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| **Sarah Clodman [textual record] – 1923-1930.** |
### Accession 2018-4-11

**Material Format:** Textual record  
**Physical Description:** 1 folder of textual records  
**Date:** 1923-1930  
**Scope and Content:** Accession consists of records documenting Sarah Clodman’s immigration to Canada. Included is Clodman’s Certificate of Naturalization; Clodman’s passport from the USSR; and landing card from Clodman’s immigration to Canada as well as a Red Star Line Baths inspection card containing a final inspection stamp given in Antwerp.  
**Subjects:** Immigrants--Canada  
**Source:** Archival Accessions  

### Accession 2004-5-52

**Material Format:** Graphic material  
**Physical Description:** 14 photographs: b&w (6 negatives); 21 x 15 cm or smaller + identification key  
**Date:** 1929-1945  
**Scope and Content:** Accession consists of original and copy photographs and negatives of Syd Wise with his university basketball and volleyball teams, and in England and Germany during his military career with the U.S. Army Medical Corps. In addition there is a photograph of a group of young people at Camp Yungvelt in 1928.  
**Custodial History:** Donated by Sydney Wise.  
**Administrative History:** Dr. Sydney Wise was a paediatrician who volunteered at the Ontario Jewish Archives. He passed away in 2013.  
**Source:** Archival Accessions  

### Accession 1977-5-1

**Material Format:** Graphic material  
**Physical Description:** 1 photograph: b&w  
**Date:** 1938  
**Scope and Content:** Accession consists of a photo of the 10th Anniversary of Agudath Hamishpacha, Toronto.  
**Source:** Archival Accessions  

### Accession 2010-9-3

**Material Format:** Graphic material  
**Physical Description:** 11 photographs: b&w and sepia toned; 20 x 25 cm or smaller  
**Date:** [ca. 1920] - 1959  

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Accession consists of Dr. Sydney Wise's class photographs from Orde Street School (ca. 1920) and Jarvis Collegiate Institute (1931). Also included is a photograph of the University of Toronto's Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority (ca. 1935), of which Dr. Wise's wife, Mimi Marin, was a member. There are also class photographs of Dr. Wise's children from Holy Blossom Temple's religious school (1957-1959) and a group photograph of the West Prep Orchestra (1957-1958). Finally, accession contains a photograph from the Marin family's New Year's Eve party (ca. 1927). Identified are Max Enkin (seated at the bottom right) and Sonia and Joe Marin (seated and standing behind Enkin).

Records were donated by Sydney Wise

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Accession consists of photographs and textual records related to the personal and professional life of the Wise family. The records, primarily photographs, document the early life of Rose Wise née Offstein living on Cameron Street and working in Toronto’s garment industry. The family photos from Paris, Ontario share views of Paris’ main street where Harry Wise owned and operated his men’s and boys wear shop. Included in this series are photographs of the interior and exterior of the shop located on Grand River Street, the family apartment located above their retail store, street scenes, school athletic teams, the local Rebekah chapter and Rose and Harry’s Brantford home. In addition, there are report cards from Paris public schools (1933-37), middle school examination results (1943-45), central school graduation certificates (1936-1940), a certificate of recognition for completion of a course in Gospel of Mark (1939), pages from a high school yearbook, a stag invite (1958) and a B’nai B’rith citation award for service (1970), all belonging or awarded to Leonard Wise, eldest son of Harry and Rose Wise.

Photo captions:
01 Harry and Rose Wise gather with children Leonard, Melvin (front), Florence and Paul (right) in their living room parlour, 78 Grand River St. North, (Paris, ON), [1941?]. Photograph by Ernie Goose. 02 Harry and Rose Wise seated in living room parlour, 78 Grand River Street North, (Paris, ON), [1941?]. Photograph by Ernie Goose. 03 Rose Wise standing next to the Grand River, (Paris ON), ca. 1940s 04 Studio portrait of Rose Offstein, (Toronto, ON), [192-]. Photograph by L. Surdin, Photo Studio, 16 Cameron St., Toronto. 05 Rose Offstein, [32 Cameron St.], (Toronto, ON), [1918?]. 06 Rose Offstein holding small dog, [32 Cameron St.], (Toronto, ON), [192-]. 07 Rose Offstein (left) at work, Spadina District, (Toronto, ON), [192-]. 08 Harry and Rose at the beach, [Crystal Beach, ON], [195-]. 09 Harry and Rose in living room, (Brantford, ON), [196-]. 10 Rose and Harry Wise visiting their grandson Stephen, Wise, (Montreal, QC), [196-]. 11 Rose Wise (left) pours tea for Mrs. Mead, [Paris, ON], [196-]. 12 Rose Wise stands at front door to her home, 24 Kingsway Crescent, (Brantford, ON), 1958. 13 Portrait of Rachel "Rachellie" Offstein, (Toronto, ON), [192-?]. 14 Harry and Rose wise with their boys Melvin (left) and Leonard, (Paris, ON)[193-]. 15 Portrait of Harry Wise, (Paris, ON), [192-]. 16 Harry Wise stands with his children Melvin (left), Leonard and Florence (seated in pram) in front of his clothing shop for men and boys, 73 Grand River Street North, (Paris, ON), [193-]. 17 Wise family gathering with Leonard Wise (standing), and his parents Harry (seated centre) and Rose, (Brampton, ON), Sep. 1959. 18 Melvin, Florence and Leonard Wise, (Paris, ON), [193-]. 19 Melvin (left), Leonard (right) and Florence Wise, Grand River Street North, (Paris, ON), [194-]. 20 Paris High School graduating class, Leonard Wise (back row, 4th right), Grand River Street North, (Paris, ON), 1945. 21 Paris High School hockey team, Leonard Wise (standing, 2nd left), (Paris, ON), [1945?]. Other identified on the reverse of photo, Arnold Palmer, "Turk" Robinson, John "Punk" Cochrane, and Solly Rutherford. 22 Grand River Street North, (Paris, ON), [193-]. 23 Paris High School athletic event with Leonard Wise holding bullhorn, (Paris, ON), [1945?]. 24 Leonard Wise baby portrait, (Paris, ON), 1926. Inscription on the reverse "To Aunt and Uncle Yager & family. From Leonard Wise." 25 Wise baby in wicker pram, (Paris, ON), [192-]. 26 Portrait of Leonard Wise, (Paris, ON), [1930]. 27 Daughters of Rebekah, a.k.a. Rebekahs, [Brampton, ON], [195-?]. Photograph by Bob Brown studios. 28 Leonard Wise stands on the running board of his local gas station’s sweepstake prize, (Paris, ON), [193-]. 29 Interior view of Harry Wise’s newly established men’s and boy’s clothing store, (Paris, ON), [192-].
Born in Pietrow Poland, Harry Wise (1896?-1977) immigrated to Toronto with his parents Leon Wise and Rebecca Wise (née Greenstone) in 1911. Although apprenticed as a tailor, Harry attempted farming and then peddling to locations as far north as Madawaska, Ontario. He eventually settled in Paris, Ontario and opened a retail clothing store for men and boys. In 1925, Harry met and married Rose Offstein (1903?-1970). Rose, the daughter of Phillip Offstein (1858-1937) and Rachel Rachellie Offstein (née Cavalerchion), immigrated to Toronto with her mother and siblings in 1912 from Russia. The family resided at 32 Cameron Street and Rose worked as a seamstress and finisher in Toronto's garment district prior to marrying Harry Wise. She raised her four children Leonard (1926-1994), Melvin, Florence and Paul, in an apartment above the family business at 73 Grand River Street. In the 1950s, Harry and Rose Wise moved to 24 Kingsway, Brantford, Ontario.

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Archival Accessions
### Eve Rosen Gordon (Kitchener, ON) [graphic material (electronic)] – 1931

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<td>Avraham Rosen was the patriarch of a Russian family that settled in Kitchener in the early twentieth century. His son Aaron Rosen came in 1903, raised a family, and established a successful rag and scrap metal business. Avraham and his wife Pesa came with their son Israel and his family in 1927. Avraham Rosen lived in Kitchener until his death in 1939. Israel's daughter Eve (the donor) still lives there.</td>
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Accession consists primarily of photographs documenting the early life of Bella Wilder (née Goldbach) and her family in Poland. Included are images of Bella with her siblings and friends, group photos of Bella at her Jewish school in Poland, a group image of Victor in the Polish army, and other photographs of Bella's family and friends. Also included are two family histories documenting the story of Bella's mother, Shifra Frimeth Goldbach, and the story of Max and Bella Wilder, which was written by their granddaughter Sandee Sharpe. Of particular note is a 1925 school photograph of the Workers Evening School in Opatow (?), which has Yiddish writing suggesting that the school may have received aid from an organization referred to as "Gives Relief" in Toronto.

