Description: 0726 Edwin Lawson, interviewed by Rita Swidrowski for FO 197, fall 1972, West Tremont, Maine. Lawson, 73, talks about lobstering on the Maine coast.

Text: 139 pp. transcript
Recording: T 0534 - 0537 4 hours

Related Collections & Accessions

Restrictions No interviewer or interviewee release forms. Rights are retained by themselves or their heirs.

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Accession Number: 0727

Description: 0727 Charles P. Dodge, interviewed by David Littleton-Taylor for FO 197, fall 1972, Friendship, Maine. Series of interviews with Dodge, 84, about his life as a lobster fisherman. Also included: personal correspondence.

Text: 258 pp. transcript
Recording: T 0538 - T 0544 5 hours
Photos: P 0347 - P 0379
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**Collection Name:** “Life of the Maine Lobsterman” project interviews  
**Interviewer** Mark Lafond  
**/Depositor:** Dale Torrey and Mrs. Torrey

**Description:** *0747 Dale Torrey and Mrs. Torrey*, interviewed by Mark Lafond for FO 197, March 3, 1937, Winter Harbor, Maine. Also included: 3 pp. Survey of Maine Lobstering Industry and 2 pp. biography of Torrey. Torrey talks about being a lobster fisherman; decision not to finish school; the company he works for; his house; children; learning lobstering from his brother and father; problems starting out; first wife’s death; second wife; wages; shrimping during the winter; co-op; his father’s love of being a lobster-fisherman.

Text: 177 pp. transcript with 24 pp. catalog  
Recording: **T 0569 - T 0573** 2 hours

**Related Collections & Accessions**

**Restrictions** none
Description: **0748 Frank Dyer**, interviewed by Becky Elwell for FO 197, spring 1973, Lincolnville, Maine. Also included: newspaper clipping; 5 pp. interview schedule; 2 pp. biography of Dyer. Dyer, born on High Island on April 2, 1896, talks about Warren Island; his grandparents; school on 700 Acres Island; moving to Maker’s Island (La Salle’s Island); tending traps with his father, a lobster fisherman; working on the roads in Camden, Maine; being in the Army in WWII; odd jobs he worked; going back to lobstering at age 29; loosing boats to a hurricane; his wife picking and selling crabs he catches; children and grandchildren; duck hunting; whittling; knitting the heads for the traps he builds.

Text: 72 pp. transcript with 2 pp. catalog/biography
Recording: **T 0574 - T 0576** 2 hours
Description: 0749 Sherwood Cook, Ernest Maloney, and Holace Chadwick, interviewed by Jayne Lello for FO 197, spring 1973, Tenant’s Harbor, Port Clyde, Maine. Cook talks about lobster fishing; the new equipment and laws that apply; it as a business; his lobster territory around Little Green Island, which he owns; his background; his wife; how his father and grandfather did lobster fishing; bird watching. Maloney, who grew up in Port Clyde, talks about his background; his father (a “man of the sea”); lobstering with his father; being a full-time fisherman. Chadwick talks about his background; past days of glorious sea captains and schooners; his mother; living in Port Clyde; coming from a long line of “men of the sea”; his childhood; working on a tanker for 10 years; switching to lobstering; share-fishing with Cook; living with his wife on Little Green Island; purse seining and stop seining; his children.

Text: 177 pp. transcript with brief catalog
Recording: T 0577 - T 0581 3 hours
Accession Number: 0750

Accession Date: T# 0582, 0583, C# 0584, 0585, 0586, 0587, P 0648, M 0649, # 0650, CD 0157, 0158, #0159, 0160, 0161, 0162,

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Name: Interviews

Interviewer Faith A. Rawding

/Depositor:

Narrator: Joe and Evelyn Horr, and Leon and Leila Horr

Description: 0750 Joe and Evelyn Horr and Leon and Leila Horr, interviewed by Faith A. Rawding for FO 107 & 197, April 1973, Long Island and Casco Bay, Maine. The Horrs talk about lobster fishing; fishing; clamming; trawling; sword fishing; shad fishing; and the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Text: 295 pp. transcript and brief catalog

Recording: T 0582 - T 0589 / PM 0648 - PM 0655 / CD 0157 - CD 0164 4 hours

Photos: P 0442 - P 0444

Related Collections

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Restrictions none

Text: 165 pp. transcript with 40 pp. paper
Recording: 4 hours T 0594 - T 0596
Photos: P 0450, P 0992 - P 0998

Related Collections & Accessions

Restrictions No release was obtained for the information.

