

Alphie J. Clavette motion pictures

MCC-00060

Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: Alphie J. Clavette motion pictures

Citation: Alphie J. Clavette motion pictures, MCC-00060, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Accession Number: MCC:92-00060 *Shelf List Numbers:* SV-60 (1/2 & 2/2)
AV-60 (1/2 & 2/2)

Provenance: Submitted for a course with Roger Paradis at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Fall 1986. Brought to the Acadian Archives/Archive acadiennes by Prof. Paradis in March 1991.

Date Range: 1986

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Two VHS video cassettes: "Logging: the way it was, the way it is, and never more to be" and one "Untitled".

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biographical information:

Alphie Joseph Clavette was born on March 28, 1948 in St. David, Maine, the son of Rene and Irene Michaud Clavette. He served during the Vietnam War before graduating from the University of Maine at Fort Kent. He married Dawn Nadeau on August 12, 1977. Clavette died in St. Francis, Maine, on May 9, 1989, as the result of a car accident in Riviere-du-Loup, Québec.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes 2 video cassettes:

SV-60 (1/2): "Logging: the way it was, the way it is, and never more to be", by Alphie Clavette, containing footage of modern logging operations of Great Northern Company; demonstration of old farm tools and an interview with a former woodsman, Mr. Patrick Nadeau of St-François, New Brunswick; transfer of old movie footage of a lumber camp; demonstration of draft horses and old farm equipment by Tom Sheehan of Patten, Maine; and footage of a burned over spruce and cedar forest.

In this video, Mr. Sheehan, explains the process of harnessing a horse to get it ready to work in the woods cutting trees and hauling it back to the farm. He explains the parts of the harness: bridle, blinds, throat latch, reins, collar, back straps, yolk, center ring, side straps, grab or grab hook, wooden hames, etc. He also goes around his farm showing old farm equipment like a cultivator, an old John Deere #2 mower, horse drawn plow, old fashion rotor tiller, potato hauler, manure spreader, old Oliver horse drawn plow.

SD-60 (2/2): "Untitled", containing three oral history interviews with women born in Castonguay Settlement, Maine: Mrs. Eunice Castonguay Walker, Emily Mullins, and Mrs. Lucy Gardner. The interviews were conducted by Annie C. Dow and the camerawork was by Dawn Clavette.

First interview:

Mrs Eunice Castonguay Walker was 96 years old at the time of the interview. She was born in Castonguay Settlement (around St. Francis, Maine). She talks about school, farming, chores. She says her mother did not know how to write. Her mother would make clothing for them. They would get the mail in St. Francis. Grandmothers in the area would help deliver babies because they did not have any doctors.

Second interview done on November 14, 1986:

Mrs Emily Mullins was 91 years old at the time of the interview. She was born in Castonguay Settlement, near St. Francis, Maine. Emily never went to school. She worked in the fields, knitted, milked the 7 cows they had on the farm, card the wool from the 20 sheep on the farm. Emily had 2 children in Fort Kent, 2 others in Allagash. She lost 1

child, a boy. She talks about peddlers, medicine, gardening, canning, making soap, knitting stockings and sweaters.

Third interview done on November 14, 1986:

Mrs. Lucy Gardner was 77 years old at the time of the interview. She talks about old remedies, peddlers going through town, child birth, death, storing meat and vegetables.

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Processing Action: The data of two video cassettes were transferred on two white label DVDs for research and stored in the media section of the stacks with shelf list number: and placed in black plastic DVD container.

The content of the two video cassettes were also transferred on two archival gold DVDs and stored in the collection room of the Archives for preservation with shelf list number MCC-00060 AV-60 1/2 and 2/2.

The two video (VHS) are stored in the collection room for preservation with shelf list number: MCC-00060 SV-60 1/2 and 2/2. The original cardboard container was discarded and replaced with a clear plastic VHS container.

Order and Arrangement: Two VHS video cassettes: “Logging: the way it was, the way it is, and never more to be” and one “Untitled”.

VHS

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Gold archival DVD

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MCC-00060 AV-60 2/2

See also white label DVD:

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