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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
<b>Title:</b>	Somalis in Lewiston, Maine Collection
<b>ID:</b>	MF163
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	2003-2004
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 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[four digit unique series identification number] MF163 NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes interviews with Somali women living in Lewiston, Maine in 2003. Included is a narrative of how Hannibal and Schindler set up the interviews with Fatuma Hussein, Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, Kiih Issa, and Ayan Ismail.

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## Administrative Information

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Rights assessment remains the responsibility of the researcher. Known restrictions on NA3734.

### 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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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Somalis

## Collection Note

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Interviews took place in Lewiston at Daryeelka, Inc., a resource for families that assists them in becoming economically independent and active participants in community life.

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## Collection Inventory

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### MF 163, Collection Summary

Title/Description	Instances
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### Student paper, by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal

Source: Hussein, Fatuma

Source: Hassan, Azeb

Source: Kahin, Hawa

Source: Ismail, Ayan

Creator: Hannibal, Elizabeth Hoyt

Creator: Schindler, Dianne

Abstract: NA3732 Futuma Hussein, Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, Kiih Issa, and Ayan Ismail, interviewed by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal for ANT 425, 2003, at Daryeelka, Inc., Lewiston, Maine. Paper, titled "Somali Women of Lewiston, Maine," deals with how Hannibal and fellow student Dianne Schindler set up interviews with the five Somali women living in Lewiston, Maine. Daryeelka, Inc. is a resource for families that assists them in becoming economically independent and active participants in community life. Text: 12 pp. paper. Restrictions: None.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Daryeelka, Inc.. Women and Children's Advocacy (Lewiston (Me.))
- Hussein, Fatuma
- Hassan, Azeb
- Kahin, Hawa

- Ismail, Ayan

Title/Description	Instances
NA 3732, student paper, May 8, 2003 Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 3732, student paper</a>	Text NA 3732

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## Fatuma Hussein and Ayan Ismail, interviewed by Dianne Schindler

Source: Hussein, Fatuma

Source: Ismail, Ayan

Creator: Schindler, Dianne

Abstract: NA3733 Fatuma Hussein and Ayan Ismail, interviewed by Dianne Schindler, March 26, 2003, at the United Somali Women Office, Auburn, Maine. Hussein, age 25 and who was originally from Somalia, talks about living in Lewiston for 2 years; food and cultural ways in Somali society; Hussein's family and her education; food preparation; ancharo; tea; spices; samosas; raising girls; cookies; beef; types of foods at celebrations; Qu'an; milk; chapati; American fast food; baby food. Ismail had a small part in the interview. Text: 24 pp. transcript. Recording: mfc\_na3733\_c2650\_01, mfc\_na3733\_c2650\_02 (C 2650). Time: 00:36:20. Restrictions: None.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Auburn (Me.)
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Cooking, Somali
- Family life
- Women, Somali
- Somali -- Social Life and Customs
- United Somali Women of Maine (est. 2002) (Lewiston (Me.))
- Hussein, Fatuma
- Ismail, Ayan

Title/Description	Instances
NA 3733, transcript, March 26, 2003 Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 3733, transcript</a>	Audio NA 3733
NA 3733, audio, part 1, March 26, 2003 Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 3733, audio, part 1</a>	Audio NA 3733
NA 3733, audio, part 2, March 26, 2003 Digital Object: <a href="#">NA 3733, audio, part 2</a>	Audio NA 3733

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## Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, and Kiin Issa, interviewed by Dianne Schindler and Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal

Source: Hassan, Azeb

Source: Kahin, Hawa

Source: Issa, Kiin

Creator: Schindler, Dianne

Creator: Hannibal, Elizabeth Hoyt

Abstract: NA3734 Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, and Kiin Issa, interviewed by Dianne Schindler and Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal, March 26, 2003, at Daryeelka Women and Children's Advocacy, Lewiston, Maine. Hassan, Kahin, and Issa talk about foodways and cultural dress of Somalis; Somali culture of hospitality and strong community relationships; rich tradition of Somali Muslim society. Text: 8 pp. transcript. Recording: mfc\_na3734\_c2652\_01, mfc\_na3734\_c2652\_02 (C 2652). Time: 00:34:28. Restrictions: Photographs restricted to academic monograph publications only.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Somali -- Social Life and Customs
- Cooking, Somali
- Islam
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Family life
- Daryeelka, Inc.. Women and Children's Advocacy (Lewiston (Me.))
- Hassan, Azeb
- Kahin, Hawa
- Issa, Kiin