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Accession Number: 0897

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Collection “Life of the Maine Lobsterman” project interviews

Name: Lobsterman” project interviews

Interviewer David Taylor

Depositor: Tim Staples

Narrator: Tim Staples

Description: 0897 Tim Staples, interviewed by David Taylor, summer 1974, in Swan’s Island, Maine. 28 pp. Tape: 1 hr. w/ brief cat. & trans. Staples, a lobster fisherman, talks about learning where to set traps; equipment used; costs; money management; territoriality; opinions on laws, trap limits, closed season, etc.

Text: 24 pp. catalog & transcription
Recording: mfc_na0897_t0866_01 36 minutes
Description: 0898 Sherm Stanley, Jr., interviewed by David Littleton-Taylor, October 10, 1974, at Stanley’s home in Monhegan Island, Maine. Stanley, age 26, talks about his life as a lobster fisherman; starting at the age of 10; children learning basic fishing from parents and friends; length of the fishing season; offseason for conservation purposes; boat maintenance; gear overhaul: rope, painting buoys and boats, repairing old traps, and building new traps; cost of operations; types of electronic gear; problems occurring during winter weather conditions; money management; lenders and buyers; and the future of the industry; co-ops; types of boats (fiberglass vs wooden); lobstering off of Monhegan Island. Recording is in English.

Text: 21 pp. detailed index
Recording: T 0867 1/2 hour
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Description: 0899 Al Roberts, interviewed by David Littleton-Taylor, July 1, 1974, at Robert’s home in Friendship, Maine. Roberts talks about how he became a lobster buyer at the age of 34; explains the difference between a dealer and a buyer; what the buyer’s goals are for making money; what the buyer provides for the fisherman: a wharf, parking lot for vehicles, place to leave skiffs, build and repair traps, paint, bait, gas; providing quality service for fisherman; the relationship between buyer and fisherman; lending money; history of the Friendship Sloops in Maine, startup costs for lobstermen; a year’s activities; and the future of the industry. Recording is in English.

Text: 5 pp. detailed index
Recording: T 0868 1/2 hour
**Description:** 0970 Andy Gove, interviewed by David Taylor, July 9, 1974, Stonington, Maine. Tape: 1 hr. w/ brief cat. Gove talks about experiences as a lobster fisherman; his ideas on fishermen’s co-ops; how he started as a fisherman; his estimates on how much it would cost to get set up as a lobster fisherman today; the rising costs of gear and fuel; how the fathom meter and other instruments have affected the industry; headaches associated with fishing. Also present: Bill (Grove’s brother) and other family members.

Text: 6 pp. catalog
Recording: mfc_na0970_t0970_01 53 minutes
Description: 0971 Joe Charczynski, interviewed by David Taylor, August 1, 1974, age 34, Charczynski home in Beal’s Island, Maine. Charczynski, age 34, talks about worming and lobster fishing: how he decided to come to Maine; how natives treated him; difficulty building and repairing traps; his father-in-law showing Joe how to knit heads; seasonal movements of lobsters; winter activities; trap limit; trap design; trap setting strategy; fishing conditions in the area; territoriality; how lobstering can be lonely job; daily expenses; offshore fishing; competition and cooperation in lobstering. Recording is in English.

Text: 6 pp. brief catalog
Recording: mfc_na0971_t0971_01 43 minutes
Description: **0972 Ralph Alley**, interviewed by David Taylor, August 2, 1974, Beals, Maine. Alley, age 42, talks about lobster fishing: fishing conditions around Jonesport; fishing by foreign fleets; repair traps on summer; maintenance work on boat; independence of fishermen; successful fisherman; part timers. Complete transcription is not available. Recording is in *English*.

