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Summary Information

Repository:	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
Creator - iver:	Priest, David C.
Title:	Honest Woodsman Collection
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Scope and Contents

This collection consists mainly of a series of interviews with and about David Priest, who was at the time a retired game warden, about his experiences as a warden, trapper, and guide.

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Arrangement

NA1288 David Priest, interviewed by William Warner, September 26, 1979 – March 9, 1980, Winn, Maine. Priest, a retired game warden, talks about his life and work in the Maine woods; his interest in hunting, trapping, and fishing as a child; trapping as more profitable than service as a game warden, which led him to abandon his first stint as a game warden; the seasonal cycle of trapping and working as a fishing guide; application process to become a game warden; responsibilities of a game warden in the late 1940s and early 1950s; the methods of gangs whose business was selling poached deer to hunters; changes over time in how confiscated illegal game and road kill was distributed; anecdotes from his years as a game warden; skinning animals and preparing the pelts; techniques of deer poachers; hunting bobcats with dogs; emotional connection and respect for the animals he hunted and trapped; bears terrorizing lumber crews; guns and which guns he used for specific purposes; his childhood in the 1920s and entering the workforce during the early 1930s; using skunk scent in traps; various traps for bear and beaver; legal manner of trapping, his dislike of Maine game laws, particularly those which allow Native Americans exemptions; combat in Italy during WWII; a poem about game wardens written by a fellow warden; changes in trappers' attitudes and methods over time; definition of "woods queer" and an example of such a man; multiple cases of searching for people lost in the woods; hunting porcupines; apprehending poachers; discussion of photographs; release of caribou onto Mt. Katahdin; tragedies on Mt. Katahdin; use of his woodsman and hunting skills in the Army; poisoning foxes; odd jobs that made him money during his childhood; traditional medicine used by his grandmother; canoe designs and which ones are most useful for which tasks; cookouts as an outdoor guide; cases where the legal system did not serve justice, particularly as regards to unjust and biased judges; night hunting and apprehending poachers; pine martins and ways to trap them; responsibilities of an outdoor guide; varieties of snowshoes and materials used to make them; a notable poacher who used a plane to spot beaver; his respect for poachers and lack of personal animosity; use of salt pork to heal infection; anecdotes about encounters with wildlife; interview with Lillian Priest about life as David Priest's wife, particularly while he was in the military during WWII; decline of sportsmanship over time; state regulations allowing for too many animals to be taken by 1979; coyotes as a menace; blowing ledges and beaver dams; fishing stories, guiding for Wilson's East Outlet Camps; proportions of resident versus non-resident lawbreakers; and food served at camps. Text: 244 pp. catalog; plus copies of information sources related to Priest and his work, including genealogical history, newspaper articles, and official state documents, for which major themes are the search for people lost in Baxter State Park, notably the Mott brothers in 1965, and news relating to Baxter State Park laws and regulations; Warner's biography of Priest is also included. Recording: mfc_na1288_t1370_01- mfc_na1288_t1372_02, mfc_na1288_t1389_01, mfc_na1288_t1389_02, mfc_na1288_t1390_01, mfc_na1288_t1390_02, mfc_na1288_t1411_01, mfc_na1288_t1411_02. Photographs: P03473 – P03490, P03629, P03647 – P03682.

NA1364 Donald Clendenning and Eddie Lambert, interviewed by William Warner, July 28-29, 1980, Orrington and Greenville, Maine. Clendenning discusses David Priest and their friendship (Priest was interviewed extensively by Warner, see NA 1288); experiences

hunting, fishing, and trapping with Priest; Priest's commitment to his job as a game warden; his approach to apprehending suspects; and Priest's personal characteristics and skills. Lambert discusses his relationship with Priest, one of a poacher and a game warden who were cousins; poaching being overlooked by game wardens during the Great Depression; working as a wilderness guide; conniving to get money for guide shirts from customers; playing jokes on out-of-state visitors and city people; various exploits, both his alone and those Priest was involved in; and lack of commitment among game wardens by 1980. Text: 45 pp. catalog. Recording: mfc_na1364_t1483_01, mfc_na1364_t1483_02 102 minutes.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Trappers -- Maine
- Hunting guides -- Maine
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MF025, Collection Summary

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Source: Priest, David C.