The records were originally donated to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto section) by Bella's daughter Ann Sharpe. JGS Toronto donated the material to the OJA a few months later with her consent.

Bella (nee Goldbach) Wilder was born on May 12, 1910 in Opatow, Poland to Chaim Shlomo Goldbach and Shifra Frimeth Schatz Goldbach. Bella's older brothers, Victor, Jack and Hymie began immigrating to Toronto in the 1920s and had saved enough money by 1936 to bring Bella and her mother to Toronto. After arriving in Toronto Bella found work sewing in a factory. Bella married Max Wilder on September 29, 1939. Max worked at Superior Men's Tailoring where he sewed zippers into men's pants. They had two children together: Ann (born 5 April 1940, married Norman Sharpe) and Stan (born 21 Jan. 1945, died June 1974). Max passed away in 1999 and Bella passed away in 2002.

ACCESSION NUMBER
2018-1-5

MATERIAL FORMAT
textual record
object

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
1 folder of textual records
3 objects

DATE
[190-?] -1967

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of materials documenting the Grosman family, in particular Max Grosman. Included are Max’s certificate of naturalization, various Polish-language documents including Max’s Polish passport, an old age security application, and an insurance book. The accession also includes a pin commemorating the International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union’s fortieth anniversary and two rings that belonged to Max.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY
Max Grosman’s son, Wilfred Grosman, came into possession of the records constituting Accession 2018-1-5 following the death of his father. He donated the records to the Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre on 17 January 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
Max Grosman was born 25 March 1884 in Novoradomsk, Poland. He became a naturalized British subject in 1914. Max’s wife, Minnie “Majja” Grosman (née Bocian), came to Canada in 1913. Together, they had four sons: Jack, Morris, Samuel, and Wilfred. Max made his living as a tailor. He passed away on 17 October 1960 at the age of seventy-seven.

LANGUAGE: Accession contains records in both English and Polish.

SUBJECTS
Families
Immigrants--Canada

NAME ACCESS
Bocian, Majja
Bocian, Minnie
Grosman, Majja
Grosman, Minnie
Grosman, Max
Grosman, Wilfred
International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union

PLACES
Canada
Poland

SOURCE
Archival Accessions
Accession consists of material documenting the Cohen family. Included are an agreement between Moses Nepomjesze and J. L. Shekter dated 18 April 1922 regarding the bringing of three individuals—Hannah Nepomjesze and A. Yudel Nepomjesze, and Raphael Nepomjesze—to Toronto on or before 20 July 1922; an unsigned document in which Goldie Sherman appoints Moses Nepomjesze (Cohen) as her attorney; an agreement made in duplicate on 17 July 1922 between Morris Cohen and Jas. L. Shekter; landing cards for Chana Niepomieszcze (the donor's grandmother) and Rafael Niepomieszcze (the donor's father) stamped 14 September 1922; a receipt of payment for $6 dated 29 December 1931 and issued to Morris Cohen; an undated application for vise [sic] form with Chana's signature in Yiddish; a youth aliyah certificate of honour issued to Mrs. M. Cohen in May 1942; a sworn oath dated 9 June 1953 by Benjamin Sherman saying he knew Morris Cohen as Moshe Gersch Nepomyashtski Berkovitch when he resided in Uman in Kiev, Russia; a sworn oath by Asher Olshinetsky saying he has known Morris for forty-two years; and the second page of a document signed by Goldie Herman and Jas L. Shekter.

Records were discovered in the house the donor's uncle, Harold Cohen, after he passed away. Originally from Russia, Morris Cohen came to Canada in 1911. His wife, Chana, and son, Ralph (1911–2000), stayed behind until such time as Morris was able to bring them over. In 1922, Chana and Ralph made the trip to join Morris in Canada. Chana's visa application from that year gives her age as thirty-one and her son's age as nine. The same visa indicates that Morris was living at 537 Cannon Street in Hamilton, Ontario and that he was working as a merchant/tailor. Once in Canada, Morris and Chana had one more child, Harold. At some point, Morris, Chana, and their family relocated to 350 Euclid Avenue.

A note on names: Several of the individuals documented in the records changed their names. According to one record signed by an acquaintance of Morris' from Russia, Morris was originally named Moshe Gersch Nepomyashtski Berkovitch and changed his name Morris Cohen shortly after coming to Canada. In other records, the same individual is referred to as Moses Nepomjesze (Cohen). According to his granddaughter, Carol, Morris was told he could not keep his name and was given the surname Cohen—this despite the fact Morris was not a kohen. After arriving in Canada, Chana adopted her husband's new surname: a certificate issued to the former is made out to "Mrs. M. Cohen." In writing the above account, the archivist has used the names by which the individuals were best known.

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| **Physical Description** | 98 photographs (tiff)  
                      | 1 folder of textual records |
| **Date**             | 1932-2014, predominant 1947-1978 |
| **Scope and Content** | Accession consists of textual and graphic material documenting the personal and professional activities of Percy Skuy. Photographs include: family portraits, school photographs, images of Percy as an apprentice pharmacist, images of Habonim camp in Vryheid, images of Frances as a child in Sudbury, images of Percy and Frances's honeymoon, images of Percy with his family in Toronto, images of trips back to South Africa, photos from the cottage, images of Percy receiving awards, and street scenes of Kensington Market (1978).  
Also included is Percy's memoir entitled "My Story Unfolds", articles written by Percy for the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, and a book written by Percy entitled "Tales of Contraception." |
| **Administrative History** | Percy Skuy was born in Vryheid, South Africa on February 17, 1932 to Benjamin and Chana (nee Cilevitz) Skuy. Percy is the middle of three children. His siblings are Max (b. 1929) and Rita (b. 1942). At seventeen, Percy began his apprenticeship and education to be a pharmacist. After qualifying as a pharmacist in 1954, he worked for a year at a pharmacy near Johannesburg before starting his travels through Europe, Australia and the United States. He had planned to return to South Africa, however, he did not have enough money for the fare back. Although he did not originally intend to visit Canada, he headed to Toronto to find a job so he could earn money for the passage home. He eventually secured a job with Glaxo Pharmaceuticals as a Medical Sales Representative and decided to stay. In 1959 he completed his requirements to become a licenced pharmacist in Ontario and was the first South African pharmacist registered in Ontario.  
Percy met Frances Goodman in 1960 on a blind date and they married that same year. Frances was a nurse from Sudbury. They had two children together: Beth (b. 1961) and David (b. 1963). In 1961, Percy began his 34-year long career with the Johnson and Johnson Corporation. He had a variety of roles within the company and was President for 22-years with two Johnson & Johnson affiliate companies, namely Ortho Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd and Ortho-McNeil Inc. Percy is also the founder of the only museum devoted exclusively to the history of contraception located at the Dittrick Medical History Centre in Cleveland, Ohio.  
Throughout his career, Percy has been appointed to a number of government and research councils including: the Premier's Council of Ontario, the Federal National Advisory Council on Pharmaceutical Research, and the Board of Governors of the Riverdale Hospital. In September 1995, Percy was inducted as a Canadian Pioneer in Family Planning. He has also been an active member of the Rokeah Chapter of the Rho Pi Phi fraternity.  
| **Subjects**         | Immigrants--Canada  
                      | South Africa--Emigration and immigration |
| **Name Access**      | Skuy, Percy, 1932- |
Martin Charney [graphic material (electronic)] – 1923, [1950?]-[2011?].

ACCESSION NUMBER
2015-6-2

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material (electronic)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
39 photographs (tiff)

DATE
1923, [1950?]-[2011?]

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of photographs documenting Martin Charney and his family. Included are portraits of Martin as a child and young man, wedding photographs of Martin's grandparents in Johannesburg (1923), images of Martin's bar mitzvah and weddings, photographs of Martin's family in London en route to Montreal, images of Martin and his family in Montreal, images of Camp Timberlands (New York), images of the Anglo-African Glass Company, images of Martin with his family in South Africa and images of Martin's family at weddings and bar mitzvah's in Toronto. Of note is an image from the dedication of Chabad Lubavitch in Thornill (2011).

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
Identified in the images are: Martin Charney, Jack Frenkel, Doris Levinstein, Max Charney, Leah Charney, Candy Charney, Rabbi Gansberg, and Norman Charney.

Martin was born in Johannesburg in 1947 to Max and Joan Lena (née Frenkel) Charney. He has a younger brother, Norman. Max owned a glass manufacturing business called Anglo-African Glass. In 1963, the family left South Africa and immigrated to Montreal, Canada. They left South Africa because Max anticipated a future of political uncertainty. The family remained in Montreal for 7 years, before returning to South Africa in 1970. During this time, Martin graduated from high school and attended Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) where he studied for a 4 year Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Max built three office buildings in Sherbrooke, Kingston and Valleyfield and had six One Hour Martinizing laudromats. Joan was a Home Maker - never having done domestic work before.

