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Summary Information

Repository:	Northeast Archives of Folklore and Oral History
Creator - ivr:	McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"
Title:	Frye Mountain Interviews / Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen
ID:	MF117
Date:	1991
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Interviewee last name, interviewee first name. Year. NA[unique series identification number], MF117 NAFOH. Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

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Scope and Contents

Interviews done by Jeff "Smokey" McKeen concerning the farming community of Frye Mountain in Waldo County and its acquisition by the federal government in the 1930s. Interviews cover the problems like having to selling land to the government, bad roads for automobiles, and other issues.

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Arrangement

NA2205 Denby Larrabee and Geneva Larrabee, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, October 28, 1991, in Knox, Maine. The Larrabees discuss the Frye Mountain community in the 1930s – 1950s; land purchases on the mountain by the government during the Great Depression; resistance of the local farmers to selling; problems with mountain roads; burning of farm buildings; dairy farming; unsuitability of roads for automobiles; lumbering in the 1950s; disagreement with how the land is currently used; and how loss of services forced remaining owners to sell to the government.

Text: 42 pp. total: 22 pp. transcript/field notes/Frye Mountain report Recording: mfc_na2205_c0845_01 47 minutes

NA2206 Clayton Littlefield, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, November 14, 1991, Montville, Maine. Littlefield talks about his childhood on Frye Mountain; problem of roads unsuitable for automobiles in most seasons; mountain land as good for farming; local families; federal government purchase of land; burning of the farm buildings; partial relocation of cemetery; failure of government to pay town for lost tax income; employment of local men by CCC, turning mountain into a park; and means of income other than farming.

Text: 26 pp. transcript/1 pp. index Recording: mfc_na2206_c0846_01 46 minutes

NA2207 Albert Jackson, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 2, 1991, Morrill, Maine. Jackson talks about the federal government purchase of Frye Mountain land during the Great Depression; story of his grandfather's (illegal) still; grandfather's business as an auctioneer; making and selling bootleg alcohol during Prohibition; community knowledge of the bootlegging; and his grandfather's experience letting 500 hogs loose on the mountain.

Text: 18 pp. transcript/1 pp. index Recording: mfc_na2207_c0847_01 46 minutes

NA2208 Roland Stewart, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 8, 1991, Freedom, Maine. Stewart talks about the Frye Mountain community in the 1930s; carbide lights; small family farms; his schooling; role of bad roads in prompting people to sell land to the government; the burning of farm buildings; local men hired by WPA to work on mountain; and Frye Mountain in 1991.

Text: 20 pp. transcript/1 pp. index Recording: mfc_na2208_c0848_01 46 minutes

NA2209 Norman Nash, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen for AY 125, December 9, 1991, Montville, Maine. Nash tells of the Frye Mountain community in the early-to-mid 1900s; problems getting supplies during a particularly harsh winter prior to WWI; problems plowing; selling the land to the federal government during the Great Depression; mail delivery; state attempts to scatter deer population; burning of the farm buildings; theft of belongings stored in the family home after the sale; necessity of selling once neighbors had sold as road no longer

maintained; raccoon hunting; anecdotes from life on Frye Mountain; and the prevalence of game poaching.

Text: 31 pp. transcript/1 pp. index/ 1 pp. field note Recording: mfc_na2209_c0849_01&02 71 minutes

NA3931 Roy A. Hatch, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 2, 1991, at Hatch's home in Morrill, Maine. Hatch talks about Frye Mountain, where he was born and grew up.

Text: 13 pp. transcript/ 1 pp. index Recording: mfc_na3931_c0847_01 28 minutes

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Controlled Access Headings

- Folklore
- Oral histories
- Waldo County (Me.)
- Farmers -- Maine

Collection Inventory

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Denby Larrabee and Geneva Larrabee, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Larrabee, Denby, 1922-1994

Source: Larrabee, Geneva (Thompson), 1923-2007

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA2205 Denby Larrabee and Geneva Larrabee, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, October 28, 1991, in Knox, Maine. The Larrabees discuss the Frye Mountain community in the 1930s – 1950s; land purchases on the mountain by the government during the Great Depression; resistance of the local farmers to selling; problems with mountain roads; burning of farm buildings; dairy farming; unsuitability of roads for automobiles; lumbering in the 1950s; disagreement with how the land is currently used; and how loss of services forced remaining owners to sell to the government. Text: 23 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0845.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Agriculture -- Maine
- Depressions -- 1929 -- United States
- Larrabee, Denby, 1922-1994
- Larrabee, Geneva (Thompson), 1923-2007

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2205, transcript, October 28, 1991 Digital Object: NA 2205, transcript	Audio NA 2205

NA 2205, audio, October 28, 1991

Digital Object: [NA 2205, audio](#)

Audio NA
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Clayton Littlefield, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Littlefield, Clayton Pembroke , 1920-2011

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA2206 Clayton Littlefield, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, November 14, 1991, Montville, Maine. Littlefield talks about his childhood on Frye Mountain; problem of roads unsuitable for automobiles in most seasons; mountain land as good for farming; local families; federal government purchase of land; burning of the farm buildings; partial relocation of cemetery; failure of government to pay town for lost tax income; employment of local men by CCC, turning mountain into a park; and means of income other than farming. Text: 26 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0846.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Agriculture -- Maine
- Littlefield, Clayton Pembroke , 1920-2011

