PRESS RELEASE

The Franco American Program at the University of Maine is pleased to announce the donation by Celeste Ringuette of a very significant and substantial genealogical library. This gift of over 4,500 books, maps and research materials was made in memory of Celeste’s late husband, Adrien Lanthier Ringuette. In pursuing family genealogy, Adrien built an extensive library of valuable research resources. This collection includes unbroken runs of most of the major periodicals in French Canadian genealogical research, genealogical dictionaries, historical biographical dictionaries, 17th and 18th French Canadian census records and a large library of supporting materials relating to French, French Canadian, and Franco American history. Interim Director of the Franco American Program Susan Pinette said, "This is an important milestone in the ongoing establishment of a Franco American research center at the University of Maine." Franco American Program staff is in the process of cataloguing the collection; once completed it will be open to the public.

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