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Accession Number:
Title: *Fernand Despins Papers*
Dates: c.1900-1967

OVERVIEW:

Number:
Title: *Fernand Despins Papers*
Creators: Fernand Despins, Franco-American Collection
Dates: c.1900-1967
Media: Paper, photographs
Quantity: 0.06 cu ft

BIOGRAPHY: Fernand Despins (1896-1960) was the son of Césarine Giguère and Napoléon Despins. He served in the FIRST WORLD WAR, attended St Charles Seminary in Sherbrooke, QC, BATES COLLEGE in Lewiston, and the Boston University of Law. He practiced as an attorney, and served as Mayor of Lewiston (1939-40) and a Lewiston Municipal Court Judge (1956-60). He received a Presidential Medal of Honor from the French Government in 1950,

SCOPE AND CONTENTS: Numerous newspaper articles covering his career and service in government, and the societies to which he belonged. A number of photographs spanning Despins' early life, time as mayor, and in his role as Santa Claus at the Healey Assylum and Lewiston City Hall.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION: Items are organized into the four major phases of Despins' life: general activities, service in WWI, time as mayor of Lewiston, and legal career.

SEE ALSO: WWI; POLITICS – LEWISTON; CHRISTMAS; HEALEY ASSYLUM



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Box	Folder	File Title	Dates
1	1	General	1900 – 1967
	2	World War One	1918 – 1950
	3	Mayor of Lewiston	1939 – 1941
	4	Legal Career	1918 – 1967