

Stephen Cyr oral histories with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Thérèse Jacques, Fred Levesque, and Sam Morin, songs, typescript, and photographs

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Finding Aid

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SUMMARY INFORMATION

Collection Title: Stephen Cyr oral histories with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Thérèse Jacques, Fred Levesque, and Sam Morin, songs, typescript, and photographs

Citation: Stephen Cyr oral histories with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Thérèse Jacques, Fred Levesque, and Sam Morin, songs, typescript, and photographs, MCC-00092, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

Accession Number: MCC-00092 **Shelf List Numbers:** AA-092, UA-092, AJ-092
UM-92, AR-92

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

Date Range: 1974

Physical Characteristics/Condition: 5 audio cassettes containing oral history interviews with Mr. Fred Levesque and Mr. Herbert Smith. 2 reels are fiddle, harmonica music, spoon playing and interview with Sam Morin. (As per written information in the folder, the interview with Therese Jacques has not been found as of October 2010.). All are from Van Buren, Maine. One black-and-white photograph of Mr. Morin playing the fiddle, and a typed report (16 pages of text, 4 sheets of drawings and notes) on the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in Spring 1974.

Access: There are no restrictions on this collection

Inventory:

5 audio cassettes

16 pages of manuscript

1 black-and-white photograph

2 reels of ¼" audio tape (the archives staff found the reels in 2009).

Scope and Content Note: The audiocassettes and audio reels are mostly interviews in French and English. 3 audio cassettes containing oral history interviews in French with Mr. Fred Levesque of Van Buren. Mr. Fred Levesque talks about family life, farming, religion. 2 audiocassettes containing oral history interview in French and English with Mr. Herbert Smith of Van Buren. Mr. Herbert Smith talks about family life, weather lore, tracking animals, saw mills. (4 sheets of drawings and notes pertaining to Mr. Smith interview). 2 reels containing fiddle, harmonica and spoon playing and an oral interview in French with Mr. Sam Morin of Van Buren. Mr. Sam Morin plays his fiddle, harmonica and spoons and talks about family life. 1 black-and-white photograph of Mr. Morin playing the fiddle. A typed report (16 pages of text) that Mr. Stephen Cyr wrote as a resume of all the interviews.

(As of October 2010, Mrs. Thérèse Jacques interview has not been found)

All the interviewees are from Van Buren, Maine.

These interviews were submitted for a course at the University of Maine at Fort Kent in the Spring of 1974.

Processing:

Audiocassettes: When the 5 master audiocassettes were received, they were probably copied on 5 use audiocassettes for patron use. The staff did not realize that not all interviews were included at the time. The interviews with Sam Morin and Thérèse Jacques were missing.

In 2005, Blake Library staff had the task of digitizing the content of 5 audiocassettes onto archival gold compact discs for preservation. White label compact discs for patron use were also created. See concordances below.

Concordances from the use audiocassettes to the archival gold compact discs.

Note: The archival gold compact discs and the white label compact discs are part of the Paradis Folklore Project collection

Audiocassettes

Archival gold compact discs

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Concordances for the archival gold compact discs to the white label compact discs.

Archival gold compact discs

White label compact discs

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AudioCD GR110.M2 C97 [1974] pt.1
(The interviewee is believe to be Fred Levesque)

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AudioCD GR110.M2 C97 [1974] pt.2
(The interviewee is believe to be Fred Levesque)

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AudioCD GR110.M2 C97 [1974] pt.3

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AudioCD GR110.M2 C97 [1974] pt.4
(The interviewee is believe to be Herbert Smith)

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AudioCD GR110.M2 C97 [1974] pt.5

Processing:

16 pages of manuscript and photograph: Some papers were stapled together with the staples already rusted. Those stapled were taken off and replaced with archival quality staples, 100% rust proof. The photograph of Mr. Sam Morin was placed into clear plastic sleeve for preservation.

Processing:

2 reels of 1/4" audio tape: In October 2010, 2 reels were digitized and transferred on archival gold compact discs for preservation and white label compact discs for patron use were also made. On the 2 reels was the music and interview with Mr. Sam Morin.

Concordance for reels to compact discs:

Reels

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Archival gold compact discs

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Concordance from archival gold compact discs to white label compact discs:

Archival gold compact discs

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White label compact disc for patron use

ACADIAN A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 C971 1974 pt.1
ACADIAN A-V AudioCD GR110.M2 C971 1974 pt.2

Biography:

Fred Levesque was born February 29, 1900 in Van Buren, Maine.

Sam Morin was born February 25, 1900. M. Morin was an avid fiddle, harmonica, and spoon player.

Thérèse Jacques was born October 7, 1896. She was 78 years old at the time of the recording.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Smith both born in November 1904. Mrs. Smith was born in Van Buren, Maine and Mr. Smith was born in Hamlin, Maine.

Note: Interview with Thérèse Jacques is still missing as of October 2010.