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2206, transcript, November 14, 1991 <u>Digital Object</u> : NA 2206, transcript	Audio NA 2206
NA 2206, audio, November 14, 1991 <u>Digital Object</u> : NA 2206, audio	Audio NA 2206

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Albert Jackson, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Jackson, Albert Sumner , 1925-2018

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA2207 Albert Jackson, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 2, 1991, Morrill, Maine. Jackson talks about the federal government purchase of Frye Mountain land during the Great Depression; story of his grandfather's (illegal) still; grandfather's business as an auctioneer; making and selling bootleg alcohol during Prohibition; community knowledge of the bootlegging; and his grandfather's experience letting 500 hogs loose on the mountain. Text: 19 pp. index/transcript. Recording: C 0847 45 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Agriculture -- Maine
- Prohibition -- Maine
- Depressions -- 1929 -- United States

- Jackson, Albert Sumner , 1925-2018

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2207, transcript, December 2, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2207, transcript: 1991	Audio NA 2207
NA 2207, audio, December 2, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2207, audio: December 2, 1991	Audio NA 2207

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Roland Stewart, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Stewart, Roland Arthur, 1918-1996

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA2208 Roland Stewart, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 8, 1991, Freedom, Maine. Stewart talks about the Frye Mountain community in the 1930s; carbide lights; small family farms; his schooling; role of bad roads in prompting people to sell land to the government; the burning of farm buildings; local men hired by WPA to work on mountain; and Frye Mountain in 1991. Text: 20 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0848 45 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Stewart, Roland Arthur, 1918-1996

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2208, transcript, December 8, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2208, transcript	Audio NA 2208
NA 2208, audio, December 8, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 2208, audio	Audio NA 2208

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Norman Nash, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Nash, Norman P., 1903-1995

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA2209 Norman Nash, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen for AY 125, December 9, 1991, Montville, Maine. Nash tells of the Frye Mountain community in the early-to-mid 1900s; problems getting supplies during a particularly harsh winter prior to WWI; problems plowing; selling the land to the federal government during the Great Depression; mail delivery; state attempts to scatter deer population; burning of the farm buildings; theft of belongings stored in the family home after the sale; necessity of selling once neighbors had sold as road no longer maintained; raccoon hunting; anecdotes from life on Frye Mountain; and the prevalence of game poaching. Text: 31 pp. transcript. Recording: C 0849 1 hour.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Depressions -- 1929 -- United States

- Poaching -- Maine
- Nash, Norman P., 1903-1995
- Nash's Store (Montville (Me.))

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2209, transcript, December 9, 1991 Digital Object: NA 2209, transcript: December 12, 1991-January 4, 1992	Audio NA 2209
NA 2209, audio, part 1, December 9, 1991 Digital Object: NA 2209, audio, part 1: December 12, 1991	Audio NA 2209
NA 2209, audio, part 2, December 9, 1991 Digital Object: NA 2209, audio, part 2: December 12, 1991	Audio NA 2209

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Clayton Littlefield, interviewed by Fred Nehring

Source: Littlefield, Clayton Pembroke , 1920-2011

Creator: Nehring, Fred

Abstract: NA2824 Clayton Littlefield, interviewed by Fred Nehring for HTY 210 for Pauleena MacDougall, May 9, 2002, Montville, Maine. Littlefield talks about the federal government's purchase of farmlands in the Frye Mountain area during the mid-1930s: the layout and residents of the community of Frye Mountain in the 1930s; farming; poor roads; CCC built roads; federal purchase of farm land; cemeteries; schooling on Frye Mountain; Freedom Academy. Text: 27 pp. transcript. Recording: C 2003.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Agriculture -- Maine
- Littlefield, Clayton Pembroke , 1920-2011

Title/Description	Instances
NA 2824, transcript, May 9, 2002 Digital Object: NA 2824, transcript	Audio NA 2824
NA 2824, audio, part 1, May 9, 2002 Digital Object: NA 2824, audio, part 1	Audio NA 2824
NA 2824, audio, part 2, May 9, 2002 Digital Object: NA 2824, audio, part 2	Audio NA 2824

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Roy Hatch, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen

Source: Hatch, Roy A., 1924-1995

Creator: McKeen, Jeffrey "Smokey"

Abstract: NA3931 Roy Hatch, interviewed by Jeffrey "Smokey" McKeen, December 2, 1991, at Hatch's home in Morrill, Maine. Hatch talks about Frye Mountain, where he was born and grew up. Text: 14 pp. index/transcript. Recording: mfc_na3931_c0847_01 28 minutes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Frye Mountain (Me.)
- Montville (Me.) -- History
- Agriculture -- Maine
- Hatch, Roy A., 1924-1995

Title/Description	Instances
NA 3931, transcript, December 2, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 3931, transcript	Audio NA 3931
NA 3931, audio, December 2, 1991 <u>Digital Object:</u> NA 3931, audio	Audio NA 3931

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