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Summary Information

Repository:	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
Creator - ivr:	Stewart, Thomas "Archie"
Creator - ive:	Golding, Rob
Title:	Thomas "Archie" Stewart Collection
ID:	MF085
Date [bulk]:	1920-1980, 1991
Physical Description:	3 items (digital)
Physical Description:	2 boxes (half sized)
Language of the Material:	English .
Material Specific Details:	Audio files are the primary source material. Transcriptions are the transcriber's best effort to convert audio to text, but should be considered secondary to the audio.

Preferred Citation

Interviewee last name, interviewee first name. Year. NA[unique series identification number], MF085, NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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Scope and Contents

The Stewart family of Newburgh, New York, had a long association with the eastern Maine, area where they had a camp. Rob Golding of Perry, Maine, acted as their guide for many years in the first half of the twentieth century. This collection consists of a series of interviews with Golding, a renowned story teller, conducted by Archie Stewart; a manuscript history of the Stewart family; and video copies of Stewart family home movies.

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Arrangement

NA2007 Rob Golding, interviewed by Thomas "Archie" Stewart, 1961 - 1966. 1 box.
Text: Most transcribed. Recording: mfc_na2007_c0494_01&02, mfc_na2007_c0495_01,
mfc_na2007_t1971_01-mfc_na2007_t1986_02, mfc_na2007_audio001 2,200 minutes (37 hours).

Box 1 MF085 (all NA2007): 17 handwritten indexes (folders 3-19) with numbers corresponding the the PM tape numbers, plus 1 folder (folder 1) which has correspondence, release forms, PM to T tape number conversion info, and correspondence. (Note: there are supposed to be 19 folders, but #2 is MIA). 1 folder of correspondence, mostly between Archie and Edward D. "Sandy" Ives. 2 CDs from the interview. 5 folders with transcriptions form NA2007: C-493, T1973, T1979, T1981 side 1, T1981 side 2. 1 folder with correspondence with MaryLou Kelly. 1 DVD with transcripts from the interview.

Box 2 MF085 (all NA2007): 30 cassette tape copies of the interviews.

T1971 April 21, 1961. Stewart begins by reading a letter he wrote to Golding, consoling him for his failing sight and hearing, and telling him of the help and pleasure he gave to others throughout his life as a Maine Guide and storyteller. Then Rob Golding discusses his family history and genealogy; family's move from Canada to Maine; his great-grandfather's experience as a trapper in the 1820s; compares to his own use of traps; stories about Trapper Golding (the great-grandfather); grandfather Robert's farm; Rob's brothers, Will and Jim, and the things they built, including a cannon and a steam engine; how Will drowned; Rob's school days in Perry and Louis Cove, Maine; bringing June bugs into church; farmer's first use of the telephone; sources of hay and fertilizer for nineteenth-century Maine farmers; farmer's fight with a ram; handling an appendicitis in Washington County before the railroad came; and serving in the army for the Spanish-American war in Maine, Savannah, and Cuba.

T1975-T1977 April 27, 1961 and later in 1961

T1980 May, 9 1961

T1981 June 14, 1961. 37 pp. transcript. mfc_na2007_t1981_01, mfc_na2007_t1981_02

T1978 side 1 May 4, 1961 Not transcribed

T1978 side 2 May 8, 1961 Transcribed

T1979 May 7, 8, and 9, 1961. Golding discusses a match-selling scam; encounter with thieves in train station in Boston; automobile-related stories; fire in the woods and in a chimney; inexperienced ship's cook; Maine fishing boat captain gets shipwrecked in the West Indies and Labrador; and Stewart tells story about a practical joke played on Golding, involving hiring a

woods cook to cook for their sporting party. Golding also talks about sardine cannery inspected by Pure Food and Drug Act inspectors; camping in a rainstorm; trying to get three deer home over icy roads after a winter hunting trip; ice skating; ice boating; men who fought in World War One with the Canadians; encounter with a police officer over trucking too heavy a load in a Model T Ford; an inconsiderate wealthy woman and how she treated her secretaries and others who worked for her; and stories about times he got exhausted while deer hunting.

