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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains a series of interviews with Ralph Thornton who discusses the local history of Topsfield, woods work and river work, songs, and stories.

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Arrangement

NA0717 Ralph Thornton, interviewed by Wayne Bean for FO 107, 1972 and 1973, Topsfield, Maine. Series of interviews with Thornton, 87, talks about local history of Topsfield; woods work and river work; songs; stories. Also included: brief biographical sketch of Thornton. Song 1: "Ballad of Ann Briggs," sung by Ralph Thornton. Song fragment about funny incident in lumbercamp. Song 2: "Dan Lane's Crew," sung by Ralph Thornton. Song about a lumber camp. Text: 792 pp. transcript with brief catalog. Recording: T0473 - T 0501 13 hours. Photos: P00447 - P00449, P01812 - P01847.

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- Thornton, Cecil R., 1924-1978
- Thornton, George H., 1860-1955

Collection Note

This series of interviews resulted in the publication of the 1973 XVI edition of Northeast Folklore (Me and Fannie: The Oral Autobiography of Ralph Thornton of Topsfield, Maine, ed. by Wayne Bean). Note: The Fannie in "Me and Fannie" refers to Ralph Thornton's wife, maiden name Fannie Hamilton.

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<p>NA 0717, photograph, p00447, August 1973 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 0717, photograph, p00447: 1972 <u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton, an elderly white man wearing horn-rimmed glasses, smiling and dressed in dark clothes, wearing a fedora. He is smiling and is holding a wooden cane in his hands. Two cigars are visible poking out of a breast</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>

pocket of his flannel shirt. Wayne Bean, photograph.
August 1973.

NA 0717, photograph, p00448, August 1973

Audio NA
0717

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p00448: 1972](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton, an elderly white man wearing horn-rimmed glasses, leans to one side with a broad smile on his face. He is dressed in dark clothes, wearing a fedora. He is bracing both hands on the top of a wooden cane. Two cigars are visible poking out of a breast pocket of his flannel shirt. Wayne Bean, photograph. August 1973.

NA 0717, photograph, p00449, August 1973

Audio NA
0717

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p00449: 1972](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton, an elderly white man wearing horn-rimmed glasses, with a smile on his face. He is dressed in dark clothes, gripping the brim of his fedora. He braces one hand on the top of a wooden cane. Two cigars are visible poking out of a breast pocket of his flannel shirt. Wayne Bean, photograph. August 1973.

NA 0717, photograph, p01812, Late 19th-Early 20th
Century

Audio NA
0717

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01812: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of group of woodsmen on Musquash Lake, Topsfield, Maine, in the winter. The men and several horses are standing or sitting on logs, posing for the photograph. The image is over-exposed. None of the men's faces are distinguishable. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

NA 0717, photograph, p01813, Late 19th-Early 20th
Century

Audio NA
0717

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01813: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of the interior of the sleeping room of a log lumber camp. The view captures the bunks as well as a number of items of clothing hanging to dry from nails in the roof. The top of a small woodstove with a metal bucket on it, is visible in the lower right corner of the image. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

NA 0717, photograph, p01814, Late 19th-Early 20th
Century

Audio NA
0717

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01814: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a large woods crew posing on a snowy landscape in front of a wood's camp. Crew members are seated or standing beside teams of horses. Man standing second from right is H. F. Eaton's scaler, MacDonald. Man seated second from left

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on log is Jim Greenlaw, a wart-and-blood charmer. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

NA 0717, photograph, p01815, 1944

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01815: undated](#)

Photo Description: Sepia photograph of Ralph Thornton, approximately age 55, standing outside in the woods in Princeton, Maine. Thornton was a cook at the University of Maine camp in Princeton c. 1944.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01816, 1940-1942

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01816: undated](#)

Photo Description: Sepia portrait of Cecil R. Thornton, (1924-1978) the youngest son of Ralph Thornton and Fannie (Hamilton) Thornton. The formal portrait captures a young white man with wavy hair seated with his arms crossed in front of him, wearing a dark suit and tie. ca. 1940-1942.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01817, 1940-1960

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01817: undated](#)

Photo Description: Sepia photograph of Ralph Thornton posing with a pair of snowshoes, standing next to a young, live moose next to a set of buildings at The Birches, Maine, ca. 1940-1960.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01818, 1913-1930

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01818: undated](#)

Photo Description: Very dark, sepia photograph of Thornton family members posing with a Saxon automobile. On the far side of the car a man in a suit stands with his hands on his hips next to a smiling woman. A man, possibly Ralph Thornton, is seated behind the steering wheel. A woman with a little girl in a dress stands on the driver's side. Farm buildings in the background. ca. 1913-1930.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01819, Late 19th-Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01819: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a team of horses hitched to a wagon driven by Ralph Thornton. The wagon is stopped next to a set of farm buildings. The photograph is taken from in front of the horses. Ralph Thornton peers past one of the horses toward the camera. William Thornton, wearing a vest and hat, is standing inside the door of the shed connecting the house to the barn. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01820, 1917

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01820: undated](#)

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NA 0717, photograph, p01821, 1924

