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Summary Information

Repository:	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
Title:	Spiritualist Church/Bonita Freeman Witthoft Collection
ID:	MF123
Date [inclusive]:	1971-1972
Physical Description:	3 items
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], MF123 NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a series of interviews and recordings of various meetings and sessions of the Spiritualist Church in Maine and especially at Camp Etna. The interviews were conducted by Bonita Freeman Witthoft in connection with her thesis *From the Other Side of Life: Modern Spiritualism in Maine*, in 1975. Witthoft was primarily interested in fundamental religious concepts, forms of apprenticeship, acquired patterns of perception and behavior, the discipline of mediums as spokesmen for spirit guides, and on the complex act of delivering messages. Among topics covered are healing, physical versus mental mediumship, projection, trance, controls and guides, and automatism. Church meetings and healing sessions are covered.

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Arrangement

NA0669 Loretta Fairjeon, Forest Dinsmore, Marjory Flewelling, Elmer Stewart, Frank Libby, Margaret Stevens, Henry Gardiner, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, 1971 - 1972, Etna, Bangor, and Orono, Maine. Accession includes interviews and recordings of church meetings, healing sessions, etc. in connection with the Spiritualist Church. Text: 75 pp. transcript. Recording: mfc_na0669_t0369_01-mfc_na0669_t0370_02 4 hours.

NA0673 Henry Hewitt, Pierre Fairjeon, Loretta Fairjeon, Irene Fratello, Rev. Mountain, Lenona Flanders, Gladys Laliberte, Emer Stewart, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, 1971-1972, Etna, Bangor, and Orono, Maine. Accession includes interviews, recordings of church meetings, and healing session in connection with the Spiritualist Church. Text: 312 pp. transcript with brief index. Recording: mfc_na0673_t0376_01-mfc_na0673_t0382_01 11.5 hours.

NA0710 Clarence Stewart, Elmer Stewart, Robert Simpson, Louise Hagar, Vera McGregor, Loretta Fairjeon, Helen Morgan, Millie Glover, Zelma Dickerson, Bernice Damon, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, summer 1972, Etna, Maine. Series of interviews in connection with Witthoft's dissertation. Interviewees talk about spiritualism at Camp Etna, a Spiritualist Church camp. Text: 437 pp. transcript with brief catalog. Recording: mfc_na0710_t0435_01-mfc_na0710_na0711_t0450_02 16 hours.

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Related Materials

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From the Other Side of Life: Modern Spiritualism in Maine by Bonita Freeman-Witthoft, c1975.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Spiritualism
- Camp Etna (Me.)

Collection Inventory

MF 123, Collection Summary

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MF 123, Collection Summary, undated Digital Object: MF 123, Collection Summary: undated	Text MF 123

MF 123, text, December 4, 2020

Digital Object: [MF 123, text: December 4, 2020](#)Text MF
123[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Loretta Fairjeon, Forest Dinsmore, Marjory Flewelling, Elmer Stewart, Frank Libby, Margaret Stevens, Henry Gardiner, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft**

Abstract: 0669 Loretta Fairjeon, Forest Dinsmore, Marjory Flewelling, Elmer Stewart, Frank Libby, Margaret Stevens, Henry Gardiner, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, 1971 - 1972, Etna, Bangor, and Orono, Maine. Accession includes interviews and recordings of church meetings, healing sessions, etc. in connection with the Spiritualist Church. Text: 91 pp. transcript. Recording: T 0369 - T 0370 4 hours.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Spiritual healing and spiritualism
- Mediums -- Maine
- Seances

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NA 0669, audio, part 4, August 22, 1971 Digital Object: NA 0669, audio, part 4: August 22, 1971	Audio NA 0669

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Abstract: 0673 Rev. Henry Gardiner, Rev. Emily Hewitt, Pierre Fairjeon, Loretta Fairjeon, Irene Vitello, Gladys LaLiberté, Rev. J. Raymond Keith, Rev. Clifton Mountain, Forest Dinsmore, Mary Kendall, Mrs. Flanders, Elmer Stewart, and William R. Ellis, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, 1971-1972, Etna, Bangor, and Orono, Maine. Accession includes interviews, recordings of meetings at Camp Etna, and healing session in connection with the Spiritualist Church. Text: 355 pp. transcript with brief index. Recording: T 0376 - T 0382 13 hours.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Spiritual healing and spiritualism
- Mediums -- Maine
- Seances

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Clarence Stewart, Elmer Stewart, Robert Simpson, Louise Hagar, Vera McGregor, Loretta Fairjeon, Helen Morgan, Millie Glover, Zelma Dickerson, and Bernice Damon, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft

Abstract: 0710 Clarence Stewart, Elmer Stewart, Robert Simpson, Louise Hagar, Vera McGregor, Loretta Fairjeon, Helen Morgan, Millie Glover, Zelma Dickerson, and Bernice Damon, interviewed by Bonita Witthoft, summer 1972, Etna, Maine. Series of interviews in connection with Witthoft's dissertation. Interviewees talk about spiritualism at Camp Etna, a Spiritualist Church camp. Text: 420 pp. transcript with brief catalog. Recording: T 0435 - T 0450 16 hours.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Spiritual healing and spiritualism
- Mediums -- Maine
- Seances

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Abstract: Black and white photograph of the entry gate of Camp Etna with the inscription: "Erected in Memory of the Arisen Campers by the Pollyanna Club at Camp Etna Maine Aug. 1918." Origin of original image unknown.

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