

Francophone Archival Records at the Provincial Archives of Alberta: An Annotated Guide

The objective of this guide is to facilitate access to the francophone fonds¹ at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. In the early stages of their research, patrons may use this list to verify the presence and significance of records related to their research topic. The accession numbers are locator numbers; they identify the deposit from which the files originate and are essential to accessing the records.

Supplementary descriptive information about every fonds is available to the public via the ANA (Archives Network of Alberta) database, which is accessible at the Archives Society of Alberta's website at the following address: <http://asalive.archivesalberta.org:8080/access/asa/archaa/>. Other finding aids, including RAD² descriptions and file lists³, are available in hardcopy for research at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, and will be available online in a near future.

This guide contains textual and cartographic records as well as images and audio-visual records. The extent of the fonds is recorded in linear meters with the abbreviation "m" for "meters".⁴ This guide of francophone fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta will be updated every year to reflect new acquisitions acquired and descriptions created by the Provincial Archives of Alberta.⁵ For more information about the francophone records in the holdings of the Provincial Archives of Alberta, please contact Claude Roberto at: **Provincial Archives of Alberta, 8555 Roper Road, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 5W1 Phone: 780 - 427 - 0669 Email: claudio.roberto@gov.ab.ca**
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¹ A fonds is a collection of records accumulated by one or more individuals or organizations while exercising their functions or activities. A collection is an artificial accumulation of records with different provenances brought together by one or many individuals or organizations. A series is a group of records within a fonds that belong to a same activity.

² RAD means Rules for Archival Description, a national set of rules for the description of archives.

³ A file list is a list of file titles and other related identifiers, such as accession, item and box numbers.

⁴ The faith archives of the Missionary Oblates are not included in the guide because they are held in the Provincial Archives of Alberta as a permanent loan and they are made available by the Oblate staff. For additional information, please contact Diane Lamoureux, Oblate Archivist at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

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Fonds PR1191

Alliance Française d'Edmonton fonds, 1949-1980

0.26 m of textual records, 65 negatives, 32 photographs

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of the Alliance Française d'Edmonton founded in 1947 and includes the records of l'École de l'Alliance Française d'Edmonton. The fonds holds the following: correspondence, agendas, minutes, reports, meeting notices, circulars, membership lists, contracts, permits, newspaper clippings, financial records, and photographs.

The Alliance Française of Edmonton was incorporated under the *Societies Act* on September 29, 1975 to propagate the French language and culture and to unite those who wished to participate in that objective through language classes and a variety of cultural activities. The Alliance Française was founded in Paris, France in 1883.

ACCESSION: PR1982.0065

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Fonds PR0015

Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (ACFA) fonds, 1912-2004

81.00 m of textual records, 479 photographs, 18 transparencies, 16 negatives, 110 hours of audio reels, 980 hours of audio cassettes, 20 audio discs, 5 hours videotapes

Scope and content: The fonds consists of national, provincial, regional and local records created by the ACFA (French Canadian Association of Alberta) and documenting the foundation and the history of this association up to present times. A large amount of the fonds consists of administrative and financial papers, minutes, correspondence and publications pertaining to the ACFA and organizations with close associations to the ACFA. The fonds is divided into sixteen series, including: Administration, Comptabilité, Commission culturelle, Éducation, Information/Politique, Développement communautaire, Procès-verbaux, Autres organismes, Histoire, Comités, Correspondance, Mémoires/Études/Rapports, Activités, Circulaires et Publications, Sessions/Stages/Colloques/Projets, and Cause judiciaire. The administration series is divided into five sub-series, including : Membres, Exécutif, Conseils généraux, Bureau des présidents, and Personnel. The procès-verbaux series is divided into three sub-series, including : Congrès/Assemblés générales annuelles, Réunions, and Rond Point. The fonds holds correspondence with organizations inside and outside Alberta. The histoire sub-series includes files on influential francophone Albertans.

Included in the fonds are thirteen sous-fonds. These sous-fonds are related to the regional offices of the ACFA, including: Bonnyville/Cold Lake, Calgary/Banff, Centralta, Red Deer, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Jasper, Plamondon/Lac-la-Biche, Rivière-la-Paix, Saint-Paul, Wood Buffalo, Lethbridge/Medicine Hat, and Provisoires et général.

The subjects represented in the fonds cover causes defended by the ACFA since its foundation. Specifically, the ACFA is concerned with access rights for education and use of French in Alberta, improvement of francophone education and communications, development and maintenance of francophone culture, and a strong economy for Franco-Albertans.

In 1925, the Cercle Jeanne d'Arc, supported by the Chevaliers de Colomb, organized a congress in Edmonton to discuss the formation of a provincial French association. An organization was formed at that first meeting charged with the maintenance of all facets of French culture in Alberta, including religious, moral, social, intellectual and economic life. The ACFA was officially founded in 1926 after its first constitution was completed.
ACCESSIONS: PR1969.0215, PR1980.0226, PR1984.0387, PR1985.0292, PR1985.0360, PR1985.0457, PR1986.0156, PR1986.0242, PR1987.0015, PR1987.0222, PR1988.0243, PR1989.0055, PR1989.0391, PR1990.0580, PR1991.0296, PR1992.0031, PR1992.0379, PR1995.0458, PR1996.0416, PR1996.0639, PR1996.0640, PR1997.0496, PR1998.0209, PR1998.0899, PR1999.0892, PR2000.0036, PR2001.0221, PR2004.0951, PR2005.0397

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Fonds PR1633

Association de l'École Georges et Julia Bugnet fonds, 1981-1988

0.89 m of textual records, 3 audio cassettes, 1 videotape

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of the Association de l'École Georges et Julia Bugnet, and includes correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, court records, and court transcripts. The materials hold information on French language rights in education in Alberta and on rights granted to official minorities by the Canadian Constitution. The goal of the Association is promotion of French language instruction supported by rights granted to Franco-Albertans by Canadian Constitution.

