

COLLECTION FINDING AID

Collection number:	Aroos. MS 11
Title:	Nadeau's House of Furniture (Fort Kent, Me.) photographic print
Dates:	August 3, 2011
Creator/collector:	Our Maine Street (Me.). Aroostook
Extent:	1 folder (.05 cubic feet)
Provenance:	Material was acquired from Nadeau's House of Furniture, August 2012.
Language:	English.
Conservation notes:	None.
Access restrictions:	No restrictions on access.
Physical restrictions:	None.
Technical restrictions:	None.
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Separated materials:	Not applicable.
Location of originals:	Original photograph retained by Our Maine Street, LLC.
Location of copies:	Not applicable.
Related materials:	Not applicable.
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Organizational history:

Nadeau's House of Furniture in Fort Kent, Maine, began as a general store built by Samuel Stevens in 1882. In 1892, Cleophas and Esdras Nadeau, furniture makers from Quebec, acquired the store. After Esdras' death, Celophas continued operations under the name C. Nadeau. The general store expanded into funeral and undertaking, providing coffins as well as furniture. The business continued as a furniture and funeral operation under Celophas, who was joined by his nephew Alphee in 1914; Alphee, a licensed funeral director and embalmer, purchased the business in 1928. During the 1940s, Alphee's son, Roland, joined his father, with the name of the store changing to Alphee J. Nadeau & Sons. The business expanded to sales of hardware, lumber, appliances, sporting goods, and propane. Alphee sold the business to Roland, who was then joined by his son, Barnard.

Ellery Labbe began working for the Nadeau family in 1968. Soon after, the store expanded to sales of furniture and flooring. In 1976, Roland's wife, Loretta, sold the business to Labbe. The Labbe family, including Ellery's three sons David, Pat, and Phil, continued to operate Nadeau's House of Furniture, as well as the separate Nadeau's House of Flooring, until 2012. Just after midnight on March 25, 2012 a fire destroyed Nadeau's House of Furniture, along with two other historic buildings on Fort Kent's Main Street. On July 26, 2012, The Labbe family announced they would not be rebuilding or reopening the business.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of a color print of a photograph taken for *Our Maine Street's Aroostook Magazine* on August 3, 2011. The photograph depicts Nadeau's House of Furniture as viewed from across Main Street.

A history of the business is printed on the back of the photograph.

Inventory:

Photographic print. Nadeau's House of Furniture. August 3, 2012. Color. 1 item Folder 1