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Controlled Access Headings:

- Hunting -- Maine
- Fishing -- Maine
- Trapping -- Maine
- Poaching -- Maine
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Maine -- Personal narratives
- Canoes and canoeing
- Snowshoes and snowshoeing
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Maine -- Women
- Game wardens
- Priest, David C.
- Mott, George R., "Robbie", III, 1948-1965
- Mott, Timothy, 1962-1965

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NA 1288, transcript, October 31, 1979 Digital Object: NA 1288, transcript: October 31, 1979	Audio NA 1288
NA 1288, audio, part 1, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Digital Object: NA 1288, audio, part 1: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980	Audio NA 1288
NA 1288, audio, part 2, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Digital Object: NA 1288, audio, part 2: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980	Audio NA 1288
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NA 1288, audio, part 5, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Digital Object: NA 1288, audio, part 5: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980	Audio NA 1288
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Digital Object: [NA 1288, audio, part 8: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980](#)

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NA 1288, audio, part 10, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, audio, part 10: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980](#)

NA 1288, audio, part 11, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, audio, part 11: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980](#)

NA 1288, audio, part 12, September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, audio, part 12: September 26, 1979-March 9, 1980](#)

NA 1288, photograph, p03473, 1956 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03473: 1956](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of a young boy wearing a warden's cap holding a baby fisher, David Priest, Jr.

NA 1288, photograph, p03474, 1957 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03474: 1957](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of two boys with bobcat kitten in a basket; David Jr. and Ronald Priest.

NA 1288, photograph, p03475, 1957 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03475: 1957](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of a young boy looking at bobcat kitten in basket; David Priest, Jr.

NA 1288, photograph, p03476, 1968 Audio NA 1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03476: 1968](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of a young boy seated on a barn floor with bobcat kitten and fawn. The boy, Ronald Priest, is examining his arms where the bobcat has just scratched or nipped his finger; Ronald Priest.

NA 1288, photograph, p03477, 1962 Audio NA 1288

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Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03477: 1962](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of three, tiny bear cubs at the game farm in Gray, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03478, 1957

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03478: 1957](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of two bobcat kittens at the game farm in Gray, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03479, 1945-1960

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03479: 1945 - 1960](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Game Warden, David Priest, next to car feeding a young bear at Baxter State Park.

NA 1288, photograph, p03480, 1945-1965

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03480: 1945 - 1965](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Maine Game Warden David Priest (left) standing beside Governor Percival Baxter (right). In the background are a lake and Mount Katahdin.

NA 1288, photograph, p03481, 1962

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03481: 1962](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of four people look at view of mountain; Helon Taylor, park supervisor; Gov. Baxter; Joe, Baxter's chauffeur; David Priest, game warden; Baxter State Park.

NA 1288, photograph, p03482, 1955

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03482: 1955](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Maine Game Warden David Priest in uniform, standing next to a car with a canoe tied to the roof.

NA 1288, photograph, p03483, 1950-1965

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03483: 1950 - 1965](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of a group of men seated in room, warden supervisors' meeting.

NA 1288, photograph, p03484, 1955

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03484: 1955](#)

Abstract: Black and white portrait of David Priest wearing his Maine Warden's uniform.

NA 1288, photograph, p03485, 1950-1970

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03485: 1950 - 1970](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of two bull moose facing off with horns together.

NA 1288, photograph, p03486, 1950-1970

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03486: 1950 - 1970](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of two bull moose facing off with horns together.

NA 1288, photograph, p03487, 1971

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03487: 1971](#)

Abstract: Black and white group photograph of the a group of men in warden's uniforms, Division G, Maine game warden.

NA 1288, photograph, p03629, 1970-1980

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03629: 1970 - 1980](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Maine Game Warden David Priest holding and examining a rifle, Winn, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03647, 1920-1960

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03647: 1920 - 1960](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of a bear trap owned by Maine Game Warden David Priest.

NA 1288, photograph, p03648, 1920-1950

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03648: 1920 - 1950](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of nine dead bobcats hanging on side of truck, trapped by David Priest.

NA 1288, photograph, p03649, 1950-1960

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03649: 1950 - 1960](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Maine Game Warden David Priest, Sr. in uniform, holding a toddler, David Priest, Jr., dressed in winter clothes.

NA 1288, photograph, p03650, 1940-1950

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03650: 1940 - 1950](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David and Lillian Priest standing in front of a house porch.

