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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

Papers written by students enrolled in a folklore class at Ricker College (Houlton, Maine) taught by Gifford Stevens. Topics include jokes, home remedies, proverbs, ghost stories, games, folktales, superstitions, graffiti, and children's folklore.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Students -- Papers
- Myths
- Malecite Indians

Collection Inventory

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Student paper, by Steve Glover

Creator: Glover, Steve

Abstract: NA0601 By Steve Glover for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with folk medicine; weather signs; omens; forerunners; ghosts; devil stories. Text: 9 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Omens
- Forerunners
- Ghost stories
- Devil stories

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Student paper, by Rosemary Elliot

Creator: Elliot, Rosemary

Abstract: NA0602 By Rosemary Elliot for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with home remedies. Text: 10 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk Medicine

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Student paper, by Tom Leonard

Creator: Leonard, Tom

Abstract: NA0603 By Tom Leonard for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper on jokes collected at Ricker College. Text: 25 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jokes

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Student paper, by Rick DeFusco

Creator: DeFusco, Rick

Abstract: NA0604 By Rick DeFusco for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with limericks; beer songs; a funny story. Text: 13 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- storytelling
- Limericks
- Songs

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Student paper, by Paul Kelly

Creator: Kelly, Paul

Abstract: NA0605 By Paul Kelly for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with stories about death. Text: 16 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folklore

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Student paper, by Cecilia John

Creator: John, Cecilia

Abstract: NA0606 By Cecilia John for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper on African proverbs; animal stories; Märchen; a hero tale; a game; and a legend. Text: 13 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Fairy tales
- Myths
- Proverbs, African

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Student paper, by Dennis Donovan

Creator: Donovan, Dennis

Abstract: NA0607 By Dennis Donovan for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with ethnic jokes. Text: 10 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jokes

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Student paper, by Peter Sewall

Creator: Sewall, Peter

Abstract: NA0608 By Peter Sewall for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Yarmouth, Maine; Winchester, Massachusetts. Paper deals with summer complaint stories; jokes; folk remedies; forerunners. Text: 14 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jokes
- Forerunners
- Folk Medicine

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Student paper, by Nancy Campell

Creator: Campbell, Nancy

Abstract: NA0609 By Nancy Campbell for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with hoax stories; devil stories; beliefs and proverbs; cures; sayings. Text: 27 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk Medicine
- Hoaxes
- Proverbs

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Student paper, by Carolyn Turney

Creator: Turney, Carolyn

Abstract: NA0610 By Carolyn Turney for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with limericks set to music; stories about Indians; stories about treasure; remedies. Text: 24 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Limericks
- Native Americans
- Folk Medicine

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Student paper, by Dorothy Dwyer

Creator: Dwyer, Dorothy

Abstract: NA0611 By Dorothy Dwyer for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine; Newport, Rhode Island. Paper deals with ghost stories; superstitions; luck; ethnic customs; children's songs. Text: 47 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Ghost stories

- [Folklore](#)

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Student paper, by Robert McCartney

Creator: McCartney, Robert

Abstract: NA0612 By Robert McCartney for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1971, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with a collection of jokes: dead baby, moron, elephant, ethnic; other jokes; beliefs. Text: 13 pp. paper. Restricted: No release.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jokes
- Folklore

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Student paper, by Michael Brigati

Creator: Brigati, Michael

Abstract: NA0819 Various people from Akeley Hall, Ricker College, interviewed by Michael Brigati, spring 1973, Houlton, Maine. Series of unrecorded interviews with various people from Akeley Hall, Ricker College. Paper deals with the different games played in big cities and handed down by oral tradition. Text: 24 pp. paper with table of contents. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Games
- Folklore

Title/Description	Instances
NA0819, paper, May 1973 Digital Object: NA0819, paper	Text NA 0819

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Student paper, by Charlene Henderson

Creator: Henderson, Charlene

Abstract: NA0821 By Charlene Henderson for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Houlton, Maine. Paper deals with a collection of tall tales; ghost stories; superstitions; jokes; hoaxes; trucking stories. Text: 21 pp. paper with table of contents. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Tall tales -- Maine
- Ghost stories
- Folklore
- Jokes

