed in two boxes and the Archives google drive.

Provenance

Collection donated to the Archives by Sylvia Michaud and her siblings, who are the children of the creators.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

Photographs were put in archival clear sleeves.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions

Physical: No restrictions

Technical: Digital photographs accessible upon request to Archives staff.

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Rinette Theriault was born in her family home and raised in St. Francis, Maine, where her parents ran a general store. She later moved to Fort Kent and worked in a local department store, and then as assistant to the President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Lewis E. Michaud was born in his family home and raised in Ste. Agathe, Maine on the family potato farm. He served as a Sergeant in the U. S. Army from January of 1946 to March of 1947, just as World War II ended, in General Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard based in Tokyo, Japan.

When Lewis returned from Tokyo in 1947, he and Rinette were married and lived in Fort Kent until 1956, when they built a home in Madawaska. During the 1950s, they had three children. In 1950, Lewis entered college on the G. I. Bill, graduating from the University of Maine in Orono with a B.S. degree in Agronomy in 1954. During those years, they lived on campus in the South Apartments (for students with families) during the school year. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, for Farm Credit Association, and, starting in 1963, for U. S. Customs Service. Rinette was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader as well as a substitute teacher in the Madawaska schools. Lewis was active in the Lion's Club and Rinette in the Daughters of Isabella. They built a camp on Long Lake in Madawaska and spent much time there with their families.

In 1972, they moved to Brewer, Maine, where Lewis continued his U. S. Customs work at Bangor International Airport, until his retirement in 1986. Rinette began and eventually compiled an extensive genealogy of her family and Lewis' going back to the 1500s.

In retirement, the couple spent winters in Sun City, Arizona and summers at their renovated camp on Long Lake. Lewis became a silversmith and Rinette took up stained glass and was a competitive bridge player. They were also active in many Acadian festivities in the St. John Valley.

In 2012, Rinette and Lewis moved to Orono, Maine, and then on to Augusta in 2017, to be closer to their children. They both died at the Veterans' Home in Augusta, Maine, Rinette at age 96 on September 29, 2019 and Lewis at 97 on February 25, 2021.

Scope and Content

This collection mainly consists of family photographs collected from the 1890s-1950s. There are both loose-leaf photos as well as a scrapbook. There is also a braille book dating from the late 1800s that was used by the donor's blind great aunt who was from Fort Kent.

Arrangement

This collection was broken down into three series, the last of which was further divided into four subseries. In some cases, the donor was able to provide descriptions of the people/places in the photos, which were used when creating the description in the collection inventory. For those photos without a description, the processing archivist described them to the best of her ability. It was also noted if there were duplicates between the digital and physical photos. Because many of the photographs appeared to be grouped together based on the people depicted in them rather than dates, the physical photographs were kept in the order they came in to the best of the

archivist's ability. A good portion of these photographs were also undated so it did not seem as if arranging them chronologically by date would be a good arrangement.

Some of the digital photos of these photos were shared with the processing archivist in folders and others were sent as individual photos, so this order was kept and is reflected in the subseries. All digital photographs are numbered to align with the numbers on this finding aid.

Series I: Bound volumes

Series II: Loose photographs (physical)

Series III: Digital photographs

Subseries I: individual photos

Subseries II: Marie V. Michaud

Subseries III: Michaud & Picard

Subseries IV: Theriault & Daigle

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

All digital photographs from this collection are housed in the Acadian Archives google drive digital collections folder in a folder sharing the collection's title.

Subject Headings

Braille books

Families

Fort Kent, Me.

Photograph albums

Photographs

Sinclair, Me

St. Francis, Me

Ste. Agatha, Me

World War, 1939-1945; American Armed Forces

Related Materials

Not applicable

Collection Inventory

Series I: Bound volumes

Box	Description	Date(s)
1	Braille book belonging to Beatrice Theriault. Attempts were made to translate the first couple of days as can be seen from notations in margins.	late 1800s
1	Michaud family scrapbook with notes next to pictures describing each person depicted on the pages.	1941-1956

Series II: Loose photographs (physical)

Box	Sleeve	Photo #	Description	Date(s)
2	1	1	Agnes Daigle Theriault (mother of Rinette).	[1950s-60s?]

