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Accession Number:

Title: *Georgette Beauparlant Bérubé Collection*

Dates: c.1920-2005

OVERVIEW:

Number:
Title: Bérubé Papers
Creators: Georgette Berube; Franco-
American Collection
Dates: c.1920-2005
Media: Paper, VHS Cassette
Quantity: 0.43 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY:

Georgette Beauparlant Bérubé (1927-2005) was a lifelong resident of Lewiston who served in the State Legislature for more than a quarter-century, longer than any other Maine woman.

She was the daughter of Leonard and Blanche (Tremblay) Beauparlant, a student of St Peter's School and Ave Maria Academy, the University of Maine at Augusta and the Maine School of Commerce, where she met her future husband, Gérard Bérubé. She worked with her brother, Maurice, at Beauparlant Furniture, located at 359 Lisbon Street. As State Representative and Senator, she was an independently-minded who often voted with Republicans on fiscal issues. In 1978, she and Madeleine Giguère were censured by the local Democratic party for endorsing future US Senator William Cohen, a Republican. In 1982 she ran unsuccessfully for governor against the Democratic incumbent, Joseph Brennan. She retired from the State Senate in 2000.

Georgette was a strong advocate for Franco-American heritage, as a legislator and community member. She hosted a long-running French radio station, *Le Rendez-Vous de la Chanson* on the Bates College Radio Station. She was a member of the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians, the *Fédération Feminine*, *L'Union Saint-Jean Baptiste d'Amérique* and the Financial Council of the Catholic Diocese of Maine.

Along with Professor Madeleine Giguère, she was a founding member of the original *Centre d'Héritage Franco-Américain* which became the Franco-American Collection at USM LAC. She was chair of the Collection at the time of her death in 2005.



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SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The collection includes a mixture of materials collected by Georgette herself and by Collection staff. A number of newspaper clippings cover her work as a state representative and senator. There are also materials from various election campaigns, including her run for Governor of Maine. Invitations to various official events, and honors awarded to Georgette are well represented, as are tributes from her contemporaries at the time of her death.

Materials from the Collection's tribute to Georgette and Madeleine Giguère are included in the collection.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION:

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

SEE ALSO:

GIGUÈRE, MADELEINE; COLLECTION HISTORY; POLITICS – MAINE

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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	Newspaper Clippings [FAC Material]	1972-2005
	2	Early Life and Family [Berube Material]	c.1920-1940
	3	Election Materials [Mixed]	1982-1999
	4	Invitations and Honors [Berube Material]	1966-2004
	5	French Ambassador's Visit to Lewiston [Berube Material]	1972
	6	General Correspondence [Berube Material]	1975-1993
	7	Published Materials [Berube Material]	1976-2000
	8	<i>Thank You Georgette</i> , Manuscript [FAC Material]	c.2003
	9	Involvement With Franco-American Collection [Berube Material]	c.2004
	10	Tributes [FAC Material]	2005
	11	Memorial Exhibit [FAC Material]	2005