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**AFRICAN AMERICAN MAINE PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM
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Description of the Collection

This collection contains a wooden photograph album and three packets of loose photographs of African American women on vacation in Maine –about 15 women and a total of 112 photos. They might have been traveling to Maine for a church group gathering [suggested by multiple photos of the All Saints by the Sea Church] or as a women’s group vacationing in Maine. Many locations are identifiable as being along the Mid-coast. Many of the photos are of Pemaquid Point, Boothbay Harbor, the shore line, and boats. The date range is 1940s and 50s.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Page 1 (4 photos): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Three African American women sitting inside a restaurant, holding a conversation, eating and smoking 1.2 An African American woman is posing in front of [Fort William Henry], overlooking [Pemaquid Harbor] 1.3 Caucasian men tying up a large fish on a wharf in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine] 1.4 An African American woman pumping water on the side of a path
1	2	Page 2 (1 photo): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Looking out across a body of water, with [Burnt Island Light] in the distance. Photograph taken from the water

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1	3	<p>Page 3 (5 photos):</p> <p>3.1 An African American woman posing in front of a body of water. On the other side of the water is a rocky coast lined island adorned with tall pines</p> <p>3.2 An African American woman sitting at the back of The Nellie G. II leaving harbor with an American flag waving in the wind</p> <p>3.3 An African American woman posing in front of Gilbert's Lobster Pound, [Pemaquid Beach] in [Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>3.4 An African American woman posing on steps leading up to a church</p> <p>3.5 A group of four African American women standing around a rail, listening and chatting</p>
1	4	<p>Page 5 (5 photos):</p> <p>5.1 Ranch style house with farmers' porch, light colored siding with dark trim. Rocks are in front of the house</p> <p>5.2 Single-masted sailboat at center with sailboat at left in the background</p> <p>5.3 A view of [Squirrel Point Light] on [Arrowsic Island, Arrowsic, Maine]. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>5.4 [Rams Island Light] on [Rams Island], at the Fisherman's Passage in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>5.5 [Doubling Point Light] on [Arrowsic Island] on the Kennebec River near [Arrowsic, Maine]. Photograph taken from the water</p>
1	5	<p>Page 7 (4 photos):</p> <p>7.1 Wooden archway with the sign "church" in a wooded area. The church is [All Saints by the Sea], on [Southport Island] in [Southport, Maine], on the Boothbay peninsula</p> <p>7.2 Side view of [All Saints by the Sea] through the trees</p> <p>7.3 Front view of [All Saints by the Sea], showing the steps to the water</p> <p>7.4 Front view of [All Saints by the Sea]. Photograph taken from the wooden bridge walkway</p>
1	6	<p>Page 8 (1 photo):</p> <p>8.1 Inside view of [All Saints by the Sea]. Photograph taken from the middle aisle leading up to the altar</p>

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1	7	<p>Page 9 (5 photos):</p> <p>9.1 The boat Maranbo II, docked in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]</p> <p>9.2 A boat coming in to dock at [Boothbay Harbor, Maine] next to the boat Maranbo II</p> <p>9.3 Two African American women posing for the camera on a boat, the Susannah, docked in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]. One woman is looking through the life-ring and another woman is leaning against the mast</p> <p>9.4 A view from the shore of a boat leaving a dock in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]</p> <p>9.5 An African American woman posing on the roof of the cabin of the boat, Argo, docked in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]. Photograph taken from a dock</p>
1	8	<p>Page 11 (3 photos):</p> <p>11.1 An African American woman standing on a boat moving through the water, with another African American woman standing behind her</p> <p>11.2 A view, between trees, of a sailboat sailing in the harbor. Photograph taken from the shore</p> <p>11.3 An African American woman sitting at the back of a boat in harbor, holding a camera. Taken from the boat</p>
1	9	<p>Page 12 (5 photos):</p> <p>12.1 A view looking out at [Muscongus Bay] from the rocks at the [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park] in [Bristol, Maine]. In the water is a boat towing a dingy. Photograph taken from the shore</p> <p>12.2 An African American woman posing on the grass at [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park] in [Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>12.3 Two African American women peeking into the windows of [The Sea Gull Shop] at [Pemaquid Point, Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>12.4 An African American woman sitting down on rocks, posing at [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Park] in [Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>12.5 A view of a single boat in the harbor with an array of pines and houses on the shore. Photograph taken from the water</p>

