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**Accession Number:**  
**Title:** *Louis-Philippe Gagné Papers*  
**Dates:** 1916-1950

**OVERVIEW:**

Number:  
Title: *Louis-Philippe Gagné Papers*  
Creators: Gagné, Louis-Philippe (assumed); Franco-American Collection  
Dates: 1916 – 1950  
Media: Paper, photographs  
Quantity: 1.06 cu. ft.

**BIOGRAPHY:**

Louis-Philippe Gagné (1922-1964) moved to Lewiston from Québec City in 1922, and became editor of *LE MESSAGER*, having worked for *Le Soleil* in Québec since 1917. He gained US Citizenship in 1928, ran as a ward clerk in 1928, was a member of the school committee from 1930-1934 and MAYOR OF LEWISTON 1947-1949. He founded the SNOWSHOE movement in the United States, and was first president of the *Union Américain des Raquetteurs*. As a radio host, he presented *L'Oeil et Son Autueur* on local station WCOU (q.v.). He founded *LE CLUB MONTAGNARD* and *LES VIGILANTS*, and was a member of *THE UNION ST JEAN BAPTISTE*, the *SOCIÉTÉ DES ARTISANS*, and *L'ASSOMPTION*.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS:**

The collection contains a large number of newspaper clippings, photographs, correspondence and speeches composed by Gagné. The papers cover Gagné's editorial and political careers, his naturalization process, and his role as patron of various civic groups

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:**

Papers are organized into folders by subject, and chronologically within each folder.

**SEE ALSO:**

SPORTS – SNOWSHOEING  
POLITICS – LEWISTON  
POLITICS - IMMIGRATION  
LANGUAGE – LE MESSAGER  
VETERANS – WORLD WAR 2



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Access: No Restrictions

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## 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	Biographical (General)	1927-1947
	2	Snowshoeing	n.d.
	3	WCOU	c.1948
	4	Awards	1942-1950
	5	Early Life – Québec	c.1916
	6	Pre-Political Career	1922-1947
	7	As Mayor	1947-1949
	8	Nomination Papers	1947-1948
	9	Speeches (1)	1947
	10	Speeches (2)	1948
	11	Speeches (3)	1949
	12	Speeches – Undated	n.d.
2	1	Correspondence (1)	Jan-Mar 1947
	2	Correspondence (2)	Apr-Jun 1947
	3	Correspondence (3)	July-Sept 1947
	4	Correspondence (4)	Oct-Dec 1947
	5	Correspondence (5)	Jan-June 1948
	6	Correspondence (6)	July-Dec 1948
	7	Correspondence (7)	1949
3	1-3	Photocopies	n.d.