Text: 3 pp. handwritten catalog
Recording: **mfc_na0972_t0972_01** 24 minutes

**Related Collections**  See other accessions that contain interviews with members of the Alley family (possibly NA 0922, NA 0982, NA 2590, NA 2600, NA 2960, NA 2964)

**Restrictions**
**Description:** Stillman Griffin, interviewed by David Taylor, August 30, 1974, Kennebunkport, Maine. Tape: 1 hr. w/ 7 pp. typed and 3 pp. handwritten brief cat. Griffin talks about what it is like to be a lobsterman; costs involved in maintenance and repairs, traps, buoys, bait, etc.; what his opinions are on legislation, fishermen’s co-ops, trap limit, etc.; how much it would cost for a young man to get started; the future of the lobstering industry; different kinds of bait, boats, and traps. Also present: Mrs. Griffin and two granddaughters.

Text: 10 pp. catalog

Recording: mfc_na0973_t0973_01 61 minutes
Description: 0974 Harold Finnemore, interviewed by David Taylor, summer 1974, Islesford, Maine. Finnemore, a part-time lobster fisherman, talks about lobster fishing: building of lobstering traps; lost traps; old fisher: Atwood Gilmore; different kind of fishes; lobster buyer Lee Ham; how to build a weir; fishing territory; drunk fishing stories; places for fishing and lobstering; fishing boats prices; Friendship sloop; fishing at night. Recording is in English.

Text: 11 pp. catalog
Recording: mfc_na0974_t0974_01 66 minutes
Description: **0975 Edgar Drisko**, interviewed by David Littleton-Taylor, September 6 and 12, 1974, New Harbor, Maine. Radio transmission from September 6 for first 5 minutes. Drisko, age 43, talks about lobster fishing: starting fishing a young age; fishing as an independent job; fishing cycles of shrimp and lobster; lobster prices; how much it costs to start lobster fishing; scarcity and overfishing of lobsters; fisherman licenses; average traps for a big fisherman; boundaries for fishing; lobster fishing competition; boat builders Carol and Royal Lowell; farming lobsters; retirement; government support for fishermen; paperwork for fishermen. Recording is in **English**.

Text: 8 pp. catalog
Recording: mfc_na0975_t0975_01, mfc_na0975_t0975_02 112 minutes
Description: 0982 Lyman "Gus" Alley, interviewed by David Littleton-Taylor, August 27, 1974, Alley’s home in Kittery, Maine. Alley, age 66, talks about his experiences as a lobsterman: early fishing experiences; fishing conditions; speed of his boat; Down East vs. Kittery area; how dragging affects lobstering; resistance of fiberglass boats; old fashioned hauling gear and new rigs; how he began on lobstering business; number of traps; fishing boundaries; fishing in wintertime; using a sail on the stern; fishing strategies; prospects for the future of fishery; equalize measure of lobster capture in all states; selling lobsters to smacks; sickness; what it takes to be a successful fisherman; radio communication; Jonesport lobster boat races; fishing in rough weather; feelings about retirement; trap designs about Kittery; square traps vs. half round traps; wooden heads in a trap. Recording is in English.

Text: 4 pp. catalog & 38 pp. transcription
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Name: Lobsterman” project interviews

Interviewer David Littleton-Taylor

Narrator: Les Dyer

Tape: 1 hr. Dyer of Vinalhaven and Rockland, Maine, the first president of the MLA, talks about the founding of the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

Text: 1 pp. index
Recording: T 1969 1 hour / CD 1187 is side 1 of T 1969 only. Side 2 volume so low, it’s inaudible.

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**Name:** Convoy of Maine Lobsterman Project

**Interviewer** /Depositor:

**Narrator:**

**Description:** 2730 Correspondence, clippings, articles, and surveys relating to the Life of the Maine Lobsterman Project.

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