ACCESSIONS: PR1986.0006, PR1986.0221, PR1986.0536, PR1987.0138, PR1988.0215.

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Fonds PR1257

Association des Anciens Élèves du Collège des Jésuites d'Edmonton fonds, 1921-1942

0.24 m of textual records, 32 images

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of the Association des Anciens Élèves du Collège des Jésuites d'Edmonton, and includes correspondence, minutes, reports, newsletters, lists of alumni, financial records, programs, plays, newspaper clippings and photographs of members and baseball teams.

The Association des Anciens Elèves du Collège des Jésuites d' Edmonton was established in 1926 as the Jesuit College Alumni Association, The Jesuit College operated in Edmonton from 1913 until 1942.
ACCESSION: PR1980.0203

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Fonds PR1308

Association France-Canada de l'Alberta fonds, 1974-1983

0.02 m of textual records, 7 photograph albums

Scope and content: The fonds consists of photograph albums with 191 photographs of receptions, events and trips as well as some newspaper clippings; newsletters; correspondence.

The Association France-Canada was founded in 1950 as the Accueil Franco Canadien with the mandates of matching people from France with those from Canada, and providing assistance to immigrants from France. Under a new name, the Association Culturelle France-Canada, a federal charter was obtained in 1981. The Alberta section of this new Association, the Association France-Canada de l'Alberta, was established in the early 1970s to promote various cultural and social activities.

ACCESSIONS: PR1982.0252, PR1983.0256

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Fonds PR0591

Paul de Beudrap fonds, copied in 1972

1 microfilm roll

Scope and content: Fonds consists of diaries of Paul de Beudrap dating 1904-1934. Paul de Beudrap was granted a homestead in Alberta in 1904.

ACCESSION: PR1972.401

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Fonds PR0592

Xavier de Beudrap fonds, copied in 1972

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: Fonds consists of a family tree and family history manuscript for the de Beudrap family. Xavier de Beudrap worked in a store in Trochu before going to Europe ca. 1915 before returning to Trochu to farm.

ACCESSION: PR1972.139

Fonds PR0462

Bérubé family fonds, copied in 1986

3 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of images relating to the Bérubé family, originally dating 1895 to 1912. It includes images of the Bérubés' Beaumont house (built by Pierre Bérubé) and the Bérubé family, the livery stables owned by Pierre Bérubé, and the first church in Beaumont along with its parishioners. Pierre Bérubé (1877-1971), born in Quebec, came to the Edmonton area to farm and manage several businesses.

ACCESSION: PR1986.0439

Fonds PR1563

Boîte à Popicos fonds, 1978-1983

0.79 m of textual records, 3 transparencies, 2 posters

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of Boîte à Popicos and includes minutes, financial statements and other financial records, reports, correspondence, grant applications, pamphlets, press releases, scripts, set designs, and educational workbooks. At the time of its founding in 1978, Boîte à Popicos was Alberta's only French theatre for young audiences. In 1992, Boîte à Popicos amalgamated with le Théâtre français d'Edmonton to form l'Unithéâtre.

ACCESSION: PR1985.0153

Fonds PR1496

Rémi Brisson fonds, copied in 1984

4 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of images of the Calgary Buffaloes hockey team (1952-1953) and the Lacombe Rockets (1960-1961, 1964-1965). Rémi Brisson played for the Calgary hockey team in 1952-1953 and the Lacombe hockey team from ca. 1960 to ca. 1965.

ACCESSION: PR1984.0380

Fonds PR0995

Georges Bugnet fonds, 1928-1981

0.03 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds includes photocopied letters from 1928, 1957

and 1961, photocopied newspaper clippings, a photocopy of Bugnet's diary from 1954 to 1971, a photocopy of Bugnet's botanical notes, and various certificates and awards.

Georges Charles Jules Bugnet (1905-1981) came from France to Canada in 1905 and settled in Alberta in the Rich Valley area. Georges was an acclaimed author and a famous horticulturalist who bred new types of roses. He was awarded the French Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques for his literary work, and in 1978, he received an honorary doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta.

ACCESSION: PR1981.0121

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Fonds PR1674

A. Cadoux fonds, 1921-1923

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of a small book of announcements. Father A. Cadoux was the parish priest in Plamondon, Alberta from 1921 to 1924. Prior to this post in Plamondon, he worked out of Daysland, Alberta, serving Killam, Hardisty, Loughheed and Strome.

ACCESSION: PR1996.0391

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Fonds PR1562

Caisse Francalta Credit Union Limited fonds, 1972-1984

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of an annual report for 1984 and photocopied newspaper articles about the Caisse Francalta Credit Union Limited from 1972 to 1980.

The Caisse Francalta Credit Union Limited (Ltd.) was incorporated April 19, 1972 under the *Credit Union Act*, offering services in French to better serve francophones in Alberta with two branches in Edmonton and two branches in the Peace River area. The organization closed in 1987 and amalgamated with other institutions to form the Capital City Savings Credit Union Limited.

ACCESSION: PR1985.0150

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Fonds PR1568

Jean Chancellet fonds, 1938-1980

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of correspondence with the Alberta government, government officials and businessmen, tax notices, notes, and Woodward's Department store advertisements.

