

COLLECTION FINDING AID

Collection number:	Univ. 9.1.7.3.2
Title:	Roger L. Grindle centennial history research materials
Dates:	1970s
Creator/collector:	Grindle, Roger L., 1936-1981
Extent:	4 file drawers, 1 box (1.25 cubic feet)
Provenance:	Material was acquired from University of Maine at Fort Kent Public Relations/ Alumni office, date unknown.
Language:	English.
Conservation notes:	Not applicable.
Access restrictions:	No restrictions on access.
Physical restrictions:	None.
Technical restrictions:	None.
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Separated materials:	Files of UMFK class information were donated at the same time from the PR office, but there was no indication whether they were also part of this collection, and no paperwork was kept. They have been separated and added to the university files, 8.2.
Location of originals:	Not applicable.
Location of copies:	Not applicable.
Related materials:	Not applicable.

Published in:

These research materials were used in Grindle's publication, *The University of Maine at Fort Kent: A Century of Progress* (1978).
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**Biographical
information/organizational
history:**

Roger L. Grindle (1936-1981) was born on June 10 in Rockland, Maine, the son of Edward Webster Grindle and Marguerite Wincapaw Grindle. He graduated from the Farmington State Teacher's College (today the University of Maine at Farmington) in 1959 with a B.A. in education. He then attended the University of Maine at Orono (today the University of Maine), where he earned his Master's degree in history in 1962. He remained at Orono, where he received his doctorate in history in 1971.

Grindle taught at the University of Maine at Fort Kent for 18 years, until his sudden death. He served as the faculty chair and the social science division chair. He also coached the UMFK cross-country team and chaired the self-evaluation study of the NEASC reaccreditation of the college in 1980.

Grindle was also an author and historian, writing numerous books on Maine, its resources, and its history. In addition, he was a member of many societies and committees, including the Maine State Museum Commission, the Maine Academic Historians, the Madawaska Historical Society, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine League of Historical Societies and Museums (of which he was a trustee), the American Association of State and Local History, the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. Most significantly, Grindle founded and served for three years as president for the Fort Kent Historical Society. In the position, he procured the old Bangor and Aroostook Railroad station in Fort Kent for the society.

Roger Grindle raised two sons, Nathan and Richard, with his wife, Anita. He died on January 7, 1981, at the hospital in Portland, Maine, after a very brief illness.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of index cards containing information on UMFK alumni to be used in Roger Grindle's publication of *The University of Maine at Fort Kent: A Century of Progress*. The cards include names, class years, and some biographical information on the alumni. As the book was published in 1978, these cards span through the 1970s.



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Inventory:

Research materials. Index cards.