Soon after returning to South Africa in 1970, Martin married Yaffa (née Franco). They had one daughter, Candyce Jasmine. They divorced in 1980. In 1982 Martin married his second wife, Basia (nee Sztrom). They had four children together: Candy, Leah, Avi Jack and Mirelle Feiga. All 5 children were born in Johannesburg. Martin worked as a real estate broker in South Africa and as a finance resource consultant concentrating on factoring accounts receivable in Toronto.

Due to the worsening violence in South Africa, Martin immigrated to Thornhill with his family in 1999. Martin and Basia divorced soon after immigrating here and Martin eventually re-married to a Canadian Judy Rosenberg. Martin continued in the same line of work once he arrived in Canada; however, he had to build his business back up again from scratch. Martin volunteers with a variety of organizations, including: Circle of Care, Tomchei Shabbos, HOD (Hebrew Order of David - Lodge Ramon) and Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel. He is a member of Chabad Lubavitch at 770 Chabad Gate in Thornhill.
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<td>Accession consists of records related to the personal history of Cyril Shenker and family. The records include Cyril's birth certificate, marriage certificate, South African passports for Cyril, his wife Denise and his 3 daughters. Each passport has a Canadian landed immigrant status report attached, dated 1975. Also included are Certificates of Canadian Citizenship for each. In addition, there are family photographs including 4 photos of Cyril as a young child in South Africa and his children and grandchildren in Canada. Finally, accession includes a short personal history written by Cyril about his life.</td>
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<td>Cyril Bernard Shenker was born in 1936 in Sea Port Cape Town to Sonia (nee Feldman) and Harry Shenker. He had two older siblings: Doreen and Lionel. Harry ran a kosher deli in Sea Port called Spotless Foods. Cyril moved to Johannesburg in 1954 and found work as an order picker at Stanley Electrical Wholesales. In 1962 he bought company shares and by 1967 he owned a controlling interest in the company. After the company was sold in 1968, Cyril started two additional businesses before leaving South Africa in 1975: SA Lighting (1969-1971) and Viceroy Hardware (1971-1974). Cyril married Denise Weinberg in 1960. They had three daughters together: Michelle Hilary (b. 1961), Lauren Ruth (b. 1963), and Gayle Anne (b. 1968). Cyril and Denise decided to move the family to Toronto in 1975 since they did not see a future for their daughters in South Africa because of the political situation. After working initially as a manager at a screw manufacturing plant in Milton, Cyril embarked on a series of additional business ventures in Canada. In 1977 he bought Irwin Hardware Store with two partners. In 1979, he sold his shares in the business and started Allied Agencies (an import and distribution business of household and kitchen wares) with his business partner Eric Gilbert. In 1988, they sold this business and started Port Style Enterprises in 1991 with Jackie Milner and Harvey Rachman. In 2014, Cyril sold his shares and retired.</td>
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Accession consists of three colour photographs from the reunion of the Baldwin Club, a young men's club from the 1940s based in Kensington Market. The reunion took place in 2006 at the Steeles Deli. The photographs feature: Pearl Godfrey with Rose Simon Zand and her husband David Zand (Rose Simon Zand grew up in the market and her family owned a grocery store); Jack Gelman (founder of the Baldwin Club. His parents owned P. Gelman Fruit and Groceries at 174 Baldwin Street). To his right is his wife. Seated are Rose Simon and Pearl Godfrey; Left to right: Solly Raykeff, Jackie Gelman, Mel Lastman.

Also included are three black and white photographs depicting 1) Three women in front of 172 Baldwin, left to right: Sandy Shabinsky, Katie Lottman Grossman, Ruth Berman; 2) Two girls in front of 172 Baldwin: left to right: Bella Tichberg (Judy Lottman Tichberg's daughter) and her cousin Henry; 3) Jake Lottman and his father Sam Lottman at 181 Baldwin shown cracking eggs for a photo taken for Queen Elizabeth's visit to Toronto.

Also included is one electronic photo of three women working at Lottman's bakery (Helen Wiseman who worked at the bakery for 50 years, Katie Lottman Grossman's mother in law Brancha Loffman, and Gertie who also worked at the bakery for many years)

There is also a small amount of textual records including two newspaper articles entitled "From Humble Beginnings in Kensington" (National Post, 2006) and "Demise of Lottman's Bakery mourned by all" (CJN, Thursday, November 29, 1984); a cookbook of recipes by Rose Simon entitled Recipes by Rose (2001); as well as five photocopies of photos of the Baldwin Street Boys (1940s).
Pearl Godfrey's father was Sam Lottman, owner of Lottman's Bakery which opened in the 1920s and was originally located at 172 Baldwin Street. It had a brick oven and on Friday nights women would bring their pots to keep the chollent warm for the Sabath. Sam Lottman was born in Poland and arrived in Toronto when he was 12 years old. He arrived with nothing but soon got a job as a baker. Sam's first wife Bella died in the 1920s. They had two children Judy Tichberg and Joe Lottman. There was also another daughter that died. Sam was a founder of the Hebrew Loan Society (Axia), where members donated 25 cents per week.

Pearl's mother was Emma (Birkin) Lottman. She arrived from Poland with her sister and mother in 1919 and was a wig maker. Emma Lottman mother would go with neighbours to collect household items for new immigrants. She also worked alongside Sam in the bakery. They lived on top of the bakery until Pearl was 12 years old. Emma and Sam had three children: Jake Lottman, Katie Grossman and Pearl Godfrey. Pearl went to Ryerson Public School and then to Harbord Collegiate for a year before transferring to Forest Hill.

The family lived on top of the store until 1947 when they moved to 50 Ava Road in Forest Hill. They built a new store at 191 Baldwin. It had a traveling oven which was very rare at the time, which allowed for the baked goods to move along a conveyer belt through the heat.

Jake who had built the business alongside his father moved to California. Joe Lottman took over the business when Sam retired. Joe died at the age of 60 in 1981 and his daughter Bonnie Lottman and son Terry Lottman ran the business.

The bakery closed in 1984.

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Accession consists of photographs documenting the Levine family’s immigration to Canada and activities in Saskatchewan and Ontario. Included are images of Mark and Bev during their first few years in Melford, Saskatchewan, family holiday celebrations (Chanukah and Pesach dinners), shabbat dinners, the Edenbridge synagogue, trips to Niagara Falls, and images taken during trips Elfreda and Alec made to Canada from South Africa to visit Mark. Of note are images taken of Mark and Bev with other South African immigrants at a ski hill in Saskatchewan and at shabbat dinners in Melford. Also included is a Sweiden family portrait taken in South Africa in the early 1900s.

Leible and Esther Sweiden moved from Lithuania to Capetown in 1890. Leible’s brother, Jacob followed him to Capetown around 1902. In 1906, Jacob and his wife Fanny (nee Vickers) immigrated with a small group of other Jewish South Africans to Edenbridge, Saskatchewan. Leible remained in South Africa. Leible’s son Israel married Edith (Eadie) in 1934. Israel and Edith’s daughter Elfreda (b. 1936) married Alec Levine in 1958. Elfreda was a bookkeeper for various companies and Alec worked for his family’s plumbing business. They had three children together: Mark (b. 1959), Carol (b. 1962), and Adrian (b. 1966).

Mark Levine married Beverley in 1983. They immigrated to Melford, Saskatchewan in 1986. Mark did not know at the time that his great grandfather’s brother had immigrated to a nearby area decades earlier and only learned of his story and the Edenbridge Jewish community soon after arriving there. Mark worked as a physician at a local hospital. Beverley had been a pharmacist in South Africa, however, her qualifications were not recognized in Canada and she focused on raising her family. Mark and Bev’s daughter, Romi, was born in August 1987. After 18 months in Melford, they moved to Toronto after Mark found work as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Sick Kids Hospital. In 1998, their second daughter, Jade, was born. Mark’s parents, Elfreda and Alec, immigrated to Toronto in 1999. Mark and other relatives encouraged them to immigrate due to the increasingly dangerous political situation in South Africa. Mark is also an associate professor at the University of Toronto. Alec and Elfreda’s daughter Carol lives in England and their son Adrian remains in South Africa.

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Immigrants--Canada
South Africa--Emigration and immigration

Levine, Mark

Archival Accessions
Accession consists of textual and graphic material documenting the activities of Eli Bloch. Included are photocopies of correspondence, newsclippings, Eli’s Canadian certificate of naturalization, travel documents, South African licenses, and a genealogical family tree for the Bloch family. Also included are two photographs of Eli in his later years.

The original records are in the possession of Gerry Bloch, the grandson of Eli Bloch. Gerry is the son of Eli’s son Norman.