NA 1288, photograph, p03651, 1920-1940

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<p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03651: 1920 - 1940</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest standing on the steps of a farm house porch with a large armful of fox pelts. A barn can be seen in the background.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03652, 1920-1950</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03652: 1920 - 1950</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest displaying a large, dead lynx.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03653, 1950-1960</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03653: 1950 - 1960</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photograph of Maine Game Warden David Priest dressed in uniform, seated on a porch beside his sons, David Jr. and Ronald, dressed in cowboy outfits.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03654, 1970-1980</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03654: 1970 - 1980</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white of an older David Priest, holding small set of moose horns, Winn, Maine.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03655, 1930-1945</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03655: 1930 - 1945</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photo of David Priest sitting in a canoe and smiling broadly to show off a large togue (lake trout).</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03656, 1905-1915</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03656: 1905 - 1915</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest as a boy, proudly holding up fish for the camera.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03657, 1920-1970</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03657: 1920 - 1970</p> <p>Abstract: Black and white photograph of a black bear caught in trap.</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>
<p>NA 1288, photograph, p03658, 1935-1950</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 1288, photograph, p03658: 1935 - 1950</p>	<p>Audio NA 1288</p>

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Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest kneeling beside a car with the carcasses of two deer and a small bear tied to it.

NA 1288, photograph, p03659, 1930-1960

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03659: 1930 - 1960](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Eddie Lambrey with a dead bear draped over his shoulder.

NA 1288, photograph, p03660, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03660: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest standing in the snow next to a farm house, displaying a dead beaver in front of him.

NA 1288, photograph, p03661, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03661: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest kneeling in the snow next to a farm house, displaying a dead beaver on top of a pack basket.

NA 1288, photograph, p03662, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03662: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest kneeling in the snow next to a farm house, displaying a dead beaver on top of a pack basket.

NA 1288, photograph, p03663, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03663: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest standing on a porch with a large smile, showing off a very large fish.

NA 1288, photograph, p03664, 1930-1950

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03664: 1930 - 1950](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest sitting in a canvas canoe with a pack basket.

NA 1288, photograph, p03665, 1930-1950

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03665: 1930 - 1950](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest sitting in a canvas canoe with a pack basket.

NA 1288, photograph, p03666, 1920-1945

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Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03666: 1920 - 1945](#)

Audio NA
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Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest ice fishing, holding up a fish to show the camera. Priest is dressed in the traditional men's mid-Century winter garb of a cap, Buffalo plaid Mackinaw, wool pants, long wool socks and boots.

NA 1288, photograph, p03667, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03667: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Don Clendenning standing behind a large pile of fox pelts displayed on the hood of a car.

NA 1288, photograph, p03668, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03668: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest and Eddie Lambert lounging on the ground in front of a display board of fish with a sign that reads: Nicatous Lodge. Nicatous Lodge is located in Burlington, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03669, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03669: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest seated in a canoe, displaying a togue (lake trout) on Nicatous Lake, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03670, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03670: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest seated in a canoe, displaying a togue (lake trout) on Nicatous Lake, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03671, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03671: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest seated in a canoe, displaying a togue (lake trout) on Nicatous Lake, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03672, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03672: 1920 - 1940](#)

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Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest seated in a canoe, displaying a togue (lake trout) on Nicatous Lake, Maine.

NA 1288, photograph, p03673, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03673: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest standing in the doorway of a stockade log cabin, holding a fish.

NA 1288, photograph, p03674, 1920-1940

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03674: 1920 - 1940](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest standing in the doorway of a stockade log cabin, holding a fish.

NA 1288, photograph, p03675, 1920-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03675: 1920 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest displaying a fish to the camera.

NA 1288, photograph, p03676, 1920-1950

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03676: 1920 - 1950](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of a bear caught in trap.

NA 1288, photograph, p03677, 1940-1955

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03677: 1940 - 1955](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of Lillian Priest posing by a car draped with dozens of fox pelts.

NA 1288, photograph, p03678, 1930-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03678: 1930 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest holding five dead foxes by the feet to display them for the camera.

NA 1288, photograph, p03679, 1930-1945

Audio NA
1288

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03679: 1930 - 1945](#)

Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest holding five dead foxes by the feet to display them for the camera.

NA 1288, photograph, p03680, 1961

Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03680: 1961](#) Audio NA
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Abstract: Black and white photograph of dead bobcats trapped by David Priest, hanging from the sides of a pickup truck.

NA 1288, photograph, p03681, 1961 Audio NA
1288
Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03681: 1961](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of dead bobcats trapped by David Priest, hanging from the sides of a pickup truck.

NA 1288, photograph, p03682, 1972 Audio NA
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Digital Object: [NA 1288, photograph, p03682: 1972](#)
Abstract: Black and white photograph of David Priest displaying a small, dead coyote.

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