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Law Society of Newfoundland Project Daisy Fonds Description

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TITLE:

Law Society of Newfoundland Project Daisy Fonds

COLLECTION NUMBER:

Special Collection Number SC I.33

Accession Number 99-445

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

26 cm of textual records

64 audio cassettes

DATES:

1993-1994

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

The Law Society of Newfoundland was formed on June 12m 1834, under the “act to incorporate the law society in Newfoundland and to regulate the admission of barristers and attorneys to practice lase in the several courts of the Island”. For many years after its establishment, the Society was responsible for the standards of legal training for the

students and for the rules governing the practice of barristers and solicitors. Currently the Newfoundland Law Society governs the professional activities of all barristers, solicitors, magistrates, and judges practicing in the Province. Its membership also encompasses individuals who have retired from the legal profession.

In 1992, a committee was formed to undertake an oral history project that would include interviews with senior members of the Society for the purposes of gathering information about their professional activities and reminiscences over the course of their careers in the legal profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. The project was named after the coastal boat Daisy that was used to transport court officials around the Province in the 1940s and 50s. Dr. Chris English made an arrangement with MUNFLA whereby recording equipment was loaned to the Newfoundland Law Society for the purposes of conducting the interviews. Audio cassettes were provided by MUNFLA and an agreement to furnish transcriptions typed by MUNFLA staff was made. In 2000, after MUNFLA lost the services of one of its transcribers, the terms of the agreement could no longer be fulfilled. 25 transcripts were completed.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The fonds contains 64 audio cassette recordings of interviews with senior members of the Newfoundland Law Society and transcripts of many of these interviews.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS:

Certain restrictions apply arising from agreements made with informants. Information is available with permission of archivist; appointment required.

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LANGUAGE:

English

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Title based on creator and contents of fonds