Jean Chancellet (1889-1987) arrived from France to Edmonton, Alberta around 1910. He was granted in this same year a homestead in Grouard, Alberta. He travelled for 8 years in North America, before settling in Jousard, Alberta.

ACCESSION: PR1985.0187

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Fonds PR1368

Le Club Richelieu d'Edmonton fonds, 1970-1981

0,40 m of textual records, 80 photographs, 7 negatives.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of Le Club Richelieu d'Edmonton, and includes its charter, correspondence, minutes, reports, manuals, newsletters, newspaper clippings, programs, Richelieu International convention information, membership forms, financial statements, and photographs of club members and events.

Richelieu International was founded in February 1944 in Ottawa, Ontario by a group of francophones who wanted to bring French-Canadians together socially. Le Club Richelieu d'Edmonton was founded in 1971 and incorporated in 1973 under the *Societies Act* to promote brotherhood among francophones. The group changed its name to Le Club de Service Jean Patoine in 2001.

ACCESSION: PR1983.0268

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Fonds PR0974

André Miville Déchène fonds, 1898-1987

23.25 m of textual records, 1216 photographs, 48 negatives, 21 postcards, 7 maps, architectural plan, and 1 audio reel.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of professional records from Déchène's time as a judge, including reasons for judgments, reports, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Records include also files connected to Déchène's involvement in his community, such as files with l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, the Fédération canadienne-française de l'Ouest, Radio-Edmonton Limitée (CHFA), le Conseil de la Vie Française en Amérique, l'Association Canadienne des Educateurs de langue française, Friends of the University of Alberta, Collège Saint-Jean, the Canadian Centenary Council, St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers' Guild, the Liberal Association of Alberta, the Knights of Columbus, l'Église Saint-Joachim. These records consist of

correspondence, minutes, reports, photographs, programs and pamphlets; personal correspondence; speeches; newspaper clippings; conference programs; photographs of family, friends and colleagues; cards; invitations; menus; and genealogical information.

André Miville Déchène (1912-1992) was born in Edmonton, Alberta. The family also lived in the area of Thérien, Bonnyville and St. Paul in Alberta. André enrolled in Law at the University of Alberta. He ran as a liberal candidate in the provincial elections in 1948, 1952 and 1955. In 1963, he was sworn in as a Judge and remained very active in the francophone community. He was president of l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (the French-Canadian Association of Alberta) from 1955 to 1962. He also served as president of Radio-Edmonton Limitée from 1955 to 1963.

ACCESSIONS: PR80.0335, PR1985.0421, PR1985.0434, PR1987.0157, PR1988.0249

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Fonds PR0975

Joseph Miville Déchène and André Miville Déchène fonds, 1915-1970

0.21 m of textual records, 1 photograph.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of familial and other correspondence of Joseph Miville Déchène, correspondence related to the Joseph Miville Déchène's election campaigns, official copies of Joseph Miville Déchène's parliamentary speeches, wills of Joseph and Maria Déchène, Academie Assomption yearbooks.

Joseph Miville Déchène (1879 – 1962) was born in Québec. The family moved west in 1892, settling in Morinville, Alberta. Joseph worked in Quebec and Alberta. He left Edmonton with his family in 1919, to farm near Therien, Alberta. He later moved to St. Paul and to Bonnyville, Alberta. In 1921 he was elected as a liberal in the Beaver River constituency and he was elected again in Saint-Paul in 1930, serving that constituency until 1935. He became the liberal federal MP for the Athabasca constituency where he was elected in 1945, 1949 and 1953, and retired from politics in 1958. Joseph Miville Déchène's son, André, was a lawyer and later a judge in Edmonton, Alberta. André, also a supporter of the liberal party, worked on his provincial elections, and on his father's federal campaigns.

ACCESSION: PR1980.0335 (files 273 and 286)

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Fonds PR0420

Jules Déray fonds, 1791-1911

0.03 m of textual records, 3 photographs

Scope and content: Fonds consists mainly of records from Déray ancestors who lived in Department of Doubs, France and includes land agreements, notices and citations, birth certificates, receipts, insurance policies, and correspondence.

Jules Déray born ca. 1880 in France came to Edmonton, Alberta ca. 1911 before finally purchasing a homestead in Fawcett, Alberta ca. 1914. Déray was a very skilled carpenter and also an educated man, well known for his collections of books and magazines.

ACCESSIONS: PR1970.270, PR1970.333

Fonds PR1632

J.G.C. Dignard fonds, 1983-1986

0.03 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of copied of articles and letters by Gilles Dignard, mostly relating to the Peace River area.

ACCESSIONS: PR1986.0001, PR1987.0025

Fonds PR0996

Georges-Etienne Durocher fonds, 1895-1981

0.07 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the research materials of Father Georges-Étienne Durocher, Oblate of Mary Immaculate (o.m.i), born in Bonnyville, Alberta in 1923. The materials include research notes from French newspapers, a 1944 financial report from the Morinville church, a 1919 Brethren of the Pine Service book, newspapers and newspaper clippings, and sheet music for “La Complainte de Shortis.”

Georges-Etienne Durocher was ordained in 1949. He was the first librarian at the Faculté Saint-Jean, University of Alberta. He edited Georges Bugnet’s *Journal (1954-1971)*, which was published by l’Institut de recherche de la Faculté Saint-Jean, University of Alberta.