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1	10	<p>Page 13 (4 photos):</p> <p>13.1 Two African American women sitting, posing for the camera on a grassy shore with a ramp connecting the land to a floating dock</p> <p>13.2 An African American woman walking a brindle boxer dog on a wooden railed dock</p> <p>13.3 Two Caucasian sailors posing beside their catch of the day at the wharf. A small crowd of men and women are gathered on the right side looking at the shark. Ned's Garage in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine] is in the background</p> <p>13.4 An African American woman sitting on the grassy shore, posing for the photograph. In the background are rocks and a ramp connecting to a floating dock</p>
1	11	<p>Page 15 (3 photos):</p> <p>15.1 An African American woman posing for photograph on [Fisherman's Wharf] in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]. A group of Caucasian men and women are seated on benches next to her</p> <p>15.2 A view of the South Bristol Swing Bridge, connecting the mainland town of [South Bristol, Maine] to [Rutherford's Island]. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>15.3 A fishing fleet docked in [South Bristol Gut], with houses in the background. Photograph taken from the water</p>
1	12	<p>Page 17 (4 photos):</p> <p>17.1 Backside view of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p> <p>17.2 White building with a steeple at [Pemaquid Point]. Stained glass windows suggest it is a church. Sign above the door reads "Built 1827 Rebuilt 1897"</p> <p>17.3 Front view of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p> <p>17.4 Side view of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p>
1	13	<p>Page 18 (1 large photo):</p> <p>18.1 Colored photograph of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p>

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1	14	<p>Page 19 (5 photos):</p> <p>19.1 Three African American women posing in front of the white picket fence surrounding [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p> <p>19.2 White building with a steeple at [Pemaquid Point]. Stained glass windows suggest it is a church. Sign above the door reads "Built 1827 Rebuilt 1897"</p> <p>19.3 Two African American women posing in front of the white picket fence surrounding [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse]</p> <p>19.4 A side view of [Perkins Island Lighthouse] on the Kennebec River. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>19.5 A View of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse] and the lighthouse keeper's house with a car parked out front of it</p>
1	15	<p>Page 21 (4 photos):</p> <p>21.1 A view of people walking up the dock ramp after disembarking from the boat Argo</p> <p>21.2 A side view looking back at [Squirrel Point Light], on the western-most point of [Arrowsic Island], on the Kennebec River. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>21.3 A view of a pier in [South Bristol, Maine], with houses behind it. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>21.4 A view of the harbor of [Lower Georgetown, Maine]. Photograph taken from the water</p>
1	16	<p>Packet A (21 photos):</p> <p>A.1 Two boats moored the rocky coast. Taken near [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse] in [Bristol, Maine]. Photograph taken from the shore</p> <p>A.2 On the right side is a sign with the schedule for the Nellie G. II to [Squirrel Island], in the background are three large tuna hanging up</p> <p>A.3 Birds resting on a rock in the water. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.4 A two-masted sailboat under sail. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.5 A single-masted sailboat under sail. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.6 An African American woman in a black jacket is holding onto a rail, posing for the camera</p> <p>A.7 A view of something sitting on rocks near the shore, surrounded by seaweed</p>

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1	16	<p>Packet A (21 photos) cont:</p> <p>A.8 A man in a boat coming to shore. Photograph taken from a wooded area on shore</p> <p>A.9 Two African-American women sitting on a bench on a dock. One woman is holding up a book and the other is looking down at her camera. These two women are "Eva" and Peggy"</p> <p>A.10 A two-masted sailboat under sail, with an island to the left. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.11 A view of a writer's home on the Kennebec River. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.12 An African American woman eating at a wooden table at [Gilbert's Lobster Pound] in [Pemaquid Beach, Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>A.13 A cove with rocks protruding out of the water and houses on the shore</p> <p>A.14 A front view of [All Saints by the Sea Chapel]. Photograph taken from a footbridge</p> <p>A.15 Waves breaking off the shore. Photograph taken from the shore</p> <p>A.16 A sailboat under sail in the distance. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.17 Sailboats racing in the harbor. Photograph taken from the water</p> <p>A.18 A view of a cove, with some boats in the water. Photograph taken from shore</p> <p>A.19 A water fountain sculpture in front of a large building with a sign that reads "RADIO"</p> <p>A.20 An African American child, in checkered overalls, sitting on a blanket in the grass</p> <p>A.21 Two African American children posing in a front yard of a home</p>
1	17	<p>Packet B (17 photos):</p> <p>B.1 An African American woman in a bathing suit with a towel wrapped around her shoulders, standing on the beach in front of a pier with shops on it</p> <p>B.2 Two African American woman, one standing in front of [Tenafly Weavers Handweaving] shop, with dog, the other is standing in the doorway of the same shop</p> <p>B.3 An African American woman with purse looking at weaving with a Caucasian male, inside the [Tenafly Weavers Handweaving] shop</p>

