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**Research Files of Prof. Richard Condon regarding
Maine state and local conditions during the 1920s-1940s
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Scope and Content note: This collection contains the generally original order research files of Professor Richard H. Condon, retired Professor of History at the University of Maine Farmington, relating to Maine state and local conditions in the 1920s through the 1940s. The files include notes and copies of original and secondary source documentation relating to agriculture; business; political and economic trends; education and health issues; labor issues; and transportation issues, rail, highway and water. In addition to the multitude of secondary sources relating to the period, the primary source material includes reference to: the FDR archives; Maine Agricultural Experiment Station papers; Maine State Grange materials; the Daily Kennebec Journal, Portland Press Herald and Lewiston Evening Journal; oral histories; Maine State Planning Board reports; U.S. census data. The collection also includes information about depression conditions in 12 selected towns: Caribou, Dexter, Farmington, Fort Kent, Gorham, Machiasport, Montville, Oakfield, Oxford, Solon, Turner and Vassalboro. Includes a copy of a letter from Lorena Hickock on Maine conditions, 1933 to Harry Hopkins, Federal Emergency Relief Association (FERA), as well as Maine Clergy responses to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Processing Note: See also Coll. 2550, also a gift from Professor Condon, which contains 70 recording tapes of residents of the Farmington area about their everyday experiences living there during the first half of the 20th century, especially during the Great Depression and World War I and World War II.

Provenance: Gift of Professor Richard H. Condon

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