- Hoaxes

Title/Description	Instances
NA0821, paper, May 1973 Digital Object: NA0821, paper	Text NA 0821

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Student paper, by Deborah Libby

Creator: Libby, Deborah

Abstract: NA0822 By Deborah Libby for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Ashland, Maine. Paper deals with a collection of fishing and woods stories from Ashland, Maine; collection of superstitions of French families living in Sheridan, Maine. Text: 18 pp. paper with table of contents. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folklore

NA0822, paper, May 1973 Digital Object: NA0822, paper	Text NA 0822
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Student paper, by Raymond R. Lines

Creator: Lines, Raymond R.

Abstract: NA0823 By Raymond R. Lines for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Paper deals with a collection of hangover cures and folk sayings. Text: 21 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk Medicine

Title/Description	Instances
NA0823, paper, May 1973 Digital Object: NA0823, paper	Text NA 0823

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Student paper, by Paul D. Morin

Creator: Morin, Paul D.

Abstract: NA0824 By Paul D. Morin for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Amesbury, Massachusetts. Paper deals with of childhood games and how they were played. Text: 25 pp. paper with table of contents. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Games

- Childhood

Title/Description	Instances
NA0824, paper, May 1973 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA0824, paper	Text NA 0824

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Student paper, by Sara Bean

Creator: Bean, Sara

Abstract: NA0825 By Sara Bean for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Houlton and Smyrna, Maine. Paper deals with a collection of lumbercamp stories; religion; being shrewd; advice to lovelorn; every day living. Text: 25 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Lumber camps -- Maine

Title/Description	Instances
NA0825, paper, May 1973 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA0825, paper	Text NA 0825

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Student paper, by Sally Pridham

Creator: Pridham, Sally

Abstract: NA0826 By Sally Pridham, spring 1973, Houlton and Kittery, Maine. Paper deals with a collection of tales and folk tales. Text: 33 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk tales

Title/Description	Instances
NA0826, paper, May 1973 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA0826, paper	Text NA 0826

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Student paper, by Janet Sheridan

Creator: Sheridan, Janet

Abstract: NA0827 By Janet Sheridan for English Folklore course at Ricker College, spring 1973, Long Island, New York. Paper deals with a collection of good luck superstitions; bad luck superstitions; remedies; place name legends; jokes; songs. Text: 22 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folklore

- Jokes
- Songs

Title/Description	Instances
NA0827, paper, May 1973 Digital Object: NA0827, paper	Text NA 0827

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Student paper, by Renee McCoy

Creator: McCoy, Renee

Abstract: NA0890 Various, interviewed by Renee McCoy, for Folklore Course at Ricker College taught by Gifford Stevens, Houlton, Maine, spring 1975. Paper, titled "Do you remember when you played....?," deals with children's games collected from various age groups ranging from 8-45 years in Brooklyn, NY, Houlton, ME, New Limerick, ME, and Manhattan, NY; game rules; and a list of games: Being Chosen "It," Jump/Skip Rope, Hand Games, Ball Games, Tag Games, Street Games, and Miscellaneous Games. Text: 33 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Games

Title/Description	Instances
NA0890, paper, May 1975 Digital Object: NA0890, paper	Text NA 0890

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Student paper, by Merryn Ferris & Michael O'Hara

Creator: Ferris, Merryn

Creator: O'Hara, Michael

Abstract: NA0891 Various, interviewed by Merryn Ferris & Michael O'Hara, for Folklore Course at Ricker College taught by Gifford Stevens, Houlton, Maine, spring 1975. Paper, titled "Everybody is a Doctor," is a collection of folk remedies collected from fellow students, friends, family, and health food store owner Lydia Lauder; Evil Eye; unquiet grave (dreams); cures for: hiccups, colds, headaches, coughs, stomach aches, fevers, sore throats, bee stings, warts, arthritis, cramps, and many other ailments; paper provides symbol key for organizational relevance. Text: 33 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk Medicine
- Folklore

Title/Description	Instances
NA0891, paper, May 1975 Digital Object: NA0891, paper	Text NA 0891

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Student paper, by Dave Milgram