Eli (Elias) Bloch was born in 1872 to Nokhum Tevel Rabinovitch in Kishinev Moldava. He had four siblings: Golda, Joseph, Samuel and Bertha. In the 1890s Eli and his siblings (with the exception of Golda) immigrated to South Africa. Bertha married Theodore Dissler (an importer/exporter). During the Boer War, Eli and his brother Joseph fought with the Dutch. After the war, Dissler employed Eli in his business. In 1907, Dissler sent Eli to sell ostrich feathers in various cities around the world, including London (England), Montreal and Toronto. While in Toronto, Eli attended the First Roumanian Hebrew Congregation Adath Israel where he met his future wife Leah Madnok and chose to remain in Ontario, without completing his task of selling ostrich feathers in the remaining cities on his itinerary. He married Leah in 1909. From about 1911 until 1922, Eli and Leah lived in Gravenhurst and ran a general store on the main street. They had four children together: Harry (1912-1945), Rose (1914-1994), Rachel (Rae) (1916-2000), and Norman (1916-1989). Rachel and Norman were twins. In 1922, Elias and Leah moved to Mactier and opened a general store. By 1926, Leah and the children were living in London, ON and Elias continued to operate the general store. He saw the family regularly. Around 1935, Elias left Mactier. He remained in London until he moved to Toronto in 1942. Elias passed away in Toronto in 1960.

Language note: English, Yiddish, and Russian

Immigrants--Canada
Families
South Africa--Emigration and immigration

Archival Accessions


Accession Number: 2015-12-5
Material Format: multiple media
Physical Description: 4 folders of textual records
ca. 94 photographs: b&w and col. (44 tiff.); 20 x 25 cm or smaller
1 plaque
Date: 1936-1990, predominant 1951-1990
Accession consists of records documenting the activities of Ronnie Roth. Included are textual and graphic materials relating to Ronnie’s personal life and career such as, photographs of family milestones and events; Ronnie’s youth and early adulthood in South Africa, his involvement with Betar; and time as a paratrooper with the Israeli Army; Ronnie and Sandra’s wedding; travel; Ronnie’s insurance broker license graduation; and condolence letters sent to the Roth family after his passing. Also included are records documenting Ronnie’s communal involvement, particularly his involvement with B’nai Brith Raoul Wallenberg - Yorkdale Circle Lodge, Antibes-Torresdale Ratepayers Association, and Forest Hill Ratepayers Association.

B’nai Brith material includes photographs of Ronnie’s participation in B’nai Brith Canada’s 1986 Mission to Israel; photographs of events honouring Ronnie and his work; and an issue of The Orbit that eulogizes Ronnie. Finally, the accession consists of a business card for Ronnie’s film and video entertainment company in South Africa and a Prime Minister’s Certificate of Appreciation from the Conservative Party of Canada.

Identified in the photographs are: Ronnie Roth, Sandra Roth, Chantal [Roth], Gavin Roth, Elana [Roth], Morris Flicht, Frank Dimant, Ralph Snow, Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir, Harry Bick, Sam Pacht, Merv Rosenstein, Ralph Cohen, [?] Steinmetz, Colin Baskind, Dr. Meister, Esther Shiner, Peter Roth, Paul Roth, and Annie Guttman.

Material was in possession of Sandra Roth, Ronnie’s wife. Sandra donated it to the OJA.
Ronnie Roth was born on December 24, 1938 to Mr. Dezso (Desmond) and Mrs. Erzsi (Elizabeth) Abraham of Johannesburg, South Africa. Throughout his youth, Ronnie was active in a variety of Zionist groups including: the Zionist Youth Movement of South Africa, Betar, the Zionist Revisionist Organization and the South African Zionist Federation. In his late teens, Ronnie went on Na[cl]hal Tzonei-ach and joined the Tzanchanim, the elite paratrooper corps of the Israeli Army. Ronnie served in the military for three years. His time in Israel also included work on a kibbutz.

By the age of 25, Ronnie had returned to South Africa and was a director of the Tollman Group of hotels and manager of the famous Johannesburg restaurant, The Colony. Ronnie married Sandra Benn from Port Elizabeth, SA, in August 1964. Sandra was a singer, dancer and entertainer. After their marriage, they settled in Johannesburg where Ronnie continued to work as an hotelier. Their first daughter, Chantal, was born in 1966 followed by Gavin in 1969 and Elana in 1973. During this period, Ronnie’s community involvement grew as he became Executive Director of Tel Hai in 1968 and served in this role until 1970. He then joined the Jewish United Communal Fund and ran their fundraising campaign. The Roth’s were unhappy with South Africa’s apartheid politics and were eager to emigrate. Ronnie sought employment opportunity abroad and was offered employment as a fundraiser for UJA Federation in Toronto in 1975. Ronnie accepted the position and immigrated to Toronto in 1976. Sandra followed him with their children a few months later. When he completed his UJA assignment, he became an insurance broker. After a year, he founded KRG Insurance Brokers with two partners in 1980.

Upon arriving in Canada, Ronnie became interested in immigration issues and co-founded the South African Jewish Association in Canada (SAJAC) to help other South Africans with immigration and adjustment to Canadian life. He was the organization’s first president from 1976 to 1981 and again from 1986 to 1987. Ronnie’s involvement in assisting newcomers extended to his roles as Member of the Board of Directors and Member of the Integration Committee of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society as well as Chairman of the Sherut Shalom Employment & Integration Assistance to African Jews.

Ronnie was also active in B’nai Brith Canada. He joined the Yorkdale Lodge in 1983 and went on to serve as both Vice-President and President. During his tenure as President, he played a critical role in the integration of the Yorkdale and Circle Lodges into the unified Raoul Wallenberg Lodge. He also served in various positions at the National level with B’nai Brith Canada, including as National Chairman of the Israel Cabinet, Co-Chairman of the Fundraising Committee and a member of the National Executive and Board of Governors. In 1986, the National Leadership awarded him with the B’nai Brith Canada Achievement Award. In the same year, he and his wife and fellow lodge member Sandra (the lodge’s first female full member) were honoured recipients of the Israel Bonds Negev Award.

Ronnie also held important roles in the community at-large as President of the Antibes-Torresdale Ratepayers Association and Forest Hill Ratepayers Association; President and Founder of the Rockford Community Summer Day Camp; Member of the City of North York Condominium Committee; Member of the Board of Directors of Baycrest’s Men’s Service Group; and Member of the Board of Directors of Bank Leumi (Canada).

Ronnie passed away on October 14, 1989 at the age of 50 years.

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South Africa--Emigration and immigration
### Archival Accessions

**Norman Hersch [graphic material, textual record] – 1920-1980.**

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<td>Norman Hersch was a special effects technician for the CBC from the early 1950s until his retirement in the mid-1980s. He was married to a French woman from Western Canada named Margaret. He is buried in the Mount Albert area with his wife. He served in the Canadian military during the Second World War and graduated from Central Technical School upon his return. In later years, he started P &amp; M Display in Yorkville. Norman’s older brother Phillip was a screenwriter in Toronto. He wrote the CBC series Wojek. Their mother Lily (Polish) volunteered at Mount Sinai Hospital. Their father Alexander (Romanian) worked in stainless steel manufacturing. They lived around Cecil Street. Doug Wardle was a friend and colleague of Hersch’s at CBC in the Special Effects Department.</td>
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ACCESSION NUMBER
2018-7-6

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
62 photographs: b&w and col.; 10 x 15 cm or smaller
4 cm of textual records

DATE
1920-2018

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession contains material documenting Gabriella Szanto and her family. Included are family photographs, vital records, correspondence, and a 2018 Baycrest calendar that features a portrait and short biography of Gabriella.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY
Shirley Worth served as the executor of Gabriella Szanto’s estate. Following Gabriella’s death, Shirley donated the records that make up the accession to the Ontario Jewish Archives.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
Gabriella “Gabi” Szanto (née Lazlo) was born in Budapest, Hungary on 26 January 1916. Gabriella’s parents, Arnold and Ilonka Lazlo (néé Diamenstein), were women’s clothing manufacturers who employed twenty-five people. Their skills complemented each other: Arnold had studied design in Berlin for two years while Ilonka was a dressmaker. On 18 May 1919, Arnold and Ilonka had their second child, George.

During the Second World War, Gabi and her mother moved to the outskirts of Budapest where they passed as Catholics, rarely leaving their house. Miklos Szanto—the man Gabriella married after the war—was sent to the Mauthausen concentration camp. Gabriella’s brother, George, was sent to a camp in Siberia and did not survive. It is not known where or how Gabriella’s father survived the war.

After the war, Gabriella, her mother and father, and her husband Miklos reunited in Budapest. The four lived in the family apartment near the city opera house.

During the period of Communist rule, Gabriella and Miklos bribed their way out of Hungary and travelled to Vienna. From Vienna, they travelled to Australia, where they lived for five or six years, working as a short order cook and a seamstress respectively.

