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Creator Name: Lorrie LaCross

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Biographical & Historical Information: Lorrie LaCross is an avid genealogist and has done extension research into her family history and other local families.

(Obituary from The Alpena News, March 27, 1963) Hilaire L. (Shorty) Gagnon, 68, died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Chester Robarge home on Cathro-rd. where he live.

Mr. Gagnon was born Apr. 7, 1894 in Alpena and was aveteran of World War I.

He was head of the shoe department at the Vaughn and Ragsdale store for several years and was a salesman at LaLonde Shoes for a time. He operated a show repair shop at 122 S. Second in the 1920s.

He was a former member of the American Legion.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Julius Dzieszinski of Alpena, Mrs. Cedric Hoskins of Englewood, Calif. And Mrs. Marie Heather of Belding; and several nieces and nephews. His wife, Eunice, died in the 1930s.

Mr. Gagnon's body is at the Hunter funeral home where the Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday.

The funeral will be at 9 Friday at St. Anne Church. The Very Rev. William F. Simon will officisate. Burial will be in Hold Cross Cemetery.

Full military honors will be accorded Mr. Gagnon

Scope & Content: Original documents relating to Hilaire Gagnon, Jr.

Acquisition: Donated by Lorrie LaCross (great niece of Hilaire Gagnon, Jr.)

Access: Open for research

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Collection Contents:

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1. Barbershop owned by Joseph Gagnon [standing Joseph; seated Hilaire Gagnon] [photograph] (c1920)
2. Baseball Team [Alpena F.O.E.] [photograph] (1934)
3. Construction / Building Crew [GAGNON, Hilaire, Jr.] [photograph] (c1916)
4. Dequoy Drug Store [glass plate negative – fragile!] (c1915)
5. Dequoy Tragedy [drowning accident of 3 brothers, Charles, Albert, Alfred] (1919)
6. Military [GAGNON, Hilaire, Jr.] [Army Discharge; photographs] (c1917-1919)
7. Newspaper Clippings [GAGNON, Hilaire, Jr.] (1913-1918)
8. Obituaries [GAGNON, Hilaire, Jr.] (1963) [GAGNON, Eunice M. (nee HOLMES)] (1931)
9. Portrait [GAGNON, Hilaire, Jr. & Eunice (nee HOLMES)] (c1920s-1930)
10. Portrait [O'BRIEN, Elizabeth, R.N.] [married Dr. A. E. BONNEVILLE, M.D.] (c1900)
11. Schools [McPhee, St. Bernard, St. Anne] [students] [photographs]
12. St. Bernard's Altar Boys [photograph] (1910)
13. Theatre Troupe [sorority?- some women identified] [Alpena, MI] (c1920s)