2	1	2	Leda and Lewis Michaud and [Anastia] Picard. The description on the front labels the two women as Memere Michaud and Memere Picard.	1946
2	2	3	Lewis Michaud, Uncle Sylvio, Uncle Patrick, Aunt Helen, and Aunt Marie stand on a cart behind two horses in front of a house porch.	1930s
2	2	4	Lewis and Rinette at their wedding. The couple stands in between cars about to get into one with the door open.	1947
2	3	5	Attendees of Lewis and Rinette's wedding stand together in front of a building.	1947-08-11
2	3	6	Attendees of Lewis and Rinette's wedding stand together in front of a building. (Duplicate of previous photo.)	1947-08-11
2	4	7	Lewis Michaud stands with his hands in the pockets of his buttoned up coat in front of a car. There appears to be snow on the ground.	1941
2	4	8	Image of Rinette as a young girl standing in front of a flower bush.	Undated
2	4	9	Image of Lewis as a young boy. The image is a close up.	1927
2	4	10	"Dumais and Michaud around." Image of a group of adults standing shoulder to shoulder in front of a house with people seen on the porch in the background.	Undated
2	5	11	Lewis and Sr. Aurelie stand arm in arm in front of a house.	1938
2	5	12	Image of Rinette as a young woman picking potatoes in a field. There is another person behind her.	1946
2	5	13	Bill (Emile), Agnes, Lewis, Rita, Camille, Titite (Dorilda) at the farm house in St. Agatha.	Undated
2	5	14	Rinette Theriault and Lewis Michaud stand arm in arm next to a car. Lewis is wearing a uniform.	1946
2	6	15	A snow-covered road with the roof of a house to the right barely visible over the snowbank. Leda (memere) Michaud's potato house.	Undated
2	6	16	Image of a plow truck plowing snow near Leda (memere) Michaud's potato house, which can be seen behind the plow.	Undated
2	7	17	Lewis M. out of the army. He stands with one foot propped up on the car next to him.	1947-03
2	7	18	Camille and Lewis stand/sit on either end of a tractor next to a dirt road.	Undated
2	7	19	Lewis and [?] Morneau lay on a grassy hill by a raised road. Both young men appear to be wearing army uniforms.	1946
2	7	20	Childhood photo of Lewis Michaud wearing a button up	1930s

			shirt and a tie. Wallet sized photo.	
2	8	21	Camille Michaud sitting in a chair wearing a suit.	1930s-40s
2	8	22	People stand or are walking across the Sinclair bridge.	1947
2	8	23	Aurel, Therese, and Lewis Michaud as children stand in front of a couple of buildings.	1929-1930
2	8	24	Rinette and Lewis sit together on a chair in a room.	1947
2	9	25	Postcard with an image of Lewis on top of the Empire State building in New York City.	1941
2	9	26	Lewis's graduating class at Ste Agathe high school. He stands on stage with 15 girls in their caps and gowns. All the other boys had left to work.	1941
2	10	27	Head shot of Rinette Theriault around the time she worked at the Fort Kent college for president Crocker.	ca. 1945
2	10	28	Copy of a photograph of Vincent Theriault and Marguerite Elise Cyr riding in the first car in Fort Kent.	ca. 1910-1915
2	11	29	Family photo. Back row: Papa "Henry" Theriault, Pepere Dennis Daigle, Uncle Belonie Daigle; Middle row: Maman Agnes Daigle Theriault and on her lap is sister Marie "Jeanne", Mémère Modeste Chasse Daigle, Tante (aunt) Aurore Daigle Daigle holding cousin Bertha; Front row: Tante (aunt) Victoire "La Jeanne" Daigle, cousin Hercules Daigle, Uncle Ernest Daigle	Summer 1908
2	12	30	Michel Theriault	
2	13	31	Page from the Theriault genealogy by Linda Dube, vol. 1	1993