At some point, Gabriella and Miklos made the decision to immigrate to Canada. Their first stop—most likely in the 1950s—was Montreal. There, Gabriella worked for a high-end retailer before moving with her husband to Toronto one year later. In Toronto, Miklos worked again as a short order cook at the Noshery Restaurant on Eglinton, holding this job until he retired. Gabriella, meanwhile, worked as a seamstress until she was in her mid-80s.

In their retirement, Gabriella and Miklos spent two months each winter in Florida. Gabriella died in 2018.

USE CONDITIONS
Partially closed. Researchers must receive permission from the OJA Director prior to accessing some of the records.

LANGUAGE NOTE: English, Hungarian, German.

SUBJECTS
Families
Holocaust survivors
Immigrants--Canada

NAME ACCESS
Szanto, Gabriella, 1916-2018

PLACES
Australia
Austria
Canada
Hungary
Accession consists of material documenting the Kirschner family, in particular Maurice and Gertrude Kirschner. Included are family photographs, wedding telegrams, marriage certificates, certificates of naturalization, and passports. Individuals identified in the photographs include: Ann Kirschner, Chaim Kirschner, Gertrude Kirschner (née Taylor), Hannah Kirschner, Helen Kirschner, Joseph Kirschner, Maurice Kirschner, Shlomo Kirschner, Ruth Lowe, Bernice Taylor, Leah Taylor, and Saul Taylor.

Gertrude Kirschner (née Taylor) was born on 29 November 1907 in Toronto, Ontario. She lived with her parents at 770 Markham Street and finished high school. On 3 July 1932, she married Maurice Kirschner, with whom she had two daughters: Helen (b. 1934) and Elaine (b. 1942). The couple lived at 770 Markham Street until they bought their first home at 46 Gloucester Grove. They became founding members of Beth Sholom Synagogue on Englinton Avenue. Gertrude died 7 June 1982.

Maurice Kirschner was born on 13 August 1904 in Lyck, Germany. He was trained as a watchmaker and opened a watch repair shop on Bay Street, just north of Queen. The shop was demolished to make way for the new city hall. Maurice subsequently went to work for Sayvette, where he remained for the rest of his career. He died on 15 February 1980.

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Availability of other formats: Digital copies (jpg, tif) have been created for thirty-one documents.

Families
Immigrants--Canada
Married people

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2007-7-10

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
multiple media

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
19 photographs : b&w
1 folder of textual records
2 books
1 CD
1 vest
1 hat

**DATE**
1938-1986

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**
This accession consists of material documenting the donor’s family, particularly her father, Nathan Rivelis. The items include a vest and hat worn by her father during the late 1950s as part of the Lion’s Club. It also consists of an oral history of her father conducted in 1983; his school primer and English reader; photographs of the business and Hebrew classes; certificates; and, finally, newspaper clippings.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**
The Rivelis family owned a large clothing store in North Bay from 1926 until 1986 called Rivelis. They sold men’s and women’s mid-range clothing and became famous in town for their annual sale held on 16 November. The business grew from a small family-run store to a large department store with twelve employees.

In addition to running the business, Nate Rivelis was also involved in the local Lion’s Club and was the president of this organization from 1957-1958. He was the only Jewish member at that time. In addition, he also served as the president of the Hebrew school during the 1940s.

**SUBJECTS**
Business
Communities

**NAME ACCESS**
Rosen, Rheta
Rivelis, Nathan

**PLACES**
North Bay (Ont.)

**SOURCE**
Archival Accessions

Erica Cherney (Peterborough, Ont.) [textual record, textual record (electronic), graphic material (electronic)] – [1915?]-[200-].

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2008-3-2

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
textual record
textual record (electronic)
graphic material (electronic)
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

1 folder of textual records
4 photographs: b&w and col. (jpg)
6 documents: b&w and col. (jpg)

[1915?]-[200-]

Accession consists of brochures from the Cherney family businesses: their furniture store of fifty years, followed by Cherney Realty, established after 1984. Also included are a pamphlet on the Erica Cherney Inspiration Fund of the Community Counselling and Resource Centre of Peterborough. There is also a memorial card for the death of Harry Cherney in 1984. Electronic records include articles about Cherney’s and Erica Cherney, City of Peterborough Awards of Merit for Harry and Erica Cherney, and four photographs.

Photographs are as follows:
01. Award of Merit, Erica Cherney, 1977.
02. Award of Merit, Harry Cherney, 1981.
03. Harry Cherney on a sailboat, ca. 1978.
05. Rebecca Cherney, ca. 1915.
06. Tree of Life donated in honour of Harry Cherney.

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USE CONDITIONS

SUBJECTS

Business
Communities

NAME ACCESS

Cherney, Erica

PLACES

Peterborough (Ont.)

SOURCE

Archival Accessions

Mandel Brothers Sour Cream Lid [graphic material (electronic)] – 1920-1965.

ACCESSION NUMBER

2013-12-5

MATERIAL FORMAT

graphic material (electronic)

DATE

1920-1965

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Accession consists of one digital image of a Mandel Bros. Produce Pasteurized Special Sour Cream lid.
Mandel's Creamery opened between 1913-1920. It was initially owned by Harry Mandel. After 1944, it was owned by one of his sons William Mandel and, in the 1950s, it was owned by the brothers Saul, Abraham, Ben, and William Mandel. From 1960 to approximately 1965, it was owned by William Mandel (exclusively).

Mandel's Creamery manufactured cream cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, and butter milk under the labels Mandel Bros. & Silver Brand. They also manufactured for private label brands and other wholesale and retail customers. They sold wholesale butter, eggs, and hard cheese which they did not manufacture. Low salt & low fat cottage cheese was a specialty sold to institutions such as Baycrest Hospital. Their customers included supermarkets, bakeries, restaurants, institutions, resorts, and summer camps. There was also retail sales at the store front at 29 Baldwin St.

The business was sold by the Mandel family around 1965 to Mr. Bricks and Mr. Caplan who then sold it to Western Creamery some years later.

Creameries
Business

Toronto (Ont.)
Archival Accessions

**Silberg family [multiple media] – [ca. 1938]-[ca. 2009].**

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2015-9-2

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
multiple media

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
ca. 8 cm of textual records and other material

**DATE**
[ca. 1938]-[ca. 2009]

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Accession consists of material documenting the Silberg family's immigration to Ontario, family life in South Africa and Ontario, education, communal involvement in Hamilton, and pharmacy businesses. Included are photographs, correspondence, ephemera from the pharmacy businesses (such as bags and a name tag), newspaper clippings, certificates, invitations, flyers, school transcripts, architectural drawings for Night-Day Pharmacy on Ryman Road East, cookbooks, and photo albums. Also included is a JNF book for a Negev dinner honouring Hilton and Shirley Silberg as well a copy of Beth Jacob Synagogue's 125th anniversary book (the Beth Jacob Family Album).
Hilton Silberg was born in Durban, South Africa in 1951 to Sam and Brina Silberg. Sam worked in the retail furniture business and Hilton has three siblings: Sheryl, Lynn and Brett. Hilton was very active in sports and played soccer, cricket and swimming. At age 11, he started competing in ballroom dancing with his sister Lynn. At age 16, he and Lynn were the South African Juvenile Ballroom Champions and runners up in the Latin American Championship. In highschool, Hilton started his own DJ business which he continued through his first years of pharmacy school.

Shirley (nee Gitlin) Silberg was born in Durban in 1951 to Max and Isabel Gitlin. Max was a physical medicine specialist and Isabel ran his practice. Shirley has two siblings: Brian and Barbara. Shirley was very active in her school's netball, field hockey and swimming teams. Hilton and Shirley met at the Natal Pharmacy School in Durban and married in 1974. After marriage, Hilton completed his one-year mandatory service in the South African army as an officer. After his service, he and Shirley went on a ten month long backpacking trip which ended at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. This trip was an eye-opener for them and they realized that they no longer wanted to live in a country with apartheid politics. They didn’t want to raise children in South Africa. They chose Canada as their destination and applied three times for entry. Their application was rejected all three times, but Hilton staged a "sit-in" at the Canadian embassy in Pretoria and an immigration officer eventually met with him and overturned their rejection. They arrived in Canada in August 1977.

They went to the University of Toronto School of Pharmacy for two years to re-license in Canada. In the evenings they worked in a pharmacy owned by their Canadian sponsor. In 1981, Hilton and Shirley partnered with their Canadian sponsors and opened the Amhurst Pharmacy in Dundas. In 1982 the pharmacy's name was changed to Hilton's Pharmacy. In 1987 Shopper's Drug Mart purchased Hilton's Pharmacy. The Silberg's stayed on to operate two of the franchises in Dundas. In 1992, Hilton and Shirley left Shoppers Drug Mart to open the DayNight Pharmacy on the east Hamilton Mountain. This was the first pharmacy in Hamilton to remain open until midnight. Their pharmacy eventually expanded to include five stores. In 2007, they sold their business to Rexall Pharma Plus.

