

Madawaska Historical Society scrapbook collection of memorial cards

MCC-00586

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(MCC-00586)**

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Collection Overview

Creator

Unknown creator

Madawaska Historical Society [collector]

Dates

1934-1968

Extent

36 individual memorial cards in 9 sleeves.

Provenance

Materials were collected over the years by an unknown resident—in all likelihood, Guy Dubay—of the St John Valley, and held by the Madawaska Historical Society in Madawaska, Maine. The society's president offered materials from their holdings to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes in summer of 2025, and the memorial cards were collected.

Language

English

French

Conservation Notes

Memorial cards have been placed in sleeve protectors.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access: No restrictions

Physical: No restrictions

Technical: No restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Memorial cards, similar to obituary or prayer cards, are often created by Catholic communities to honor a recently deceased individual. In the Saint John Valley, cards may be printed farther south in Maine and New Hampshire, or north in Quebec. They are distributed to attendees at funerals, wakes, and other gatherings.

Since 1968, the Madawaska Historical Society in Madawaska, Maine has worked to preserve their local history. A log cabin purchased soon thereafter became the first museum in the Upper Saint John Valley and housed the society's headquarters. The society was also responsible for acquiring land for the historic "Acadian Landing site," a white cross marking the 1785 arrival of Acadians in the valley; this purchase allowed them to expand their museum grounds. Ever since the first family reunions around the annual Acadian Festival, beginning in 1978, the society has also helped families compile their genealogy into printed volumes. Additionally, they publish titles on local history.

Scope and Content

The collection contains 36 memorial cards, often featuring the person's name, date of birth, date of death, and photograph alongside a prayer, with religious imagery decorating the back, in French and English for different residents of the St. John Valley, who died between 1934 and 1968.

Arrangement

Cards are arranged chronologically and indexed alphabetically.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Subject Headings

Memorial cards

Obituaries

Saint John River Valley (Me. and N.B.)

Madawaska (Me)

Related Materials

Alice Breton Tourigny song manuscript collection (MCC-00186). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Allen J. Voisine collection of memorial cards (MCC-00588). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Daigle family collection. (MCC-00586). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Dubay, Guy F. *Guy F. Dubay Collection of Obituaries*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2014.

Dubay, Guy F. *Newspaper Obituaries for St. Francis, St. John, Allagash, Maine*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2015.

Ernest J. Gendreau obituary card collection (MCC-00459). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Guimond, Léon A., and Allen J. Voisine. *Memorial Cards*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2012.

Louise A. Levasseur obituaries collection (MCC-00408). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Marquis, Alphonse Reverend. *Memorial Cards*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 199-.

Nadeau, John R. *Memorial Cards*. Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, 2013.

Ste Agath Historical Society digital collection. (MCC-00529). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

St John Valley Parishes Collection (MCC-00523). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent. Series XIV.

Steven Vance collection of memorial cards (MCC-00587). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Sister Mary Celine collection of obituaries and memorial cards (MCC-00273). Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Some materials listed above are being transferred from the Acadian genealogy stacks to archival collections, and may not be accurately cited.

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Name	Year of Death	Page	Card
Aubin, Edmond J.	1967	8	37
Beaulieu, Henry	1957	6	26
Bouchard, Lévite	1939	1	3
Castonguay, Démerise	1946	2	8
Chassé, Cyprien	1957	7	27
Chassé, Maxime	1956	6	25
Couturier, Weeda	1967	9	30
Cyr, Alice	1955	5	22
Cyr, Donat V.	1936	1	2
Cyr, Fortunat	1967	8	36
Cyr, Francis J.	1951	4	17
Cyr, Lévite-T.-S.	1955	5	21
Cyr, Yvon-A.	1941	1	4
Daigle, Eulalie	1966	8	34
Daigle, Louis-C.	1951	4	15

Name	Year of Death	Page	Card
Daigle, Victoria	1934	1	1
Doucette, Omérine	1949	3	14
Gauvin, Bertrin	1948	3	13
Hébert, Marthe	1966	8	35
Langlois, Joseph-A.	1948	2	9
Lévesque, Joseph-V.	1951	4	16
Martin, Léo P.	1956	6	23
Martin, Simon	1953	5	19
Michaud Albert, Cora	1968	9	33
Morneault, Denis	1956	6	24
Pelletier, Raoul	1945	2	5
Picard, Joseph Réal H.	1952	4	18
Robitaille, Emile	1964	7	30
Rossignol, Patrick G.	1955	5	20
Sirois, Denis-C.	1948	3	10
Soucy, Antoine-P. (2 copies)	1948	3	11, 12
Soucy, Hilaire	1964	7	29
Thibault, Adélard (2 copies)	1944	2	6, 7
Thibodeau, Odélie	1959	7	28
___ (Sr. Joseph de L'E.J.)	1968	9	32