ACCESSION: PR1984.0271

Fonds PR1078

Fédération des femmes canadiennes-françaises, Régionale de l’Alberta Fonds, 1975-1987

0.42 m of textual records, 4 audio cassettes, 2 photographs, 1 negative

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the records of the Régionale de L'Alberta of the Fédération des femmes canadiennes-françaises, and includes two sous-fonds, the Section Régionale Jean-Patoine d'Edmonton and the Section Ste-Anne d'Edmonton, and the following series: correspondence, minutes, reports, financial statements, president biographies, conference information, newspaper clippings, biographies of Alberta francophone women, national newsletter "Femmes d'Action," and copies of grant applications. It includes some administrative records from the branches of Jean Patoine, Lac Froid and St. Isidore, as well as material pertaining to the national-level organization.

The Fédération des femmes canadiennes-françaises was founded in Ottawa, Ontario in 1914 by Madame Paul-Eugène Marchand. The Fédération aimed to bring together women in francophone communities outside of Quebec. The Fédération's goals were to preserve French-Canadian culture, to work towards enhancing women's knowledge in all areas, such as education, the economy, and politics, and to defend the rights and well-being of women and families.

The Régionale de l'Alberta was formed in January 1976 by previously established Edmonton branches, the Section Jean Patoine d'Edmonton and Section Ste-Anne d'Edmonton. In 1979, the Régionale de l'Alberta consisted of three branches: Jean Patoine (Edmonton, founded 1973), Lac Froid (Cold Lake, Grand Centre, Medley, founded 1978), and St. Isidore (St. Isidore, founded 1976), with Les Dames Chrétiennes de Girouxville as an affiliate from 1980. The second Edmonton branch, Ste-Anne, existed from 1973 until 1978. The Régionale de L'Alberta was dissolved in 1987.

ACCESSIONS: PR1981.0291, PR1981.0343, PR1982.0103, PR1984.0212, PR1988.0110

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Fonds PR1576

Femmes d'Aujourd'hui fonds, 1984-1985

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of copied records of Femmes d'Aujourd'hui and includes minutes, reports, grant applications and financial records.

Femmes d'Aujourd'hui was a group for francophone mothers with preschool-aged children, which began in about 1982 in Edmonton, Alberta and dissolved in the late 1980s. The group provided a place for francophone mothers to meet and exchange information relevant to their lives, as well as allowing mothers to share their experiences and give francophone children the opportunity to meet other francophone children.

ACCESSION: PR1985.0207

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Fonds PR1636

Gariépy family fonds, 1902-1984

0.05 m of textual records, 8 photographs, 2 objects and 1 map.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the history of the Gariépy Block and J.H. Gariépy, receipts, certificates, land titles, financial records, will and testaments and estate records, leases and agreements, correspondence, a newspaper article about the Gariépy House (Rosary Hall), genealogical information, a map of Edmonton (1938), photographs of the construction of the Gariépy House, family members, the unveiling of Father Lacombe monument in St. Albert, and two halftone printing plates of Charles Gariépy.

Joseph Hormidas Gariépy (1852-1927) from Quebec arrived in 1892 in Edmonton, Alberta. He proceeded to buy the land at the northwest corner of Jasper and 100 Street. He opened a general store and made his fortune in the real estate business. He was a founding member of the Board of Trade, and helped found the Edmonton Separate School Board. He was also on the Edmonton Town Council in 1897. Joseph Hormidas had several children.

Wilfrid, his son, began practicing law in Edmonton in 1903. He was a member of the Edmonton School Board from 1904 to 1912, a City of Edmonton alderman from 1906 to 1910 and a Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Beaver River from 1913 to 1921. While an MLA, he was Minister of Municipal Affairs from 1913 to 1918 and briefly Provincial Secretary in 1918. He returned to his origins in Quebec.

ACCESSIONS: PR1970.0205, PR1986.0087

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Fonds PR1354

Fonds Roland Gaudet, 1940-1944

0.06 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of issues of *Xavier*, the monthly publication of the Collège des Jésuites/Jesuit College in Edmonton, Alberta, edited by Collège Saint-François-Xavier students, and an informational booklet about the Collège des Jésuites/Jesuit College in Edmonton.

Roland Gaudet was originally from Saskatchewan. He was a student at the Collège des Jésuites in Edmonton, Alberta and the Grand Séminaire de Mazenod in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan. Reverend Gaudet wrote *St. Isidore de Bellevue, 1902-1977* and was one of the authors of *Généalogie des familles de la paroisse de St. Isidore de Bellevue, Saskatchewan*.

ACCESSION: PR1983.0171

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Fonds PR1189

Girard family fonds, 1955-1982

0.07 m of textual records, 2 photographs, 2 audio reels

Scope and content: The fonds consists of correspondence, notebooks, biographical notes about Fernando Girard, newsletters, photographs from a fishing trip, newspaper clippings and a speech by and an interviews of Fernando Girard.

Joseph-Adélarde-Fernando Girard (913-1980) was born near Chicoutimi, Québec. In 1948 he became the manager of the agricultural cooperative in St. Ambrose in the Chicoutimi area and in 1949 the manager of the Fédération des Chantiers .cooperatives. In 1952, he became director of the Service d'établissement Rural of the Union Catholique des Cultivateurs (l'U.C.C.) du Saguenay, which intended to establish French communities in the west, including in St. Isidore, Alberta. Fernando and his family arrived in St. Isidore in 1955 and in 1963, Fernando accepted the position as manager of the Coopérative d'Aménagement Rural et de Développement d'Alberta (C.A.R.D.A.) de St-Paul Limitée. He was president of L'Association canadienne-française for the St. Paul region from 1969 until 1971 and started working at the Caisse Francalca in 1973.