Series III: Digital photographs subseries I: individual photos

Image #	Description	Date(s)
1	Honor guard. Lewis is saluting Douglas MacArthur. Lewis is on the left. This was when he was stationed in Japan during World War II.	Undated
2	Head shot of Rinette as a young woman. Appears to be the same or very similar picture to #27 in subseries I.	1944
3	Image of a painting of Rinette as a young woman. Looks like the previous image was used as an example for the painting.	Undated
4	"Dumais and Michaud around." Group of adults stand together in front of a house with people seen on the porch in the background. Duplicate of physical image #10.	Undated
5	"Irma (Dumais), Rinette". Three women stand together in dresses in front of the cab of a truck.	Undated
6	Lewis and Rinette stand together in front of a car. Lewis is wearing his army uniform. Duplicate of physical image #14.	1946

7	Lewis, Rinette, Julie and Larry Boucher sit together on a couch. The two women have their arms in their partners' arms.	Undated
8	Rinnette and Lewis stand on the steps of a building at their wedding with attendees a step or two behind them.	1947-08-11
9	Rinnette and Lewis sit together in a chair with their arms around each other. A standing lamp shines on them.	Undated
Series III subseries II: Marie V. Michaud		
10	An unidentified woman stands next to a shrub/plant with a covered houseporch in the background.	Undated
11	A woman sits with her arms resting on her knees in a canoe on what appears to be a lake.	Undated
12	Three women stand in front of a tall horse in hats and coats.	Undated
13	A woman stands between the front bumpers of two cars.	Undated
14	Three women stand on a pyre-shaped stack of wood.	Undated
15	A woman stands with her hands in her coat next to a car. There is snow on the ground.	Undated
16	"Tante Marie" stands in front of two Pine trees with a building peaking out from the gap between them. She appears to be wearing two bags around her shoulder.	Undated
17	A woman sits in a chair holding a book in a large room. A piano can be seen behind her and a large fireplace is to her right.	Undated
18	A woman stands outside a house with a shrub and car behind her.	Undated
19	"Elgie Chasse and [Tante] M." Two women stand side by side holding traditional wooden snowshoes in their hands.	Undated
20	"Tante Marie" stands posing on a pair of skis with poles in her hands. A barn can be seen in the background.	Undated
21	"Tante Marie" stands with one hand against a bulletin board.	1941
22	Lewis and Marie stand with their arms around each other on snowy ground.	1944
23	A group of women and children (with Marie in the center) sit in front of or on the bumper of a car.	Undated
24	Marie and Lewis sit together on a chair looking towards a window.	1947
25	Marie stands on a boat holding a fishing pole.	1944
26	Marie sits on a bench built into two trees with some sort of structure and body of water behind her.	1945
27	Marie, Rinette, and Winnie stand/sit together. One woman is sitting with the other two leaning over her shoulders.	Undated
28	Marie sits in a boat looking out on the water.	Undated
29	A school group of children sit/stand on a hill.	Undated

30 A woman stands looking at the camera, smiling, with one hand reaching Undated
for something out of view.

Series III subseries III: Michaud & Picard

31 A family or group of people stand/sit in a garden for a picture. 1938

32 Back of the previous photo with the names of people in the image. Front 1938
row: Rita. Camille, [Priscilla]; Mid row: Uncle Lewis; Rear: Memere
Michaud, Memere Picard, Agnes, Sr. Aurelie, and Bill.

33 Image of a group of people standing/sitting. In the back row is Camille, 1947
Rita, Lewis, & Rinette; Front row: Agnes, Titite, & Bill.

34 Duplicate of previous image of Camille, Rita, Lewis, Rinette, Agnes, 1947
Titite, & Bill.

35 Anastasie Picard (Agnes P. Michaud's mother) as an older woman Undated
sitting in a chair.

36 Aurel Michaud as an adolescent stands with a closed smile looking at Undated
the camera.

37 A group of men are working on raising a barn. One man sits on a beam 1946
while a couple stand below him on the ground and few more stand nearby
watching on.

