

**Joseph Reginald Cyr oral histories with Theresa MacWhinnie, Albina Cyr, Corine
Debrey, Alcide St. Jarre, and Henry and Sylvia Levesque**

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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Physical Characteristics/Condition: 2 C-60 audio cassettes containing oral history interviews with Henry and Sylvia Levesque of St. Joseph, New Brunswick and Theresa MacWhinnie, Albina Cyr, Corine Deprey, and Alcide St. Jarre of Madawaska, Maine. Topics included: life experiences, fiddle playing, woods work and blacksmithing. Submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Fall 1974.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Biographical information:

Henry Levesque (Francois Henry Levesque) was born on October 2, 1888 in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of Alfred and Philomene Belanger Levesque. He married Sylvia Michaud on July 6, 1914 in St. Jacques, N.B.; they lived in St. Joseph, N.B. Levesque died September 17, 1975 in St. Joseph.

Sylvia Michaud Levesque was born on May 7, 1888 in Boucher Office, St. Jacques, New Brunswick, the daughter of Prudent and Maceline Belanger Michaud. She married Francois Henry Levesque on July 6, 1914; they lived in St. Joseph, N.B. Levesque died on July 27, 1976 in St. Joseph.

Theresa Prieur MacWhinnie was born on September 14, 1899 in Stormont County, Ontario, the daughter of Levi Edgar and Christy Ann Boureau Prieur. She married Thomas Smith MacWhinnie (born September 12, 1883; died May 9, 1955) on October 31, 1921; they lived in Madawaska, Maine. MacWhinnie died on July 15, 1992.

Albina Cyr was born March 2, 1920 in Van Buren, Maine, the daughter of Pierre and Edna Cyr. A lifelong Madawaska, Maine resident, she worked at the *St. John Valley Times*. Cyr died on August 17, 2007.

Corine Gervais Deprey was born August 5, 1936 in Grand Isle, Maine, the daughter of Ligatorie and Marie Gervais. She married Alfred Deprey, Jr. on November 4, 1954. Deprey died on May 16, 1985.

Alcide St. Jarre was born on May 26, 1906 in St. Hillaire, New Brunswick, the son of Hilaire and Sarah Nadeau St. Jarre. He married Irene Levesque (born November 30, 1914; died June 27, 2001); they lived in Frenchville, Maine. St. Jarre died November 29, 1979.

No biographical information on Joseph Reginald Cyr is available.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of audio recordings of oral history interviews conducted by Joseph Reginald Cyr with Henry and Sylvia Levesque of St. Joseph, New Brunswick and Theresa MacWhinnie, Albina Cyr, Corine Deprey, and Alcide St. Jarre of Madawaska, Maine. The topics discussed include life experiences, fiddle playing, woods work and blacksmithing. These interviews were submitted for a course with Professor Roger Paradis at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Fall 1974.

Order and Arrangement: One 120-minute and one 90-minute audio cassette.