ACCESSIONS: PR1982.0054, PR1982.0080

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Fonds PR1073

Irma Girard fonds, copied in 1981

0.01 m of textual records, 1 negative.

Scope and content: The fonds includes an image circa (ca.) 1900 of a painting of Delphin and Maria Morin, and a biography of their son Firman Morin and his family, written by Irma Girard. Delphin and Maria (Trusdale) Morin, originally from Quebec, settled in Morinville, Alberta in 1891.

ACCESSION: kPR1981.0249

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Fonds PR1580

Antoinette Grenier fonds, 1933-1991

0.18 m of textual records, 1 audio reel.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of the personal records of Antoinette Grenier, including: correspondence, diaries, genealogical information, parish histories, and information on the administration of medical records and the Pensionnat de l'Assomption.

Marie Louise Antoinette Grenier, born in 1919 in Edmonton, Alberta, was a student at the Pensionnat de l'Assomption, an Edmonton boarding school run by Soeurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte-Vierge (Sisters of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin). Antoinette was secretary at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton from about 1942 to 1944. She worked at the Charles Camsell Hospital as a medical archivist and librarian. Her parents had a homestead in the Lac La Biche area.

ACCESSIONS: PR1985.0236, PR1992.0028, PR1997.0475

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Fonds PR0968

Héritage Franco-albertain collection,[ca. 1895]-1975

116 negatives, 0.03 m of textual records, 10 photographs, and 12 photographic postcards.

Scope and content: Héritage Franco-albertain was a project begun in 1979 in order to preserve Franco-Albertan culture. The organization collected records attached to this culture, such as songs, dances, recipes, autobiographies, biographies, historical information, stories and photographs (ca. 1895 to 1951) of individuals and places.

ACCESSIONS: PR1980.0031, PR1980.0132, PR1980.0155, PR1980.0271, PR1980.0272, PR1980.0287, PR1980.0331, PR1980.0342, PR1980.0357, PR1981.0048, PR1981.0125, PR1981.0136, PR1981.0154, PR1981.0216

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Fonds PR1527

La Société des Amis du Fléché fonds,1977-1987

0.24 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of history and instructions on weaving the belts, patterns for belts, minutes, membership lists, financial statements, grant applications, articles about the Society, correspondence, newsletters, and incorporation records.

La Société des Amis du Fléché was founded in 1976 in Edmonton, Alberta. The objectives of the Society were to promote and make possible cultural activities attached to weaving “ceintures fléchées” worn by the “coureurs des bois.” The Société also offered classes and workshops on weaving these belts. The Society dissolved in 1990.

ACCESSION: PR1985.0088, PR2003.0465

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Fonds PR0976

Olivier E. Lafleur fonds,1968-1970

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of reports of the Association des Édicateurs Bilingues de l'Alberta (Bilingual Teachers Association of Alberta), including the 1968

annual meeting minutes, a report from the Comité d'Enseignement Religieux, a report from the Comité du Programme, and a report presented to the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (the French-Canadian Association of Alberta).

Olivier E. Lafleur was president of the Association des Édicateurs Bilingues de l'Alberta (Bilingual Teachers Association of Alberta).

ACCESSION: PR1980.0345

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Fonds PR0534

Lamoureux family fonds, 1860-1972

0.10 m of textual records, 51 negatives, ca. 580 photographs

Scope and content: Fonds consists of Lamoureux family records and includes newspaper clippings, invitations, prayer books, poems, diplomas, marriage certificates, a baptism certificate, copies of the Lamoureux family tree, correspondence, and photographs.

Joseph Lamoureux (1838-1907) after visiting the U.S. came to Alberta with his brother Frank in 1872. In addition to his farm, Joseph Lamoureux entered into a partnership with his brother to build and operate a sawmill. Joseph also bought a sternwheeler called *The Minnow* to carry freight along the river. Frank married the daughter of a Hudson's Bay Company employee at Fort Edmonton.

ACCESSIONS: PR1971.114, PR1971.137, PR1973.259, PR1973.430

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Fonds PR0560

Jenny Le Saunier fonds, 1924-1967

0.01 m of textual records, 2 photographs

Scope and content: Fonds consists of records pertaining to the musical career of Jenny Le Saunier and includes an honorary degree, a newspaper clipping, a programme, and two photographs of Jenny Le Saunier.

Jennifer (Jenny) Le Saunier, also known as Madame Le Saunier, born in Belgium, studied music in Paris and Berlin. She performed concerts in Europe before coming to Canada in 1931. She started in the early 1940s to teach music in Red Deer and in Edmonton. She received an honorary doctorate from the University of Alberta in 1966.

ACCESSION: PR1971.237

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Fonds PR0561

Suzanne M. Le Saunier collection, 1933-1934

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: Collection consists of automobile sales brochures. Suzanne M. Le Saunier was a granddaughter of Jenny Le Saunier, also known as Madame Le Saunier, a music teacher in Edmonton.

ACCESSION: PR1971.237

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Fonds PR0909

Les Blés d'Or fonds, 1976-1980

0.02 m of textual records, 3 negatives.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of a souvenir booklet, a program, a pamphlet, newspaper articles, and copied photographs of Les Blés d'Or.

Les Blés d'Or is a French Canadian Folk Dance Ensemble from St. Paul, Alberta. It was formed in 1976, and toured throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, the Northwest Territories, and Europe.