38 Photo taken from a distance of people working on the frame of a barn. Undated

39 Bill (Emile) and Agnes Michaud stand in formal clothing in front of a Undated
house porch. She has a hand on his arm.

40 Bill and Titite driving a tractor/sitting on a cart being pulled behind it Undated
through a potato field in which a couple people can be seen picking potatoes.

41 Cropped image of Leda Michaud (Emile Michaud's mother). It appears Undated
she is sitting with someone standing behind her.

42 Lewis stands in an armed forces uniform with his arms crossed. 1946

43 "Lewis out of the Army." Lewis stands with one foot propped up against 1947
the car next to him. Duplicate of physical photograph #17.

44 Image of the Michaud home in Ste Agathe. A set of stairs are built into Undated
a small hill and a tree grows in front of the house.

45 "Michauds". A multi-generational family stands together in front of a Undated
tree and shed or barn with the bumper of a car in the right foreground.

46 Image of the Picards. Six women and a man stand together in front of a Undated
house.

47 Back of the previous image. From left to right: Agnes, Euphemie, Undated
Marie, O'Villa, Laurie, Jeanette, Germaine. Missing is Donat.

Series III subseries IV: Theriault & Daigle

48 A group of people stand in a yard next to a tall shrub/bush. Rear row: 1922
Agne, Olivant, Henry. [J-], Grace; Front row: Pricille, Therese.

49	Aurore and Agnes Daigle (sisters) stand in front of steps in formal coats and hats. The woman on the left holds a purse in her hands.	Undated
50	Doretta and Doran as young children stand at the bottom of a set of steps.	1927
51	Doretta, Agnes, Pricille, Ollivant, & Rinette stand together at the bottom of a set of steps in winter hats and jackets.	1925
52	Doretta, Olivant, & Rinette stand on the snowy ground as young children. Olivant has his arms around the other two children.	Undated
53	Grace Theriault sits in a chair holding an envelope or a similar object in her hands.	1932
54	Henry Theriault stands with one arm resting on a banister or frame looking off camera.	Undated
55	Henry and Agnes sit with a baby Jeanne on Agnes' lap. The couple is looking off camera.	1908
56	Henry, Agnes, Therese & Pricille stand on a porch with windows/doors behind them. The photo has a note written on it "Maman hired girl" implying that one of the women was a hired worker.	Undated
57	Sr. Stanislas de Kostka-Eva T. Daughter of Michel T. and Marie Boutot. Sr. Stanislas stands in a tall field with trees in the background.	Undated
58	Sr. Stanislas and Tante (aunt) Era sit behind a store front with rolls of fabric behind them.	1898
59	Marie Louise and Eva Theriault sit surrounded by flowers and plants.	Undated
60	"Grace- mom, Eva (nun) [?] nun." A group of people including a couple of nuns and children stand in front of a building.	Undated
61	An older couple sits in a field or tall grass. The woman appears to be wearing a long white apron or holding a white fabric in her lap.	Undated
62	Image of a framed photograph of Adolphe Dube and Anastasie Cyr from the shoulders up.	Undated
63	Marie Louis Theriault stands with her arms behind her back.	1903
64	Group photograph of five adults and a couple of children outside at a picnic. 'Me' is written on a baby being held by the woman in the center and a note from the donor identifies this baby as Rinette. Agnes is also in the photograph.	Undated
65	Olivant and Rinette as young children in Fort Kent. The small child is sitting in a wicker chair with the older standing behind the chair in a flowering field.	1925
66	Rinette as a baby is being held by a woman outside a building. Rinette is dressed in what appears to be a traditional nun habit.	1923
67	Rinette and Doretta as young children stand on a wicker chair in a room.	Undated
68	Rinette and Doretta as young children are pictured sitting on a sled dressed in winter clothing and hats.	Undated

- 69 Rinette and another woman sitting at a picnic table having a picnic on the way to Boston. A car is parked next to them. Undated
- 70 A Theriault man (donor unsure of whom exactly) is riding a bike on a road with a shed or barn behind him. Undated
- 71 A couple of men believed to be Theriaults (by donor) sitting in a carriage behind a horse hooked up to the carriage in front of a barn. Undated
- 72 The Theriault home in St. Francis, which was built in 1911. Undated