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<p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01821: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of Fannie and Ralph Thornton playing with a three-month-old baby--probably Cecil Thornton, born February 1924. Fannie holds the baby sitting on a horse. ca. 1924.</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>
<p>NA 0717, photograph, p01822, 1950-1955</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01822: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of George H. Thornton (1860-1955) standing near the woods. He leans on a cane and holds his hat in his left hand. George Thornton was the father of Ralph Thornton. ca. 1950-1955.</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>
<p>NA 0717, photograph, p01830, 1945</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01830: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of Fannie (Hamilton) Thornton and Ralph Thornton posing side-by-side in front of a stone wall. Fannie wears a hat and a dark overcoat over a dress. She holds a dark purse and wears dark gloves. Ralph wears a light-colored suit with a vest, tie, and fedora. Photograph taken in Augusta, Maine, 1945.</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>
<p>NA 0717, photograph, p01831, 1960</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01831: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton and Fannie (Hamilton) Thornton posing as part of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Ralph Thornton is dressed in a tuxedo with a flower in his lapel. Fannie wears a dark, patterned dress and a corsage. A vase in the foreground is filled with gladiolus. The Thorntons were married September 19, 1910. Photo taken 1960.</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>
<p>NA 0717, photograph, p01832, 1920-1960</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01832: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of the exterior of Ralph and Fannie Thornton's home in Topsfield, Maine. The house is a four-square with hipped roof and bay window on the first floor. The house is connected to the barn by a shed. The photograph is over-exposed. An unidentified man stands in front of the shed. A black dog is laying next to the shed door, ca. 1920-1960.</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>
<p>NA 0717, photograph, p01833, 1944</p> <p>Digital Object: NA 0717, photograph, p01833: undated</p> <p><u>Photo Description:</u> Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton with son, Cecil Thornton. Cecil is dressed in a U.S. Army uniform and served in World War II,</p>	<p>Audio NA 0717</p>

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1943-1946. A black spaniel dog is laying on the ground between the two men. Photo taken 1944.

NA 0717, photograph, p01834, 1900-1920

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01834: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of Ralph Thornton seated on the front edge of the porch of a cabin holding a rifle. A second, unidentified man holds a rifle and sits next to Ralph. Fanny sits on the end of the porch next to an older, unidentified woman. The Birches, Maine, ca. 1900-1920.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01835, 1910

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01835: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a road leading through Topsfield, Maine, ca. 1910. The trees appear to be blowing in the wind. White type print on the front of the image reads, "Topsfield Maine."

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NA 0717, photograph, p01836, 1906-1907

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01836: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a group of men, women, and children posing in front of houseparing bee. The tall man in center is Tom Mahar, blacksmith, to his left is Harry Noble. An unidentified girl in a white dress holds hands with a young boy wearing knickers, holding a croquet mallet over his shoulder. Several seated women also hold mallets and balls. Topsfield, Maine. ca. 1906-1907.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01837, 1944

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01837: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a group of four unidentified members of the Passamaquoddy nation standing beside Ralph Thornton dressed in Passamaquoddy regalia. Two Passamaquoddy men stand to Ralph's right. A Passamaquoddy woman and girl stand on Ralph's left. Taken at the University of Maine, Orono. 1944.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01838, Late 19th-Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01838: undated](#)

NA 0717, photograph, p01839, Late 19th-Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01839: undated](#)

Photo Description: Sepia photograph of a large, brick barn on the campus of Medfield Insane Asylum (renamed Medfield State Hospital in 1914), Medfield,

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Massachusetts. Four unidentified men stand in front of the barn holding horses. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

NA 0717, photograph, p01840, 1895-1915

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01840: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of Thornton family members gathered outside an extended, clapboard farm house with the barn in the background. Several carriages are parked at the top of the drive, closer to the barn. Men and women occupy or stand beside the carriages. In the foreground, ten young men dressed in knickers and fedoras pose for the picture, ca. 1895-1915.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01841, Late 19th-Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01841: undated](#)

Photo Description: Sepial photograph of the Stonegate entrance to Medfield Insane Asylum (renamed Medfield State Hospital in 1914), Medfield, Massachusetts. The image captures the main entry path in winter snow. Campus buildings are visible in the distance. Late 19th-Early 20th Century.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01842, 1890-1915

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01842: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of boomed long logs on Mushquash Lake, Topsfield, Maine. In the foreground six men and one woman stand on hillside overlooking the lake. The landscape shows trees lacking leaves suggesting that the time is early spring before the drive, ca. 1890-1915.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01843, 1900-1915

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01843: undated](#)

Photo Description: Formal, black and white portrait of Ralph Thornton as a young man, when he was working at Medfield State Hospital, Medfield, Massachusetts, ca. 1900-1915.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01844, Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01844: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of George Bean, an older, white-haired man, standing in the woods. Bean is wearing trousers held up by wide suspenders, and a checked shirt, Early 20th Century.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01845, Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01845: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white over-exposed and double-exposed photograph of a house with a ladder leaned against the porch roof. A man with a woman

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holding a child are barely visible in the double-exposed section of the image. Early 20th Century.

NA 0717, photograph, p01846, Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01846: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph of a group of five unidentified men standing beside a double woods camp at Musquash Lake, Topsfield, Maine. Early 20th Century. The Cookee stands in shirt sleeves, wearing a short apron. Beside him stands a man dressed in a heavy, bear fur coat. The ground where the men stand is clear but there is a drift of snow in the foreground.

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NA 0717, photograph, p01847, Early 20th Century

Digital Object: [NA 0717, photograph, p01847: undated](#)

Photo Description: Black and white photograph documenting a large woods crew. The cook and two cookees stand at the front of the group of men. Toward the back, men pose holding five or six separate teams of horses. In the background is a long woods camp building. The photo appears to be taken in the spring of the year with remnants of snow visible in the distance. Early 20th Century.

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