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Accession Number:
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OVERVIEW:

Number:
Title: *Jean-Baptiste Couture Collection*
Creators: Jean-Baptiste Couture; Franco-American Collection
Dates: 1926-1995
Media: Paper, photographs
Quantity: 0.27 cu ft

BIOGRAPHY: Jean-Baptiste Couture (1866-1943), more commonly known as J-B or Jean, was the manager and owner-publisher of *Le Messenger*, Lewiston's French-language newspaper. He was born in Lévis, QC and came to *Le Messenger* in 1883 after working as a typesetter at *L'Evenement* in Québec City. During his time as owner of *Le Messenger*, Couture was placed under interdict by Bishop Louis Walsh for the paper's objection to Maine's Corporation Sole law. Couture served two terms in the Maine State Legislature, was a member of the post-prohibition State Liquor Board, from 1933-37, and he founded WCOU, a French radio station in Lewiston.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS: The collection includes a biography of Couture, written by Bertha Dick, various newspaper clippings and photographs on Couture, Couture's *En Voyage* (notes on his travel to Europe) and his translation of HMS Pinafore, *L'Amor à Bord*. In addition, there are photographs of Couture's son, Valdore (b.1899), and correspondence from another son, Faust.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION: The collection is organized thematically.

SEE ALSO: LE MESSENGER; WCOU; CORPORATION SOLE



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Copyrights: No known issues. Copyright on *En Voyage* is expired.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

| Box | Folder | File Title | Dates |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Biography (Bertha Dick) | (1995) |
| | 2 | Newspaper Clippings | 1937-1970 |
| | 3 | <i>En Voyage</i> | 1926 |
| | 4 | <i>L'Amour à Bord</i> | c.1925 |
| | 5 | J-B Couture – Photos | nd |
| | 6 | Sheet Music | nd |
| | 7 | Valdore Couture – photos | nd |
| | 8 | Faust Couture | 1940s |