Hilton and Shirley have three children: Mark, Maxine and Brad. Hilton and Shirley were very active in Hamilton's community. Hilton was involved in a variety of organizations including, Beth Jacob synagogue, Shalom Village, and Jewish National Fund Hamilton. Shirley has volunteered with various Hamilton JCC programs, the Hamilton North End Breakfast Program, the 'Out of the Cold' Program, Goldie’s Place day program for adults at Shalom Village, and the Jewish National Fund Hamilton.

Physical description note: includes ca. 80 photographs, 4 cookbooks, 1 architectural drawing, 3 bags, and 1 name tag.

Related material note: oral history #419.

Subjects
- Immigrants--Canada
- Families
- Occupations
- Societies
- South Africa--Emigration and immigration

Name Access
- Silberg, Hilton
- Silberg, Shirley

Archival Accessions

Accession consists of material documenting the lives of Eva and Jack Horwitz. Included are correspondence and vital records, including birth, citizenship, and marriage certificates as well as passports.

Eva Horwitz took possession of the records that make up the accession following the death of her husband, Jack Horwitz, in 1980. Grace (Gloria) Waldman (née Horwitz) took possession of the records following the death of her mother, Eva Horwitz, in 1983. Marian Horwitz took possession of the records following the death of her sister, Grace Waldman, in 2017. Marian gifted the records to Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre on 4 October 2017.

Eva Horwitz (née Lipshitz, 1897-1983) was born in Mlawa, Poland on 20 June 1897. She married Jack Horwitz in Toronto on 30 October 1924. Thereafter, she raised three children: Gloria, Marvin, and Marian. In addition to her duties as a homemaker, Eva was an active member of the Workmen’s Circle with her husband. She passed away on 17 February 1983. Jack Horwitz (1900-1980) was born in Polaniec, Poland on 13 December 1900. In 1920, he set sail from Antwerp and arrived in Canada. Four years later, on 30 October 1924, he married Eva Lipshitz. On 23 April 1927, he was naturalized as a British subject with his occupation listed as tailor. He passed away on 26 February 1980.

Restricted. See administrative notes.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH NOTE: Dates of birth for both Eva and Jack Horwitz are uncertain. The dates listed in the Biographical Sketch are taken from Eva and Jack’s Canadian passports. Different spellings for both the given names and the family names of Eva and Jack can be found in the records. "Eva Horwitz" and "Jack Horwitz" are the preferred spellings, notwithstanding the fact that their names are spelled otherwise on official documents.

LANGUAGE NOTE: A small number of records are in non-English languages including: French, Polish, and Yiddish.

Subjects
Birth certificates
Immigrants--Canada
Marriage records

Name Access
Horwitz, Eva, 1897-1983
Horwitz, Jack, 1900-1980
Horwitz family

Places
Canada
Poland

Source
Archival Accessions
Accession consists of records related to the Title, Samuels and Fishman families. Included are family photographs, and photos related to involvement with philanthropy and industry, materials related to Reliable Toy Company, Forest Hill Collegiate “Forester” year books, a land deed for the Ansheir Yoisher Misrachi Synagogue in Welland, news clippings relating to Alex Samuels death, a Holy Blossom “Tempelite” year book, a Crown Bakery Bread promotional item, a wedding menu from the marriage of Molly Fishman and Harry Title, Molly Fishman’s high school diplomas and JNF certificates. There are a number of photos of the Fishman and Title families in Welland and the United States, photos of the Crowland Volunteer Fire Department with Sam and Frank Fishman, Turk family albums with Moishe Turk and Eva Fishman, an album of a sefer torah dedication to Baycrest Hospital in memory of Leah Fishman, photos of the Samuels family, their trip to Israel, promotional photos from the Reliable Toy Company, Beth Tzedec founding board photos, and B’nai Brith Women photos.

Samuel (ca. 1882-1929, Russia) and Gussie (nee Moscovitz) (b. ca.1884, Romania) Fishman, immigrated to Welland Ontario from Romania. Both arrived to the USA as teenagers sometime around the turn of the century. Samuel and Gussie were married in the USA and by 1920 immigrated with their young family to the historic township of Crowland in Welland County. Here they opened and operated a men’s clothing store. Together they had six children, Molly (b. 1909, USA), Abe (b. 1911, USA), Morris (b. 1916, USA), Ruth (b. 1915, USA), Ann (b. 1920, Ontario) and Ethel. Morris married Pauline and lived in St. Catherines, Ruth married Nate Oelbaum and lived in Tucson Arizona, Anne married Alec Rothman and lived in Port Colborne, Ethel married Eddie Matchtinger and lived in Toronto and Abe never married. Yeva Fishman, the niece of Samuel Fishman married Morris Turk. Her father was (Frank Fishman?) and her mother was Sara Leah Fishman. Molly Fishman married Harry Title (Teitelebaum) (b. ca. 1903). They had three children, Greta (nee Title) Greisman, Sandra (nee Title) Samuels and Stephen (m. Carole Hillman). Harry Teitelbaum is the son of Israel and Frumeth Teitelbaum. He was born in Gdansk Poland (b. ca., 1903). Harry Title had four younger siblings Lloyd, Birdie (m. Witlin), Arthur and Lorelle (Lieba) the youngest who was born in Toronto. Harry arrived to Canada shortly after the first world war and worked in the garment industry. He and his brother Arthur founded the Title Dress Company in the late 1920s and operated the business out of 355 Adelaide St. West. In the late 1980s, the business moved from this location to Adelaide and Bathurst. Sandra Title (b. Oct 27, 1936, Toronto), the middle daughter of Molly Fishman and Harry Title, married Lawrence Samuels. Together they had five children Joanna, John, Noah, Tom and Caroline. Lawrence was the eldest son of Alex Samuels (d. 1966) and Kate (nee Goldberg) Samuels. He had two younger siblings Herbie and Florence (m. Bill Goodman). Lawrence’s father Alex Samuels immigrated to Canada from Dubrovna, White Russia (present day Dubrouna, Belarus). He immigrated to Canada with his parents Samuel and Chana Samuels and his younger siblings Sol, Ben, Riva and Polly. Alex and his brothers Sol and Ben established Reliable Toy Company in (ca. 1929) on Carlaw Ave. They sold the company in 1990.
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Accession consists of records reflecting the academic, personal and literary life of Dr. Gerald Tulchinsky. The bulk of the material relates to Canada's garment industry, including photocopied reference material from various sources, reports and statistics, research notes, articles and graduate thesis on the topic, reminiscences by those in the industry and original records from specific firms and associations situated in Ontario and Quebec. Also included are manuscripts and accompanying material for Shtetl on the Grand and a book on the Canadian Clothing Industry, lecture notes, family correspondence and photographs, and the last will and testament of Anne Tulchinsky. All of the material from 1851-1935 are photocopies of original records.


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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This accession also includes numerous books, some of which don't relate to our mandate and others which are duplicates of our current holdings. The books that we have retained have been integrated into the OJA's library holdings. USE CONDITION NOTE: Access restricted until ten years after the donor’s death, at the donor’s request. Records will reopen on Dec. 14, 2027.

LANGUAGE NOTE: Some of the material is in French.

Business
Labour and unions

Tulchinsky, Gerald, 1933-2017

Montreal, Que.
Toronto, Ont.

Archival Accessions


Accession consists of one souvenir programme produced by the Jewish Veterans' Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion. This branch was later renamed Wingate. The programme celebrates the First annual benefit dance by the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 256 and includes a brief history of the branch, which formed in 1934, a list of officers, a report on the year's activities and a number of sponsored advertisements.

Item was donated by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 187 in Port Colborne.

ACCESSION NUMBER
2016-5-11

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
2 photographs: b&w and sepia; 114 x 25 cm and 54 x 21 cm

DATE
1918, 1934

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of two photographs: a panoramic of veterans and synagogue members standing in front of Goel Tzedec Synagogue, University Avenue, Toronto to mark the consecration and dedication of branch banners and flags; and a panoramic portrait featuring soldiers making up the 4th Draft of the Jewish Unit at the Imperial Recruits Depot in Halifax Nova Scotia.

SUBJECTS
Canada--Armed Forces
Synagogues
Veterans--Canada

NAME ACCESS
Hoffman, Sam

PLACES
Halifax, N.S.
Toronto, Ont.

SOURCE
Archival Accessions


ACCESSION NUMBER
2018-5-2

MATERIAL FORMAT
graphic material
textual record
object

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
da. 78 cm of graphic material, textual records, and 1 stamp

DATE
1919-1992

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of material documenting David Croll. Included are: forty photographs (military, political, and sport) of Croll; two scrapbooks (one a congratulatory scrapbook on Croll’s appointment to the Ontario provincial cabinet, the other a scrapbook of the 1939 royal visit to Windsor, Ontario); several personal documents including Croll’s marriage certificate and address book/phone book; and Croll’s stamp.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY
Records were donated to the Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre by Croll’s granddaughter.
Related groups of records external to the unit being described: Other records relating to David Croll can be found in the Rebecca Kamarner fonds; the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care fonds; the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region fonds; the Zionist Organization of Canada fonds; the Philip Givens fonds; the Dora Till fonds; Julius P. Katz fonds; the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto fonds; the United Jewish Welfare Fund fonds; and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Toronto fonds.