ACCESSION: PR1980.188

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Fonds PR1076

Aline L'Heureux fonds, copied in 1981

10 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of 10 images, dating 1884 to 1919, relating to Plamondon, Alberta, and include various members of the Plamondon family, settlers, the first election, soap making, farming, and a wedding photograph.

Plamondon, the town in Alberta, was named after Joseph Plamondon. Aline L'Heureux is a member of the Plamondon family and she conducted genealogical research on the Plamondon family for a family reunion. She also worked on the book *Joseph, Mathilda and Family, 1884-1982*, which is a history of the Plamondon family.

ACCESSION: PR1981.0272

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Fonds PR1525

Rose Mandelin fonds, 1906-1994

32 photographs, 22 negatives, 6 postcards, 2 films, 0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of genealogical information on the La

Crete, Boire and Bérard families, films of Edmonton and the Edmonton Exhibition, postcards of Edmonton Historical Exhibits, Calgary and Peace River, photos of the Boire sawmill, the Banff Springs Hotel, Edmonton and Peace River streets, the Calgary Stampede parade.

Rose Mandelin (Boire) was born in 1934 in Fort Vermilion, Alberta. She was the daughter of François and Mélina (Bérard) Boire, who were married in 1915 in Manitoba and came to Alberta in 1929 in order to receive a homestead at Fort Vermilion.

ACCESSIONS: PR1985.0055, PR1994.0001

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Fonds PR0642

Lucien Maynard fonds, 1915-1986, predominant 1930-1986

7.50 m of textual records, 21 photographs, 7 maps

Scope and content: Fonds consists of records pertaining to Lucien Maynard's political career, to his involvement with ACFA, and to his personal life, and includes business cards, correspondence, court transcripts, draft manuscripts, election materials, financial records, historical/biographical sketches, itineraries, memorandum, minutes, the ACFA newspaper *La Survivance*, the Social Credit newspaper *Today and Tomorrow*, newsletters, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, programmes, radio broadcast transcripts, receipts, reports, resolutions, speeches, wills, and photographs. The fonds has been divided into the following series: Association Canadienne-Française de l'Alberta (ACFA); Political and Professional Activities; Personal Activities.

Joseph Lucien Paul Maynard, born in 1908 in Montreal, Quebec, received his education at Edmonton Jesuit College, the Laval University, and the University of Alberta, where he received a degree in Law. He was a member of the Alberta Social Credit Party and was elected to the Alberta Legislature in 1935. He served as Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1936. He was appointed Attorney General in 1943 and was re-elected as an MLA in the elections of 1940, 1944, 1948, and 1952. Maynard was a barrister and he spent 11 years as a judge in Edmonton, Alberta. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and was editor of the Social Credit newspaper, *Today and Tomorrow*. Maynard was President of the Association Canadienne-Française de l'Alberta (French Canadian Association of Alberta) from 1964-1966.

ACCESSIONS: PR1994.172, PR1994.271

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Fonds PR1214

Bérangère Mercier fonds, 1922-1979

0.05 m of textual records, 1 photograph.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of invitations, correspondence, concert programs, information about the Edmonton Art Club, a Constitution and bylaws of the Women's Canadian Club of Edmonton, an Edmonton Civic Opera Society's Tenth Year Anniversary souvenir book, newspaper clippings, and a photograph of the first airmail flight north in 1931.

Bérangère Mercier (1898-1980) born in Québec, arrived with her family to Duvernay, Alberta in 1909, and moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1913. Bérangère was a painter of landscapes and portraits in oil. She became member of the Edmonton Art Club in 1921; she was the Club's president in 1950, 1951 and 1961. Bérangère was also soprano, and received a degree from the Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1935. She had her own program on CKUA from 1931 to 1933. She was active in the Franco-Albertan community and was a member of the Les Bonnes Amies Club. She was a bilingual secretary at the Edmonton Postal Service from 1935 until 1954.

ACCESSIONS: PR1979.0354, PR1982.0117

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Fonds PR1233

Lucien Mercier fonds, [ca. 1916-ca. 1938]

126 photographs, 3 postcards, 1 map, 0.01m of textual records

Scope and content: Fonds consists of images depicting Lucien Mercier and his wife, as well as various people, buildings, and views in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, including Inuit women, First Nations men and women, dredges, ferries, transportation, stores, railroad stations, hotels, floods, fishing and fish drying, trading posts, street views, aerial and panoramic views, banks, hospitals, post offices, bituminous oil production plants, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, fires, and houses. Fonds also includes a caribou skin map depicting Slave Lake, Alberta, and newspaper clippings about Lucien Mercier.

Lucien Mercier was a carpenter who moved from Quebec to Edmonton, Alberta in 1903. During the 1920s Mercier built a number of mission churches along the Mackenzie River. In the early 1930s he moved to a homestead near Hines Creek in the Peace River, Alberta area. Mercier worked as a carpenter at Fort McMurray and at the bituminous oil plants circa (ca.) 1938. In 1950 he moved to Edmonton, Alberta.

ACCESSION: PR1975.0449

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Fonds PR0967

Joseph Moreau fonds, 1961-1970

0.01 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings regarding French language instruction in Alberta and the affiliation of the Collège Saint-Jean with the University of Alberta.

Dr. Joseph P. Moreau was an orthopedist in Edmonton, Alberta. He was president of l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta (the French-Canadian Association of Alberta) from 1966 to 1967. He was also president of the Advisory Board of the Académie Assomption, a boarding school for girls in Edmonton.

ACCESSION: PR1980.0285

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Fonds PR0263

Louis Normandeau fonds, 1953-1956

0.02 m of textual records

Scope and content: Fonds consists of records reflecting Normandeau's involvement with various farm organizations including correspondence, a diary and a radio speech given by Normandeau.