Title/Description	Instances
NA 3734, transcript, March 26, 2003 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 3734, transcript</a>	Audio NA 3734
NA 3734, audio, part 1, March 26, 2003 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 3734, audio, part 1</a>	Audio NA 3734
NA 3734, audio, part 2, March 26, 2003 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">NA 3734, audio, part 2</a>	Audio NA 3734

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## Fatuma Hussein, interviewed by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal

Source: Hussein, Fatuma

Creator: Hannibal, Elizabeth Hoyt

Abstract: NA3735 Fatuma Hussein, interviewed by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal, March 26, 2003, Hussein's office in the Community Concepts building, Auburn, Maine. Hussein talks about being the head of an organization called United Somali Women of Maine that helps Somali women adjust to living in nearly all-white Lewiston; importance of family support; hospitality of Somali people; marriage; refugee camps in Kenya; traditional dress; hijab; diraa; religious requirement to cover head; Somalis in Atlanta, Georgia; moving to Maine; wearing pants; shoes; flip-flops; Western clothing; challenges of skin color, religion, culture, language; fear of change. Text: 19 pp. transcript. Recording: mfc\_na3735\_c2651\_01 (C 2651). Time: 00:31:50. Restrictions: None.



Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Women, Somali
- Somali -- Social Life and Customs
- Family life
- United Somali Women of Maine (est. 2002) (Lewiston (Me.))
- Hussein, Fatuma

**Title/Description****Instances**

NA 3735, transcript, March 26, 2003

Digital Object: [NA 3735, transcript](#)Audio NA  
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NA 3735, audio, March 26, 2003

Digital Object: [NA 3735, audio](#)Audio NA  
3735[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Student paper, by Dianne Schindler**Creator: Schindler, Dianne

Abstract: NA3736 By Dianne Schindler for ANT 425, spring 2003. Paper deals with Schindler's collection of information about the foodways and food customs of Somali women in Lewiston, also a narrative of how she prepared for the project, found informants, set up interviews, and recorded her information. Text: 10 pp. paper. Restrictions: None.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Somali -- Social Life and Customs
- Cooking, Somali
- Women, Somali

**Title/Description****Instances**

NA 3736, student paper, May 10, 2003

Digital Object: [NA 3736, student paper](#)Text NA  
3736[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Student paper, by Caterina Anderson**Source: Charon , SusanSource: Nadeau, PhilSource: Rugaba, PierrotSource: Burgess, JeffSource: Harris, Kathy

Source: Scott, Victoria

Creator: Anderson, Caterina

Creator: Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy

Abstract: NA3737 Sue Charon, Phil Nadeau, Pierrot Rugaba, Jeff Burgess, Kathy Harris, and Victoria Scott, interviewed by Caterina Anderson, for the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, May 10, 2004. Paper, titled "The Somalis of Lewiston, Maine: A Policy Perspective" deals with U. S. immigration and refugee policy; inner workings of the refugee resettlement infrastructure; the situation; policy analysis; why accommodating newcomers is a good idea; Anderson's findings. Text: 50 pp. manuscript. Restrictions: None.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Oral history
- Lewiston (Me.)
- Refugees -- Somali
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Charon , Susan
- Nadeau, Phil
- Rugaba, Pierrot
- Burgess, Jeff
- Harris, Kathy
- Scott, Victoria

Title/Description	Instances
NA 3737, student paper, May 10, 2003 <a href="#">Digital Object: NA 3737, student paper</a>	Text NA 3737

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## Miscellaneous documents and maps

Abstract: NA3748 Collection of miscellaneous documents and maps about Somalis in Maine. Included are articles from the internet: "A Yankee mill town globalizes" by Patrick T. Reardon (2002), "Lewiston's Somali surge" by Kelley Bouchard (2002), "Somalia" from the World Factbook 2002, "US to resettle thousands of Somalis" by Juma Kwayera (2002), "AU threatens sanctions against Somalis" by Abebe Andualem (2003), "Somali Muslims in Maine," cover story in Religion & Ethics Newsweekly (Nov. 15, 2002). Also included is "Toward Harmony: Understanding A New Diversity in Lewiston-Auburn," program for a conference held at Bates College on March 14-15, 2003. Also copies of photographs of Somalis from the internet. Restrictions: None.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Lewiston (Me.)
- Emigration and immigration -- Maine
- Refugees -- Somali
- Women, Somali

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