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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Anishinaabe sugar bush collection
Reference code:	23-012
DIP [fe43] :	fe43
Date:	2014 (creation)
Physical description:	11 folders of textual records 8 DVD-Rs : 8 mp3 audio files
Language:	Ojibwa

Scope and content

Collection consists of consent forms, transcripts, and audio recordings relating to Dr. waaseyaa'sin Christine Sy's research for her doctoral dissertation, *_ Following ininaahtigoog Home : Anishinaabeg Womxn iskgamiziganing_*, which "examines Anishinaabeg womxn's relationship with the sugar bush during the spring harvest as a site of gendered nation-specific economic sovereignty."

Collection includes transcripts and audio recordings of conversations with Amy McCoy Sayers, Barbara Wall Potter, Gidigaa Migizi Doug Williams, James Whetung, Lewis Debassige, Makadebinesii'ikawe Tessa Reed, Mary Beaver, Mayingankwe Jacquie LaValley, Norma Corbiere, George Corbiere, Rick Beaver, and Wabanong Ikawe Charlene Loonfoot.

Individuals and their ancestors are from many places, including Ziinzaabaakwad Minis (Sugar Island), Potawatomi Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Drummond Island, Manistique Michigan, Bawating (Sault Ste. Marie), Sagamok, and Keweenaw Bay.

Conversations focus on the culture of sugar bush practices, sugar bush stories, and the process of collection of maple sap and production of maple syrup. Participants share their own stories as well as those shared with them by ancestors and others. Conversations also cover many other topics, including community and family history, clan and family responsibilities, gender roles and gender fluidity, research methodologies, the impacts of colonialism and displacement, the forests and trees, food, muskrat camp, trapping, fishing, and various aspects of political and economic history.

[Quotation from dissertation abstract]

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Collection was donated to the Trent University Archives by Dr. waaseyaa'sin Christine Sy in August 2023.

Alternative form available

Recordings on DVD have also been copied for digital preservation and access.

Restrictions on access

None. Consent forms all indicate that participants agreed to recordings and transcripts being transferred to the Trent University Archives for preservation and access. All material is open but not made freely available online. Contact the archives to arrange access.

Related material

See also the resulting dissertation, "Following ininaahtigoog Home: Anishinaabeg Womxn iskgamiziganing": <https://batadora.trentu.ca/objects/etd-699>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Indigenous Studies (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
23-012/001(01)	File - Amy McCoy Sayers: transcript and consent <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-012/001(02)	File - Barbara Wall Potter: transcript and consent <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-012/001(03)	File - Barbara Wall: recording <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 34 min., 34 sec.
23-012/001(04)	File - Gidigaa Migizi Doug Williams: transcript and consent <i>Note [General] :</i> Note: this transcript contains "all major topics and details" but is not a word-for-word transcription of the recording, as is explained on page 1.	2014	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(05)	File - Gidigaa Migizi Doug Williams: recording	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 1 hour, 22 min., 40 sec.
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(06)	File - James Whetung: transcript and consent	2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(07)	File - James Whetung: recording	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 58 min., 1 sec.
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(08)	File - Lewis Debassige: transcript and consent	2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(09)	File - Makadebinesii'ikawe Tessa Reed: transcript and consent	2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(10)	File - Makadebinesii'ikawe Tessa Reed: recording	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 1 hour, 18 min., 41 sec.
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(11)	File - Mary Beaver: transcript and consent	2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(12)	File - Mary Beaver: recording	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 58 min., 32 sec.
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(13)	File - Mayingankwe Jacquie LaValley: transcript and consent	2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
23-012/001(14)	File - Mayingankwe Jacquie LaValley: recording	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 1 hour, 35 min., 51 sec.
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		

23-012/002(01)	File - Norma Corbiere, George Corbiere, and Lorraine Debassige: transcript and consent <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-012/002(02)	File - Rick Beaver: transcript and consent <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-012/002(03)	File - Rick Beaver: recording <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 1 hour, 27 mins., 1 sec.
23-012/002(04)	File - Wabanong Ikawe Charlene Loonsfoot: transcript and consent <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-012/002(05)	File - Wabanong Ikawe Charlene Loonsfoot: recording <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.	2014	1 DVD-R : 1 mp3 audio file ; 56 min., 24 sec.