**Slepkov family (St. Catharines, Ont.)** [textual record, graphic material (electronic)] – 1923-2004.

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2007-6-36

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
textual record
graphic material (electronic)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
3 photographs : b&w (jpg)
1 textual record

**DATE**
1923-2004

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**
Accession consists of one issue of the Jewish Standard, from June 2004, two scanned copy photographs of Sid Slepkov during the Second World War, and one scanned copy photograph of Sid’s father Morris in front of his clothing store, the Fashion Cloak and Fur Co. in St. Catharines, Ontario.
The photographs are as follows:

**CUSTODIAL HISTORY**
The original photographs are in the possession of the donor. The OJA was granted permission to scan the photos in June 2007, as part of the Ontario Small Jewish Communities initiative. These copies were then donated to the Archives on 2007-06-04.

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**SUBJECTS**
World War, 1939-1945
Business
Communities

**NAME ACCESS**
Slepkov, Sid
Slepkov, Morris

**PLACES**
St. Catharines, Ont.

**SOURCE**
Archival Accessions


**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2017-8-14
1 folder of textual records ca. 2cm of textual records
12 photographs : b&w and col; 30 x 35 cm or smaller
1 scrapbook


Accession consists of 12 photographs (ca. 1900-1930, 196?) of members of the Schönberger family, including family portraits, class portraits, and a group photograph of the United Cloth Hat & Cap Makers Union Local No. 41. Accession also contains a scrapbook (ca.1937-1945) kept by Walter Schoenberger consisting of ca. 90 photographs and other graphic materials (eg. cigarette cards, photographic postcards) documenting his life in Vienna, England, Quebec and Toronto. This scrapbook includes photographs of Schoenberger's internment at a Kitchener Camp in Kent, England, as well as photographs of a parade at Old City Hall in Toronto. Accession also consists of 1 folder of textual records, including Canadian citizenship and naturalization documents, a Vienna drivers license, one postcard, wedding invitations and certificates, newspaper clippings, personal writings, and a death certificate. There are also a number of documents ca. 1939-1942 relating to Walter Schoenberger’s time at the Kitchener Camp in England, including letters from the Red Cross, the American Embassy to Vienna, the American Consulate General in London, the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, the Central Council for Jewish Refugees Agricultural Committee, and Tip Top Tailors. Accession also includes Victory Bonds certificates (1943-1945), an issue of the Toronto Star from December 3, 1992, a Toronto Transit Commission map, a program for a "Life Begins at 65" celebration for George Burns, and a book entitled "Collective Poems - The Terrace Holocaust Survivors Group" consisting of poetry by Holocaust survivors. Also included are documents relating to the Schwab family.

Ancestor chart of Mindy Schönberger

Collection of Walter Schoenberger, donated by daughter Mindy Pollishuke.

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Tailors
Immigrants--Canada
Labor unions
Clothing workers
Postcards
Refugee camps
Refugees
World War, 1939-1945

Toronto (Ont.)
England
Austria
Germany

Archival Accessions
### Moe Greenspoon (Sudbury, ON) [graphic material, graphic material (electronic), textual record (electronic)] – [1910?]–2008.

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| Accession consists of six photographs of the Greenspoon family of Sudbury, Ontario. There are also two scanned documents: Moe Greenspoon's 1918 birth certificate and his statement of service in the Canadian Armed Forces, issued in 1990. Photographs include the following:  
01. Benjamin and Fanny Greenspoon ca. 1910. (photograph was a reprint of a scanned original)  
02. Paul Allan Greenspoon with grandfather Benjamin and his second wife at bar mitzvah, ca. 1966.  
05. Zady's Boyz - basketball team of all the grandsons with Moe, 2008. |

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**Harvey Freeman [graphic material, textual record] – 1891-2013.**

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Accession consists of material documenting members of Harvey Freeman's family, several of whom served in the armed forces. Included are: family photographs, a Krugel family tree, a copy of Itzik Kriegel (Harvey's grandfather)’s army discharge, an attestation paper for Louis Krugel (Harvey’s uncle), a signed program for a "stag whoopee dinner and night of blissful freedom" in honour of Lou Krugel's approaching marriage, and printed images of Harvey's daughter Tamar Freeman in Afghanistan. One of the photographs depicts Louis Krugel with professional wrestler and actor Tor Johnson, aka the Swedish Angel.


Photo Caption (007): Baba Tzluva with Harry, [189-?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.

Photo Caption (008): Louis Krugel. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.


Photo Caption (010): Norman, Buba Sluva, and Bert, [ca. 1922]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.


Photo Caption (013): Louis Krugel, [192-?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.

Photo Caption (014): Louis Krugel and unknown man posing with boxing gloves, [1918?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.


Photo Caption (019): Louis Krugel with Tor Johnson, aka the Swedish Angel, [194-?]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.


Photo Caption (021): Louis Krugel, [192-]. Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre, accession 2018-4-4.
Harvey Freeman was born on May 22, 1928. As a youth, he attended Harbord Collegiate and went on to join the militia, where he was the lone Canadian Jewish bagpiper. Harvey made his living in business, working in different areas including furniture manufacturing and property management. As part of a change in lifestyle, he took up marathons in his early seventies. Harvey has four children.

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ASSOCIATED MATERIALS: Records for Harvey's daughter Tamar can be found in Accession 2013-7-8.

Afghan War, 2001-
Families
Soldiers--Canada

Freeman, Harvey
Freeman, Tamar
Johnson, Tor, 1903-1971

Afghanistan
Toronto (Ont.)

Archival Accessions

ACCESSION NUMBER
2018-5-1

MATERIAL FORMAT
textual record
graphic material

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
1 folder of textual records
5 photographs: b & w; 23 x 18 cm or smaller

DATE
[191-]-1949

SCOPE AND CONTENT
Accession consists of material documenting members of Glen Eker’s family. Included are: copies of Benjamin Eker’s military records, black and white photographs of Dorothy Horwitz and Paul Eker from their wedding album, and a Bayview Pharmacy Christmas card.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY
Glen Eker was born in Toronto, Ontario to Paul Eker and Dorothy Horwitz. He grew up in the Forest Hill neighbourhood of Toronto before moving with his family to Hamilton. He received two master’s degrees (one in sociology, the other in political science) from McMaster University and a third master’s degree (in library science) from the University of Toronto. Glen’s wife, Deborah Pekilis, was born in Montreal and lived there until her parents moved to Toronto. She was the librarian for the Jewish Genealogical Society and sat on the Hamilton Historical Board. She is currently a writer.

Glen has worked as a research assistant and a teaching assistant at McMaster and has taught at Ryerson University and Mohawk College. At present, he works as an estate and genealogy researcher.

Glen has published a book on Karl Marx, five indexes of Jews in Canada, and one index of Amish and Mennonites in Canada. His genealogy articles have appeared in various magazines and his short stories and poems have appeared in print as well.

Glen has worked on his family genealogy for a number of years. His paternal family line derives from Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, and Poland while his maternal line derives from Byelorussia and Romania. He is descended from the Horwitz and Strachman families on the latter.

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES
Associated materials: Other accessions donated by Glen Eker include 2018-3,1, 2018-4-1, 2018-4-2, and 2018-4-16.

SUBJECTS
Canada: Armed Forces
Families
Married people

NAME ACCESS
Eker (family)
Eker, Glen

PLACES
Ontario

**ACCESSION NUMBER**
1989-2-5

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
textual record

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
1 folder of textual records

**DATE**
1895-1966

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**
Accession consists of personal documents of Kate Risidore Devor including registration of her birth in 1895 in London, England; immigration inspection card issued at the Port of Quebec (1912); New York State marriage certificate for Harry Devor and Kate Risidore of St. Catharines, Ontario, married in 1914 in Niagara Falls, and their ketuba (Hebrew marriage certificate). As well, there is a newspaper clipping from the St. Catherines Standard of a speech by her son John, correspondence from two of her sons, Sydney and John serving in the military, and clippings and messages of condolence on the death of her son David while fighting in Italy (1944). These include cards and letters from King George of England, George Drew of Ontario, the Toronto War Memorial Committee, and Sam Bronfman, President of Canadian Jewish Congress. Finally there is Jewish National Fund correspondence documenting the planting of a tree by St. Catherines Hadassah in honour of Kate (1933), and a number of trees by Kate in memory of her brother and son (1966).

