

Finland (Fin) and Claude Dumond interview with Modeste Pelletier”

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Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: Finland (Fin) and Claude Dumond interview with Modeste Pelletier

Citation: Finland (Fin) and Claude Dumond interview with Modeste Pelletier; MCC-00079, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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Provenance: Interview recorded 21 March 1985 in Daigle, Maine by brothers Finland (Finn) Dumond and Claude Dumond. A copy was made for University of Maine at Fort Kent Professor Roger Paradis, who donated it to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes in March 1991.

Date Range: 1985

Physical Characteristics/Condition: 1 C-60 audio cassette containing oral history interview with Modeste Pelletier of Daigle, Maine conducted 21 March 1985 by Finland and Claude Dumond.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biographical information:

Finland (Fin) Dumond was born April 16, 1920 in Fort Kent, Maine, the son of George and Emma Austin Dumond. He attended Fort Kent High School before joining the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps. He was discharged from the CCC in 1941 due to a work-related lung infection. Despite his lung condition, Dumond was able to enlist in the U.S. Army after Pearl Harbor, joining the 98th Infantry Division and then the Quartermaster Transportation Company as a vehicle driver. He also served in the 15th Army and the 7th Army Divisions, both of which were under the 6th Army Group. At the end of World War II, Dumond was awarded the Croix de Guerres, with the Silver Star by the French Army, as well as the Good Conduct, Victory, and the American and European Theater Campaign medals.

After his service overseas, Dumond returned to the U.S. and attended the Spartan School of Aeronautical Engineering and Electronics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, he worked for Daigle and Bouchard in Fort Kent as a radio and television repairman and communications technician. After 17 years, Dumond opened his own business, Fin's Electronics, which he ran for 17 years until his retirement in 1981. Dumond died on May 2, 2007.

Claude Dumond was born in approximately 1925 in Fort Kent, Maine, the son of George and Emma Austin Dumond. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 28, 1943 for the duration of World War II. Dumond married Annette Jandreau of St. Francis, Maine on August 23, 1948.

Modeste Pelletier was born December 19, 1896 in Daigle (present-day New Canada), Maine, the daughter of Chrysotome and Alice Albert Daigle. She graduated from the Madawaska Training School of Fort Kent in 1916 and taught in local schools for 10 years. Modeste married William V. Pelletier on December 31, 1924. She died July 3, 1990.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of an audio recording of an oral history by Finland and Claude Dumond with Modeste Pelletier of Daigle (present-day New Canada), Maine. During the interview, Pelletier discusses local history, family, Acadians, and "La Grosse Grippe," the worldwide flu pandemic of 1918. This interview was conducted on March 21, 1985.

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Order and Arrangement: 1 C-60 audio cassette.