Creator: Milgram, Dave

Abstract: NA0892 Various, interviewed by Dave Milgram, for Folklore Course at Ricker College taught by Gifford Stevens, Houlton, Maine, spring 1975. Paper, titled "Peanuts: Fine Rhyme on One Line," is a collection of dirty jokes collected from various sources mostly from Houlton College ages 11 to 28; includes one-line jokes, fake book titles, sayings, proverbs, superstitions, rhymes, songs, and military chants. Text: 20 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Jokes
- Jody calls

Title/Description	Instances
NA0892, paper, May 1975 <u>Digital Object</u> : NA0892, paper	Text NA 0892

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Student paper, by Pat Cunningham & Mike Jackins

Creator: Cunningham, Pat

Creator: Jackins, Mike

Abstract: NA0893 Various, interviewed by Pat Cunningham & Mike Jackins, for Folklore Course at Ricker College taught by Gifford Stevens, Houlton, Maine, spring 1975. Paper is a collection of samples of graffiti at Ricker College; graffiti taken from dorms, bathroom stalls, locker rooms, and from a poster contest inside the dormitories; types of graffiti varied depending on location; graffiti ranges from gross and unintelligent, lengthy (TEP Fraternity), individualistic, and short and philosophical. Text: 15 pp. paper. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Graffiti

Title/Description	Instances
NA0893, paper, May 1975 <u>Digital Object</u> : NA0893, paper	Text NA 0893

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Walter Sibley, interviewed by Jeff Sonn

Source: Sibley, Walter

Creator: Sonn, Jeff

Abstract: NA0894 Walter Sibley, interviewed by Jeff Sonn for Folklore Course at Ricker College taught by Gifford Stevens, Houlton, Maine, April 29, 1975, at Sibley's cabin home in New Limerick, Maine. Paper titled "Collection of Folklore Songs." Sibley talks about life as a railroad man; his singing and music; Jimmy Rodgers; playing music; Ralphie Lovely; his dog; traveling; his father working for the railroad; his musical inspiration coming from "Wilf Carter"; B & A Railroad; Paul Bunyon; sings various songs by: Jimmy Rodgers,

Ralphie Lovely, Wilf Carter, and various unknown authors; yodeling. Sonn accidentally erased the recording, but transcribed the songs before doing so. Text: 51 pp. transcript, 2 pp. index. Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Folk songs
- Sibley, Walter

Title/Description	Instances
NA0894, paper, April 29, 1975 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA0894, paper	Text NA 0894

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Merle Fenlason, Jean Fenlason, Foster Gordon, David Gordon, Nanette Gordon, Suzanne Gordon York, Christopher Gordon, Patrick Gordon, Margaret Gordon, interviewed by Margaret Gordon

Source: Fenlason, Merle

Source: Fenlason, Jean

Source: Gordon, Foster

Source: Gordon, David

Source: Gordon, Nanette

Source: York, Suzanne (Gordon)

Source: Gordon, Christopher

Source: Gordon, Patrick

Creator: Gordon, Margaret

Abstract: NA1185 Merle Fenlason, Jean Fenlason, Foster Gordon, David Gordon, Nanette Gordon, Suzanne Gordon York, Christopher Gordon, Patrick Gordon, Margaret Gordon, interviewed by Margaret Gordon for Folklore at Ricker College, spring 1978. 59 pp. ms. Tape: 1/2 hr. no cat, or trans. Paper deals with a collection of folk sayings; proverbs; and folksongs. Text: 57 pp. paper, no catalog or transcript. Recording: mfc_na1185_t1244_01, mfc_na1185_t1244_02 (T 1244). Restrictions: None

Controlled Access Headings:

- Proverbs
- Folk songs
- Fenlason, Merle
- Fenlason, Jean
- Gordon, Foster
- Gordon, David
- Gordon, Nanette
- York, Suzanne (Gordon)
- Gordon, Christopher
- Gordon, Patrick

Title/Description	Instances
NA1185, transcript, April 27, 1978	Audio NA 1185

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NA1185, audio, part 1, April 27, 1978

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NA1185, audio, part 2, April 27, 1978

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Digital Object: [NA1185, audio, part 2](#)

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