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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
<b>Creator - ivr:</b>	Spizuoco, Frank
<b>Title:</b>	Frank Spizuoco Dexter Town History Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MF097
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1963-1970
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 items
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Material Specific Details:</b>	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], MF097, NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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## Scope and Contents

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Interviews conducted by Frank Spizuoco from 1963 to 1970 of two residents of Dexter, Maine. Albert "Bert" Call, a retired Dexter photographer, talks about local history and about his working life before and after moving to Dexter, Maine in 1886, and Erma Bentley, a long-time resident of Dexter, records her memories about early Dexter residents and town history.

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## Arrangement

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NA0567 Mrs. Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco for FO 191, March 19, 1970, Dexter, Maine. Accession does not include any recordings although the material was apparently taped. Bentley tells humorous anecdotes and relates stories about local characters near Dexter, Maine around the turn of the 20th century, including Tom Bickell, William Pooler, John Toner, Charles Favor, Old Man Hodgkins, Ed Dexter, George Brawn, Bement, Frank Tait, Ed Fifield, Steve Haynes, Benny Beals, Uncle Dave Henkins, Deacon Glass, Hiram Clapp. The paper contains several black and white photos of Erma Bentley and her brother-in-law, Albert "Bert" Call. Text: 15 pp. paper.

NA2015 Albert "Bert" L. Call, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco, spring 1963, Dexter, Maine. Albert L. Call, age 97 and a retired Dexter photographer, talks about local history; personal anecdotes about Mr. Call witnessing the test firings of the Maxim gun; the Baron Bank cashier murder which occurred in Dexter in 1889. Also, an article written mostly by Spizuoco about Call which appeared in Maine Line, a publication of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. Text: 1 pp. index, 6 pp. article. Recording: mfc\_na2015\_t1987\_01, mfc\_na2015\_t1987\_02 1 3/4 hours.

NA2016 Albert "Bert" L. Call and Mrs. Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco, March 27 and August 5, 1964, Dexter, Maine. The first interview took place at Mrs. Bentley's home in Dexter. Interviews include amusing anecdotes about Dexter citizens, a poem about Dexter people, and information about the nineteenth century Baron Bank cashier murder. Recording: mfc\_na2016\_t1988\_01, mfc\_na2016\_t1988\_02 2 hours approx.

NA2017 Mrs. Albert "Bert" L. Call, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco, March 14, 1965, at his home in Dexter, Maine. mfc\_na2017\_t1989\_01 is a continuation of a series of taped interviews with retired photographer, Call (age 97), in which he talks about his working life before and after moving to Dexter, Maine in 1886 including his experiences as the local fire chief prior to WWI. mfc\_na2017\_t1989\_02 is a recording of the first planning meeting held to propose strategies and legal issues relating to the formation of the Dexter Historical Society. Recording: mfc\_na2017\_t1989\_01, mfc\_na2017\_t1989\_02 132 minutes.

NA2018 Mrs. Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco, March 21, 1965, Dexter, Maine. Bentley talks about early Dexter history and citizens. Recording: mfc\_na2018\_t1990\_01, mfc\_na2018\_t1990\_02 92 minutes. Related series: see also NA0567, NA2015, NA2016, NA2017, and NA2019.

NA2019 Mrs. Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco, March 19, 1970, Dexter, Maine. A second taped interview with Bentley about Dexter town characters and history of Dexter, recorded March 21, 1965. Text: 1 pp. brief catalog, no transcript. Recording: mfc\_na2019\_t1991\_01, mfc\_na2019\_t1991\_02 1/2 hour. Related series: NA0567, NA2015, NA2016, NA2017, NA2018.

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### Existence and Location of Originals

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Maine
- Dexter (Me.) -- History

## Collection Inventory

### MF 097, Collection Summary

**Abstract:** Interviews conducted by Frank Spizuoco from 1963 to 1970 of two residents of Dexter, Maine. Albert "Bert" Call, a retired Dexter photographer, talks about local history and about his working life before and after moving to Dexter, Maine in 1886, and Erma Bentley, a long-time resident of Dexter, records her memories about early Dexter residents and town history.

Title/Description	Instances
MF 097, Collection Summary, undated <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">MF 097, Collection Summary: 1900-</a>	Text MF 097

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### Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco

Title/Description	Instances
NA 0567, manuscript, March 19, 1970 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 0567, manuscript: 1970-03-19</a>	Audio NA 0567
NA 2018, audio, part 1, March 21, 1965 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2018, audio, part 1: 1965-03-21</a>	Audio NA 2018
NA 2018, audio, part 2, March 21, 1965 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2018, audio, part 2: 1965-03-21</a>	Audio NA 2018
NA 2019, audio, part 1, March 21, 1965 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2019, audio, part 1: 1965-03-21</a>	Audio NA 2019
NA 2019, audio, part 2, March 21, 1965 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2019, audio, part 2: 1965-03-21</a>	Audio NA 2019

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### Albert "Bert" L. Call, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2015, manuscript, 1988 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2015, manuscript: 1988</a>	Audio NA 2015
NA 2015, audio, part 1, April 13, 1963 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 2015, audio, part 1: 1963-04-13</a>	Audio NA 2015
NA 2015, audio, part 2, April 13, 1963	

Digital Object: [NA 2015, audio, part 2: 1963-04-13](#)

Audio NA  
2015

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NA 2017, audio, part 1, March 1965

Digital Object: [NA 2017, audio, part 1: 1965-03](#)

Audio NA  
2017

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NA 2017, audio, part 2, March 1965

Digital Object: [NA 2017, audio, part 2: 1965-03](#)

Audio NA  
2017

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## **Albert "Bert" L. Call and Erma Bentley, interviewed by Frank Spizuoco**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
NA 2016, audio, part 1, March 28, 1964 <u>Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 2016, audio, part 1: 1964-03-28</a></u>	Audio NA 2016
NA 2016, audio, part 2, August 5, 1964 <u>Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 2016, audio, part 2: 1964-08-05</a></u>	Audio NA 2016

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