

**Thérèse Dufour oral histories and songs**

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**Finding Aid**

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

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*Provenance:* Submitted for a course with Roger Paradis at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Fall 1974. Brought to the Acadian Archives/Archive acadiennes by Prof. Paradis in March 1991.

*Date Range:* 1974

*Physical Characteristics/Condition:* Three C-60 audio cassette containing oral history interviews with older residents of the Saint John Valley. Also: piano music (with sheet music, a song, and a recording of a broadcast of "Soirée canadienne." Plus, 32 pages of manuscript, 18 color photographs, 2 black and white photographs, 2 daguerreotypes, and 4 postcards.

*Access:* There are no restrictions on this collection

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#### **Biographical information:**

(Anne) Therese Dufour lived in Madawaska, Maine.

Charles H. Martin was born November 14, 1887 in Sainte-Basile, the son of Hubald and Marguerite Martin. He was a telephone and telegraph operator in St. John, New Brunswick. He composed a number of piano pieces, including "Madawaska Rag." He died of the Spanish flu in Grand Falls, New Brunswick in October 1918.

Joseph Morin was born in 1896 in Bellechasse, Quebec, the son of Louis Morin. He lived in Riviere Verte, New Brunswick with his wife, Mrs. Joseph Morin (born circa 1905 in Bellechasse, Quebec).

Clovis Ringuette was born March 1, 1888 in Saint-Basile, New Brunswick, the son of Florent and Rina Ringuette. He married Yvonne Fournier on August 26, 1919 in Saint-Basile. They lived in Riviere Verte, New Brunswick.

Joseph Roy was born January 29, 1892, the son of Evangelise and Malvina Morency Roy. He married Helene Cyr on September 3, 1917, in Sainte-Basile, New Brunswick. They lived in Riviere Verte, N.B. He died on December 29, 1977.

Helene Cyr Roy was born on September 1, 1898. She married Joseph Roy on September 3, 1917 in Sainte-Basile. They lived in Riviere Verte, N.B.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection consists of oral histories, songs, and an illustrated report all pertaining to Franco-American life in New Brunswick, Canada, all created and collected by Therese Dufour. The oral histories include the following: interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morin on healing abilities, folk medicines, family histories and reminiscences; interview with Joseph and Helene Cyr Roy about growing up in Sainte-Basile, their wedding, and family reminiscences, as well as Helene singing a song taught to her by her mother; and interview with Clovis Ringuette on his family reminiscences.

Also included in the collection is a piano recording of a number of songs, including "Madawaska Rag," composed by Charles H. Martin of Sainte-Basile.

The collection also contains a bound illustrated report created by Dufour containing typescript descriptions of many folk arts, architecture, life, customs, and history of families in the Saint John Valley. The report includes 26 images: 18 color photographs, 2 black and white photographs, 1 ambrotype, 1 tintype, and 4 postcards, as well as artifacts: seeds, nail, and a section of blanket.

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