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## JoAnne and Norman Lapointe Memorial Collection Finding Aid

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**JoAnne and Norman Lapointe Memorial Collection, (1969-1979), bulk 1975-1977**

**Number:** 2019.049

**Creators:** JoAnne Lapointe, Norman Lapointe, J.J. Bourgault

**Extent:** 1 box, .5 linear ft.  
3.75 ft. x 1.25 ft. statue

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

**Provenance:** Donated by the daughters of JoAnne and Norman Lapointe, Patti Frisch, Kathy Cmaylo and Lise Lapointe-Murer on October 25, 2019. The statue was originally given to the Franco-American Collection by the government of Quebec on October 26, 1974. JoAnne Lapointe, a founder of the Franco-American Collection, took charge of it until her death in 2016, at which time it passed into the care of her daughters. The accompanying items are news clippings and other information about the statue and its journey to the Collection, donated on the same date as the statue, 10/25/19.

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**Cite As:** JoAnne and Norman Lapointe Memorial Collection, 1969-1979 (bulk 1975-1977), Franco-American Collection, University of Southern Maine Libraries.

**Restrictions:** None

**Languages:** English and French

**LOCATION OF ASSOCIATED ITEMS:** General Biography Collection: JoAnne and Norman Lapointe, also in the collection of the FAC, contains the papers of JoAnne and Norman Lapointe, donated separately from the items in this collection.

**BIOGRAPHICAL and HISTORICAL NOTE:** JoAnne DeBlois Lapointe was born in 1933 and grew up in Winthrop, ME. She attended Mount Merici Academy in Waterville for high school, graduating in 1952. She attended Trinity College in Burlington, VT, where she received her bachelor's degree. She taught Humanities and English at schools in Maine and Massachusetts, and in 1973 became the Dean of Students at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Auburn. She was the first female Dean of Students at a technical college in Maine. Along with her husband, Norman Lapointe, she was instrumental in founding the Centre D'Heritage Franco-Americaine, now known as the Franco-American Collection (FAC). She served as a representative in the Maine State House of Representatives, and contributed articles to the Lewiston Sun Journal on many topics. She passed away in 2016.

Norman, also spelled "Normand" J. Lapointe was born in Chelsea, ME in 1929. He and JoAnne married on August 16, 1958 in Winthrop, ME. He received his B.A. from the University of Maine Orono, and his M.A. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He performed his doctoral residency in counseling at Orono. He served during the Korean War as a personnel accounting specialist, and later belonged to the American Legion Post 057 in Old Orchard Beach, ME. He taught at Searsport High School and served as the guidance director for the city of Lewiston before he came to work at the

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University of Southern Maine (USM) in 1967. At USM, he worked as the Upward Bound program director, developed and directed the Child and Family Institute and was awarded the “Distinguished Service Award” in 1980. Professor Lapointe was a leader in the early childhood development and education community, and belonged to several organizations promoting children’s education. He was also involved in cultural organizations, notably the Centre D’Heritage Franco-Americaine, now the FAC, where he was president. Under his tenure, the organization supported art exhibits, including of the work of J.J. Bourgault, operettas and other cultural programs. He passed away in 2001.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The Collection contains a wooden statue, “Paysan Quebecois” measuring 3.75 ft. x 1.25 ft., and articles and ephemera related to the statue, the artist, J.J. Bourgault, and how the statue came into the possession of the Franco-American Collection (FAC), then called the Centre D’Heritage Franco-Americaine. Included in the articles and ephemera are correspondence, photos, excerpts from publications, FAC board information, an oral history transcript, and newspaper articles.

**BOX/FOLDER LIST**

<u>Box/Item #</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Articles and Ephemera Part 1	1975-1977 and undated
	2	Articles and Ephemera Part 2	1969, 1976, 1977, 1979 and undated
Free-Standing		“Paysan Quebecois”	1974

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Lapointe, JoAnne, 1933-2016  
 Lapointe, Norman, 1929-2001  
 Bourgault, Jean-Julien, 1910-1996  
 Franco-Americans--Maine--Lewiston.  
 Bates College (Lewiston, Me.). Museum of Art  
 Lewiston (Me.)--Newspapers.

Lewiston (Me.)--History--20th century  
Artists--Québec (Province)  
Folk art--Quebec (Province)  
Folk art--Canada, Eastern--History--20th century--Exhibitions.  
Wood-carving--Québec (Province)--Saint-Jean-Port-Joli.