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1	17	<p>Packet B (17 photos) cont:</p> <p>B.4 Front view of [Tenafly Weavers Handweaving] with dog and a car</p> <p>B.5 Two African American women in [Tenafly Weavers Handweaving] shop, looking at a coat</p> <p>B.6 Three African American women sitting inside a restaurant/diner, holding a conversation, eating and drinking tea. One woman is looking directly at the camera</p> <p>B.7 Three big Tuna strung up at a pier on [Squirrel Island]</p> <p>B.8 An African American woman standing in front of a ferry with many suitcases, with passengers in the background</p> <p>B.9 Two African American women sitting in a room with a calendar on the wall behind them, drinking Schlitz beer</p> <p>B.10 The American flag waving in the wind in front of tall pine trees</p> <p>B.11 Two cars in front of a miniature lighthouse with a picture of a lobster and the words "Live Boiled"</p> <p>B.12 Front view of [Fort William Henry], [Pemaquid Harbor, Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>B.13 An African American woman outside on a deck at [Gilbert's Lobster Pound], [Pemaquid Beach] in [Bristol, Maine]</p> <p>B.14 An African American woman standing at a side table in a room of a house/inn. The room also has a large table in the center with flowers in a vase on it</p> <p>B.15 An African American woman in black clothing is descending a staircase in a house/inn</p> <p>B.16 An African American woman with a head scarf and coat on, looking over a railing at something out of the photo frame</p> <p>B.17 An African American child wearing a white outfit and white hat sitting in a chair in a yard, with houses in the background</p>
1	18	<p>Packet C (20 photos):</p> <p>C.1 A view of ships in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine], with buildings on the shore in the background. Photograph taken from a window</p> <p>C.2 A distant side view of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse] in [Bristol, Maine]. Photograph taken from shore</p> <p>C.3 Two boats docked at a pier in [Boothbay Harbor, Maine]. Both boats are loaded with passengers. The boat on the right is the "Susannah"</p>

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1	18	Packet C (20 photos) cont:
C.4		A sailboat sailing in a harbor. Photograph taken from water
C.5		View of a town on the water, piers on the left and homes on the right side of the picture. Photograph taken from the water
C.6		View of two boats, one is sailing, and the other is still in the water. In the background are houses. Photograph taken from a small dock
C.7		An African American woman in a checkered dress standing on a rocky beach in front of water
C.8		Side view of [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse] in [Bristol, Maine]
C.9		A view through trees of a boat and a swimming float in water. Photograph taken from a porch
C.10		A view of two houses on the other side of the shore. Photograph taken from a small dock
C.11		An African American woman in a checkered dress, holding a camera and standing on a small dock with trees in the background
C.12		A view of a street with cars lined up along the curb in front of "Jess' Corner Cupboard", "Rice Real Estate", and "Bendix Home Laundry"
C.13		An African American man wearing a hat posed in front of shrubbery and trees outside
C.14		An African American man wearing a suit, standing in front of a white house. Photograph is double exposed with another photo of a car parked at a curb on the street
C.15		A view of [All Saints by the Sea] through the trees on [Southport Island] in [Southport, Maine]
C.16		A view of a street lined with houses and trees with a car driving down it
C.17		A side view [Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library]. A woman is sitting on a park bench in front
C.18		An African American woman with her hands clasped in front of her, standing in front of a building
C.19		An African American woman with a cigarette in her hand, standing in front of [Tenafly Weavers Handweaving]
C.20		Three African American children, one female and two males, sitting on porch stairs
1	19	Wood front cover, original scrapbook pages 1-22
1	20	Wood back cover, original scrapbook pages 23-50

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1	21	Copies of Album pages and loose photos