Louis Normandeau born in Quebec moved west in 1911 and homesteaded in the district of Lac La Biche. In 1917 he joined the United Farmers of Alberta and then volunteered his services with the Alberta Wheat Pool in 1923, later worked for this organization from 1926 to 1947 after which he became a Director of Alberta Poultry Producers. During 15 months he had charge of a daily broadcast sponsored by the Alberta Wheat Pool called "One Man's Viewpoint."

ACCESSION: PR1969.144

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Fonds PR1052

J. Laurier Picard fonds, 1924-1980

0.03 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds includes correspondence, speeches and newspaper articles about the opening of l'École J.-H. Picard; biographical information about Laurier Picard and J.H. Picard; notes regarding the Théâtre Français; theatre programmes; newspaper clippings about French theatre productions in Edmonton; and a 1924 issue of L'Écho du Collège.

J. Laurier Picard was born in 1906, in Edmonton, Alberta. His father was Joseph Henri Picard, the first chairman of the Edmonton Separate School Board, after whom l'École J.-H. Picard is named. In 1924, Laurier became a teacher near Legal, Alberta, and later taught in Lac La Biche, Fort Saskatchewan and

Barrhead, Alberta. In 1930 he became the vice-principal of St. Francis of Assisi School in Edmonton; he became principal of Archbishop MacDonald senior high school in 1966. He became a school trustee in 1974.

ACCESSION: PR1981.0207

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Fonds PR1053

Joseph Henri Picard fonds, 1894-1921

0.03 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds includes a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings from 1894 to 1921, about the Edmonton municipal government, civic elections, council meeting reports, letters to the newspaper from J.H. Picard and others, bylaw notices, general interest articles, telegrams, and clippings about his sons, Laurier and Robert.

Joseph Henri Picard (1857-1934) born in Québec, began his adult life as a carpenter. In 1884 he came west, working on construction between Regina and Calgary before talking to Father Lacombe in Calgary, who encouraged him to come to Edmonton, Alberta, where Picard eventually settled in 1887. Soon he entered a partnership with Stanislas LaRue and they opened a general store, Larue & Picard, on Jasper Avenue. The two switched to real estate in 1907. Picard served as Separate School Board trustee for twenty-six years, and was the first chairman of the Edmonton Catholic School System. He was also the first president of Edmonton Board of Trade, a charter member of Edmonton Club, president of Jasper Coal Mine Company (Co.), Arrow Lake Fruit Lands Company (Co.), and vice-president of Franco Mortgage and Loan Company (Co.). Picard was elected to the village council, then town council, and finally the city council of Edmonton. He married Martine Voyer in 1903 and they had two sons, Robert and Laurier. Joseph Henri Picard died May 23, 1934

ACCESSION: PR1981.0207

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Fonds PR0773

Maurice Polet fonds, 1907-1964, predominant 1907-1939

0.21 m of textual records, 277 photographs, 69 transparencies, 37 negatives

Scope and content: Fonds consists of a report on railways written by Maurice Polet, correspondence, newspaper clippings, daily journals, poems, and images depicting the Polet and Boulenger families, various places, people and views, mainly in Alberta, including railroad construction, bridges, and stations, roads, street views, camps, boats, automobiles, churches, and furniture.

Maurice Polet obtained the Belgian Diploma of Surveyor before coming to Edmonton, Alberta in 1906. He worked as a civil engineer on the

Grand Trunk Railway from August to 1912 and was employed by the Engineering Department of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway from September 1914 to July 1916. He worked as assistant engineer and Superintendent of the Edmonton Interurban Railway Company after 1913. He was also an amateur photographer and the Belgian Consul in Edmonton ca.1929 to ca. 1953.

ACCESSION: PR1973.0419, PR1981.0304, PR1982.0210

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Fonds PR1673

Annette Potvin fonds, [Copied 1986]-1994

0.06 m of textual records, 9 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of histories about the St. Emile Parish of Legal and the Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) in Legal by Annette Potvin, and related research materials, including images of Legal, presenting farm machinery, the church, a log cabin.

Annette Potvin was a Sister of Charity (Grey Nun) of Montreal who lived in Legal before taking her vows in 1939 at the age of 20 years old. She taught in Alberta and Saskatchewan for twenty years, and worked on several historical projects.

ACCESSIONS: PR1986.0214, PR1996.0391

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Fonds PR0987

Henri Rioux fonds, copied in 1980

10 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of images originally dating from about 1924 to 1940, of churches, a garage, the Jesuit College Orchestra, J.A. Rioux, and an Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta float.

ACCESSION: PR1981.0013

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Fonds PR0247

Charles B. Rouleau fonds, 1886-1901

0.10 m of textual records

Scope and content: Fonds consists of the court notebooks of Justice Charles B. Rouleau created during his tenure as Judge of the Northern Alberta Judicial District.

Charles Borromee Rouleau, born in Quebec in 1840, was called to

the bar in Quebec in 1868 before coming to the west in 1883 to serve as a member of the Executive Council for the Northwest Territories (now Alberta).

Four years later in 1887 he became Judge of the Northern Alberta Judicial District. He settled in Calgary in 1889 and retained his posting to the Northwest Territories Supreme Court until his death in 1901.

ACCESSION: PR1968.302

Fonds PR1307

Royer family fonds, copied in 1982

2 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of two portraits, originally dating circa (ca.) 1912, of Jean Royer's family.