T1984 May 18, 1961, July 20, 1961, November 9 and 10, 1962, and January 12, 1963. This tape appears to be a compilation of previously recorded material that is not in chronological order. Golding talks about bringing a queen bee to Eastport with a load of apples; mix up with a safe-deposit box; falling into an iced-over lake; story about a man in a barbershop; baby in an oven; making syrup out of different types of trees, instead of sugar maple; making birch beer; and the scarcity of deer. Tape also includes comments recorded during a poker game. (Mostly not transcribed). mfc_na2007_audio001 audio field journal entry by Stewart June 14, 1961. 1 minute. T1982 November 29, 1961. 41 pp. transcript. mfc_na2007_t1982_01 & mfc_na2007_t1982_02.

T1983 April 25 1962. 119 pp. transcript. mfc_na2007_t1983_01 & mfc_na2007_t1983_02.

T1984 side 1 July 6, 1962. 44 pp. transcript. mfc_na2007_t1984_01.

T1972 April 22 and 24, 1963. Golding talks about serving in the army for the Spanish-American war in Savannah and returning to Maine; attending a box social; working in a sign shop in Boston; partnership in a saw mill in Perry, Maine; early settlers around Boyden's Lake in Maine; various faith healers; stories about men who went to California to prospect for gold in the 1800s and their later lives in Maine; catching a rooster in a trap meant for a skunk; destroying a dam; working in a sardine factory, late 1800s; trapping mink and falling through the ice; and an earthquake during a deer hunt. 94 pp. transcript.

T1973 April 24 and 25, 1963. Golding discusses the adventures of a weir fisherman named Jesse Gleason; dealing with balky horses; smoking and drying moose meat in lumber camps; working the winter in the lumberwoods, getting the job and different types of work done; Christmas and food in the lumber camp; sleeping accommodations in a lumber camp; river driving; falling into the river on log drives; stories about the Civil War, learned from men who had fought in it, 1860-1864; and Captain Hibbard, who ran a sailing vessel out of Calais, Maine, and how he got started on the sea. 57 pp. transcript.

T1984 side 2 April 26, 1963

T1974 Golding talks about Arthur Sealy, who was mentally handicapped or mildly retarded, and his difficulties and adventures working and on a hunting trip; fishing and moose and deer hunting stories; stories about using outhouses; guiding out-of-state sports, hunting and canoeing; man with a traveling sawmill; delivering butter by the firkin; antique dealers; outwitting game wardens; trapping for fur and harassment by other trappers; man who chased a bear; a fight between two men; trick played on sport by a guide, and how the sport got back; and automobile accidents.

T1985 July 3, 1963 Golding talks about his life and experiences and tells stories. Anecdotes include: cracking pecans in Georgia; veterinary treatment of horses; teacher lets children out of Sunday school to help save hay crop; medicinal whiskey; finding a capstan raft anchor; instances of mistaken speech (using an incorrect word); a man starting a Model T in his best suit; woman's search for an heir; Armenian man feared by all for his violent tendencies and illegal activities; two incidents when this man fired at others; his connections to lawbreaking gangs in Canada; Rob's brother scaring calves with a firecracker; effects of dandelion wine; joining the masons in torn long underwear; shooting a fox; fish stolen by mink; trapping mink; doctor calls Rob crazy for working so hard; buying land; and borrowing money. Also discussion of Rob's health and his birthday; different types of fur; making furniture with broad axes; changing prices for furs; changing economics of farm life; and changing work ethics. (An separate note says: May 20 -22, August 25, 1963, September 20, and November 20, 1963, and December 30, 1964. This tape appears to be a compilation of previously recorded material that is not in chronological order. Also some repetition.)

T1986 December 30, 1964, May 21, 1965, and August 6, 1966. Golding tells stories about his life and experiences, including railroad man who trusted Rob with his watch and money; buying land in Canada; legal problems over getting paid for cutting wood; Rob's father's deathbed, and why he deeded his land to Rob instead of his daughter; fishing for pickerel in the winter, Rob made more money than his father did in the lumber camp; making honey wine (methigulum); chores he was able to do in his 89th year; making brooms; doctors' evaluations of Rob's health, esp. the Daytona, Florida, doctor who told him he'd live to 100; dispute about the size of a plot of land; Rob's time as a fence-viewer in Perry, Maine around 1910; making charcoal; a woman who changes her mind about fawn deer as food; origin of expression "getting the gun down." Rob also recites poems he wrote about his father and traditional subsistence farming, including hunting and trapping; about the difference between winter in Maine and Florida; about two men in a fishing shack and a sweetheart's plea to one of them; about himself as an old man. Golding and Stewart then discuss Rob's birthday, November 25, 1874; Rob's health; Medicare; and prices and salaries in Maine. Then a copy of recording made much earlier; including stories about smuggling over the Canadian border, including a ship owner and captain who brought illegal Chinese immigrants to Boston; serving as a volunteer coast watcher during World War One and reporting his sighting of a submarine.

