

Leon Guimond collection
(MCC-00009)

Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: Leon Guimond collection

Citation: Leon Guimond collection MCC-00009, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Accession Number: MCC:92-00009

Shelf List Numbers: AA-00009, UA-00009, UP-00009, UM-00009, AJ-9

Extent: 1 audio cassette and 1 folder (.05 cu. ft)

Provenance: The tape recording was made by Gilman St. Pierre of Millinocket, Maine. A copy was sent to Gilman's brother Norman St. Pierre of Guerette, Maine, whose wife made Leon Guimond a copy. The photograph was copied from an original print owned by Aurelie ("Rilla") Gagnon Gessner of Stockholm, Maine. Leon Guimond donated both items to the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes on 26 September 1992.

Date Range: n/a

Physical Characteristics/Condition: One cassette tape containing three songs sung in French by Gilman St. Pierre of Millinocket, Maine, plus one 5x7 color reproduction of a hand-tinted photograph circa 1900 of Hubald (Ubal) Gagnon of Guerette, Maine, the subject of one of the songs, and his wife Ozithee (Marquis) Gagnon.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

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Scope and Content Note: This collection consist of one cassette tape containing three songs sung in French and recorded by Gilman St. Pierre of Millinocket, Maine, plus one 5x7 color reproduction of a hand-tinted photograph circa 1900 of Hubald (Ubal) Gagnon of Guerette, Maine, the subject of one of the songs, and his wife Ozithee (Marquis) Gagnon taken 23 July 1900.

Biographical Note:

Hubald (Ubald) Gagnon was born in 1880 in St. Luce, Maine, son of Abraham and Dorumene Gagnon of Guerette. Hubald died on 21 September 1907 after falling under the wheels of his wagon. Three months later, on 26 December 1907, his brother Denis died in a logging accident. “La complainte d’Abraham Gagnon” was composed by a local poet to commemorate the double tragedy. Both brothers are buried in the St. Agatha (Maine) Cemetery.

Gilman St. Pierre, the singer, is the son of Hubald Gagnon’s widow Ozithee and her second husband Jules St. Pierre. He learned “La complainte d’Abraham Gagnon” from his father. The photograph was copied from an original owned by Aurelie (“Rilla”) Gagnon Gessner of Stockholm, Maine, daughter of Hubald and Osithee. Rilla was born 17 December 1907, three months after her father’s death.

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Processing action: Audio recording of cassette was transferred on archival gold compact disc for preservation and white label compact disc for patron use.

Inventory and Arrangement:

Inventory of Folder 1:

- Item 1: Typescript of song “La complainte d’Abraham Gagnon
- Item 2: Typescript of song “Chanson de Albert Gagnon”
- Item 3: Typescript of song “50th wedding anniversary”
- Item 4: Musical score of a song “complainte d’Abraham Gagnon
- Item 5: Typescript (yellowed paper) of song “La complainte d’Abraham Gagnon
- Item 6: Photocopy of 4 photos on 1 page
- Item 7: Tape log
- Item 8: Notes taken by Lisa Ornstein
- Item 9: Inventory 19 March 1993 (N. Hawes)
- Item 10: Provenance

Concordances:

Cassette
MCC-00009 UA-009

Archival Gold CD
MCC-00009 AJ-9

White Label CD
CDisc St1co