Jean Royer (1859 – 1935) left Quebec to move with Father Morin's colonists to Alberta. He settled on a homestead near Sandy Lake.

ACCESSION: PR1982.0249

Fonds PR1256

Raymond Sévigny fonds, 1977-1978

2 audio discs

Scope and content: The fonds consists of two LP records of French Canadian choirs, including "Le Vendredi-Saint Aujourd'hui" by the Immaculée-Conception parish choir in Edmonton, Alberta, and "Les Chantamis... Dix Ans" by Chantamis, directed by Leonard Rousseau in Edmonton.

Raymond Sévigny born in St. Albert, Alberta, was ordained priest in 1962. He served in Edmonton at Immaculée-Conception, at St. Andrew's and at Saint-Thomas d'Aquin, as well as in Camrose, Alberta.

ACCESSION: PR1982.0209

Fonds PR1323

Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Alberta fonds, 1877-1982

3.00 m of published records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of a history of the Grey Nuns at Lac St. Anne and St. Albert, and bound volumes which have been organized into the following 5 series: The Annales (a Grey Nuns periodical containing news from missions, lists of personnel and short biographies of deceased members of the

congregation); General histories; Works written about the Foundress of the Grey Nuns, Sainte Marguerite d'Youville; Biographies of the Superiors General; and Miscellaneous items.

The Grey Nuns were founded in 1737 in Montréal, Quebec in order to undertake charitable work, focused on education, health and social services, offered to the poor and the persons in need. The first Grey Nuns arrived in what is now Alberta in 1859 at Lac St. Anne where they had been called by Father Lacombe, omi. In 1863 they moved to St. Albert.

ACCESSIONS: PR1982.0319, PR1983.0102

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Fonds PR0007

Soeurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte-Vierge (Sisters of the Assumption) fonds, 1853-1993

14.00 m of textual records, ca. 1000 black and white photographic prints, ca. 500 colour photographic prints, ca. 500 transparencies

Scope and content: The fonds consists of convent and school records in the ecclesiastical Province of St. John the Evangelist run by the Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and embracing Alberta and Saskatchewan. The records of these institutions include the chronicles with, in most cases, yearly lists of personnel and students; financial records; minutes of local meetings; registers of first communions and confirmations. The fonds also holds: materials concerning the Japanese internment camps in Slocan, British Columbia, during the years of the Second World War; some materials concerning the general administration of the Sisters; publications written by the Sisters or used by the Sisters in the schools.

The religious community of the Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin was founded in the province of Québec in 1853 as a teaching community. The Sisters came to Western Canada in 1891 to assist the Missionary Oblates. In addition to native communities, the Sisters served the francophone population in Western Canada. Outside Canada, the Sisters worked in the United States, Brazil and Japan.

ACCESSIONS: PR1973.0080, PR1973.0489, PR1978.0204, PR1981.0135, PR1981.0417, PR1987.0069, PR1987.0143, PR1987.0312, PR 1988.0212, PR1992.0285, PR1992.0528, PR1993.0281, PR1994.0115, PR1995.0062.

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Fonds PR1574

Théâtre français d'Edmonton fonds, 1969-1992

1.88 m of textual records, ca. 4000 negatives, ca. 3500 photographs, ca. 500 transparencies, ca. 50 posters and 4 videotapes

Scope and content: The fonds consists the records of Théâtre français d'Edmonton and includes a history of this organization, correspondence, minutes, reports, grant applications, financial records, newspaper articles, press releases, texts, technical information on productions. The videos present *Au Petit Bonheur*, *Piège Pour un Homme*, *Les Grands Départs* and *Les Fourberies de Scapin*.

The Théâtre français d'Edmonton (T.F.E.) was founded in Edmonton, Alberta in 1968 through the efforts of France Levasseur, Réginald Bigras, Claude Ouimet and Jean Fortier. It was managed by members from the Edmonton francophone community until 1992 when it amalgamated with Boîte à Popicos to form l'Unithéâtre.

ACCESSIONS: PR1985.0206, PR1989.0015, PR1989.0376, PR1989.0422, PR1992.0029, PR1996.0387

Fonds PR1363

Adrien Tremblay fonds, 1967-1970

0.07 m of textual records

Scope and content: The fonds consists of records relating to Adrien Tremblay's thesis, "The development of scales from a pupil biographical inventory and their usefulness as predictors of academic achievement." The fonds includes a copy of his Master thesis in Education and research materials.

Adrien Tremblay was employed as the coordinator for the social animation program for the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta. In 1970 he submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies his thesis as part of the requirement for a Master from the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Alberta

ACCESSION: PR1983.0234

Fonds PR1419

Leopold Valcourt fonds, copied 1984

2 negatives

Scope and content: The fonds consists of two copied images, originally dating 1905 and 1908, one of cars and passengers outside the McDougall Block in Edmonton, Alberta and one of the construction of the Clover Bar Bridge, in Edmonton.

Leopold Valcourt was born in 1921 in Villeneuve, Alberta and he obtained in 1946 his own farm (25-58-1-W5).

ACCESSION: PR1984.0013

Fonds PR1677

Pauline Vaugeois fonds, 1915 - [Copied 1986]

8 negatives, 6 photographs.

Scope and content: The fonds consists of images of Legal, Alberta including a church, houses, stores, streets scenes, school, students and settlers.

In 1955, Pauline Vaugeois moved to St. Albert, Alberta where she still lives. She was Citizen of the Year in St. Albert in 1977.

ACCESSIONS: PR1986.0248, PR1986.0394, PR1986.0544, PR1989.0130

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