c0494 and c0495 May 6, year unknown Rob Golding talks about sensitive topics, such as his suicide attempt, experiences with his first wife.

NA2148 By Thomas "Archie" Stewart, 1991, Newburgh, New York. 60 pp. trans. only. Manuscript deposited by Stewart which chronicles the history of the Stewart family of Newburgh, New York. Manuscript consists of eight books of photocopied material, newspaper clippings, notations and letters. Papers/letters: 1) June 13 1991, 3 pp. "How Dear to This Heart: Sequel to The Diamond Stickpin"; 2) October 20, 1981, 2 pp. "The Girl That I Married"; 3) May 23, 1981, 2 pp. "Farewell Esther"; Christmas 1981, 1 pp. "Hafer's Annual Report" (all included twice). Also included: 37 pp. photocopied photos and newspaper clippings; 26 pp. The 12th Anniversary Dedication of Stewart Air Force Base booklet. Text: 2 pp. outline, 16 pp. manuscripts; 63 pp. photocopies of material. Photos: P06861 - P06863.

NA2398 By Thomas "Archie" Stewart, 1920-1980, Maine. 283 pp. Tape: 53 video tapes. Video tape copies of a collection of 175 16 mm motion picture films shot in the 1920s - 1980s covering various aspects of Mr. Stewart's life. The originals are in the collection of Northeast Historic Film, Bucksport, Maine. A Xeroxed copy of a 147 page handwritten catalog compiled by Stewart is included plus a 134 page description of the contents prepared by NHF. See also NA 2007 and NA 2148. RESTRICTED: All requests for publication should be made to Northeast Historic Films. Text: 147 pp. Xeroxed copy of handwritten catalog, 135 pp. content description. Recordings: V 0090 - V 0143 (VHS).

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Existence and Location of Originals

Located at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress: AFC 2012/047 <https://lccn.loc.gov/2013655211>.

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Related Materials

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NAFOH Collection MF213 Rob Golding Radio Program/Pamela Dean for research and audio related to a radio program about Rob Golding.

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- Hunting guides -- Maine

Collection Inventory

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NA 2148, photograph, p06861, April 1990	

Digital Object: [NA 2148, photograph, p06861: April 1990](#)

Photograph
NA 2148

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Thomas Archibald "Archie" Stewart (left) speaking with George Vaugh (right) in April 1990 during a welcome ceremony hosted by the New York Stewart International Airport for American Airlines.

NA 2148, photograph, p06862, circa 1926

Photograph
NA 2148

Digital Object: [NA 2148, photograph, p06862: circa 1926](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of a young man demonstrating his strength by lift a log on a woods trail on the property of Stewart family in Newburgh, New York, circa 1926. The farm was named Stony Lonesome and just right of the woods road, a 1000-yard Rifle Range was cleared for the New York National Guard to practice marksmanship. As a 12-year-old boy, Archie would visit the range when it was not in use, and prospect for spent lead bullets that he collected to sell for 10-cents a pound. This property was later donated to the city of Newburgh, New York to become New York Stewart International Airport, named for Archie's grandfather, Lachlan Stewart.

NA 2148, photograph, p06863, undated

Photograph
NA 2148

Digital Object: [NA 2148, photograph, p06863: undated](#)

Abstract: Black and white copy of an undated advertisement for the Stony Lonesome farm operated by Thomas W. Stewart, Archie Stewart's farther. Thomas Stewart's farm specialized in treating foot-sore horses who were worked on cobbled streets in New York City. Injured horses were sent north to the farm by barge on the Hudson River. At the farm, the foot-sore horses were treated and allowed to graze on soft ground for several months before being returned to the city.

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