Four sons of Kate and William Harry Devor served in the Canadian forces during the Second World War - David, Berko, John, and Sydney.

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY**
Canada--Armed Forces
World War, 1939-1945

**SUBJECTS**
Devor, Kate

**NAME ACCESS**
Archival Accessions

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**ACCESSION NUMBER**
2015-1-1

**MATERIAL FORMAT**
textual record

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**
1 folder of textual records
### Benjamin Family [multiple media] – [ca.1890]-[ca. 1940].

**Accession Number**
2015-3-6

**Material Format**
multiple media

**Physical Description**
5 cm textual records and other material

**Date**
[ca.1890]-[ca. 1940]

**Scope and Content**
Accession consists of personal records of Hyman (Ben) Benjamin, and records documenting Arthur Benjamin's military service. Records include ca. 30 photographs of three generations of the Benjamin family, Rosh Hashanah greeting cards, Hyman Benjamin's birth certificate and first aid certificate. Records also include correspondence between several branches of the Canadian government and Arthur's mother, Annie, regarding the circumstances of Arthur's death, his grave site and his army pension.

**Custodial History**
The records were donated to the Archives by Nancy Rose, daughter of the great-nephew of Hyman (Ben) Benjamin.

**Administrative History**
Hyman "Ben" Benjamin (ca. 1884-1969) was born in Leeds, England to Lazuras and Annie Benjamin. He married Hilda (Holds) Benjamin, and they immigrated to Canada in 1911. He worked as a car mechanic. They had two daughters, Laura (b. 1911) and Florence (b. 1912). Arthur "Abraham" Benjamin (ca. 1882-1917) was Hyman Benjamin's brother. He immigrated to Toronto from Leeds some time after 1911 and worked with Hyman as a car cleaner. He joined the 198th Battalion of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force in 1916, and was killed in the First World War.

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**Subjects**
Canada--Armed Forces
World War, 1914-1918

**Name Access**
Benjamin, Arthur, 1882-1917
Benjamin, Hyman, 1884-1969

**Source**
Archival Accessions
Accession consists of records pertaining to the military service of twin brothers Julius (Jack) Spiegel and Louis (Lou/Syd) S. J. Spiegel. Included are photographs of the young Spiegel brothers with their cousins in front of Central High School of Commerce, Dewson St., ca. 1930, original snapshots and portraits of Lou Spiegel in uniform during the 1940s, a hand drawn Easter greeting card signed by Lou Spiegel, and newspaper clippings concerning Lou's role as an aerial photographer for the U.S. Marine Corps unit and his return home to Toronto. There are wartime photocopies of photos including a portrait of Jack Spiegel in uniform, an image of Jack with his crew in front of military aircraft, and a modern day photo of Lou visiting Jack’s grave in Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery in Holland. Textual copies include, an annotated photocopy of Veteran Affairs Canada website listing of Jack Spiegel, including information on his burial location and his listing in the Second World War Book of Remembrance. There is a photocopy of Jack’s obituary from the Canadian Jewish Congress Book Canadian Jews in World War II, Part II: Casualties, p. 75, and a copy of a letter from the Royal Canadian Air Force addressed to Jack’s mother Mrs. Israel Spiegel, notifying her of her son’s death. In addition, there is one colour photograph (197?) of promotional municipal campaign street signs for North York City Councillor and Controller, Irving Paisley.
Julius (Jack) Spiegel (1921-1944, Toronto), and Louis (Lou) Spiegel (1921-1999), are twin brothers born in Toronto on March 26, 1921. Their parents Israel Spiegel (b. 1878) and Eva (née Gelbwachs) Spiegel (b. 1880) of 430 Euclid St. Toronto, immigrated from Austria to Canada in 1894 and 1906 respectively. According to the 1921 Canada census, Israel and Eva had 8 children; Nat Spiegel (b. 1903, U.S.A.), Morse Spiegel (b. 1906), Gertrude Spiegel (b. 1909), Beatrice Spiegel (b. 1911), Sydney Spiegel (b. 1915), Mildred Spiegel (b. 1917), and twin brothers Julius and Louis S. Spiegel (b. 1921). Both Jack and his twin brother Lou, attended Central Technical High School of Commerce. Jack enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and trained as a wireless air gunner. He went overseas in May 1944 and successfully completed 10 military missions with his unit. Eyewitnesses reported to Lou that Jack parachuted out of his Lancaster Bomber that was shot down over the Rhineland battlefields in Germany. Originally buried by the Dutch Resistance, Jack was later moved to Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery, Holland. His date of death was confirmed as October 28, 1944. According to his death certificate, the location of his death was Belgium, that he was married at the time of death and resided at 238 Beatrice St. Jack's brothers Sydney and Murray Spiegel, also served in the military during the Second World War. Sydney with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (administrative corps) and Murray with the U.S. Army Medical Department in Kansas.

Louis (Lou) Spiegel (1921-1999, Toronto) served during the Second World War for the Royal Canadian Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps as an aerial photographer. He later studied at U of T earning a bachelor’s degree and transferred to USC (California) earning a master’s degree in English and communications. He served as campaign director for the United Welfare Fund in 1954 and worked various jobs throughout his career as an educator in American Community Colleges. He was director of Unarius after Ruth Norman died and was awarded by the same institution with a doctor of psychic therapeutic science degree.

Irving Paisley (1919-2006) married to Adele Paisley, had a 30 year long career in municipal politics in the city of North York holding positions as Councillor, Controller, and Deputy Mayor. He spearheaded the building of York Finch Hospital and served as its founding Chairman. He was also a founding member of Temple Sinai, and founded Paisley Manor Insurance. Paisley’s accomplishments were recognized by the Federal Government and he earned the Centennial Medal for Service to the Nation in 1967.

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Canada--Armed Forces
World War, 1939-1945
Spiegel, Jack, 1921-1944
Spiegel, Lou, 1921-1999
Paisley, Adele
Paisley, Irving 1919-2006
Toronto
Holland
Archival Accessions
Accession consists of one black and white photograph taken during the Second World War depicting a group of Jewish men and women who met for services and socializing once a week in the basement of the Sons of Jacob Congregation in Belleville, Ontario. Pictured in the photograph are Ruth Wise (back row, far right) and Rabbi Gedaliah Felder (centre).

Michelle Speyer donated the photograph to the Archives at the request of her grandmother Ruth Speyer (née Wise), who is pictured in the photograph.

Ruth Molly Wise was born in 1926 to Eva and William Wise. She grew up in Belleville, Ontario, where she was part of a group of women at Beth Jacob Congregation that prepared meals for Jewish service men stationed at an air force base in Trenton. When she was 16, Ruth moved to Toronto, where she stayed with relatives for two years. She changed her name to Ruth Speyer when she married Mark Speyer. The two were married for 59 years during which time they had three children: Bruce, Michael, and Lloyd. Mark and Ruth were involved with Beth Tzedec for many years and had been part of Goel Tzedec before it merged with the McCaul Street Synagogue. Mark and Ruth were also founding members of the Island Yacht Club, to which they were very devoted.

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Ruth Speyer has written some additional names on the back of the photograph.
Accession consists of records related to the life and career of David Green and the Jaffey family. Records include sound and video recordings of events, Goodwill Sales accounting ledgers, meeting minutes from the Jewish Canadian Military Archives and Museum, David Green's military ephemera, manuals and reports of the Jewish Federation Board of Trustees and Bequest and Endowment Fund, and Jaffey family correspondence and photographs. Records also include certificates of appreciation awarded to David Green, mainly from UJA Federation.

David Green (1919–2014) was born in the Junction in west Toronto. He served as a private in the Canadian army as part of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was captured and designated MIA when he was held as a POW in Belgium. He became a member of General Wingate Branch 256 Jewish Canadian Legion. In the mid-1940s he married his wife, Sylvia (nee Jaffey) (d. 2010) and they had a daughter, Miriam. He was a longtime volunteer for the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. In 1990, he was one of the first individuals to establish an Endowment Fund at the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto.

The Jaffey family consisted of Kaby Jaffey, his wife, Nellie, and their children Sylvia, Jess and Albert.

Physical description note: Accession also consists of photographs and textiles.

This accession consists of five scanned photographs of David Hart and his father Alfred E. Hart in military dress. Three of the photographs feature Alfred during the First World War in an army uniform and one photograph features Alfred in his uniform standing with David in a naval dress on the street in Toronto. The final photograph is of a victory parade on Yonge Street after the First World War (original source: the City of Toronto Archives, fonds 1568, Item 314). The photograph features Brodey Draimin Fur Co. in the background and was originally published in the Toronto Star.
Alfred E. Hart was in the Canadian infantry during the First World War and fought in four major battles. He was the owner of the Brodey Draimin Fur Company, located on Yonge Street in Toronto. His son, David, was in the Naval Home Guard, Royal Regiment, during the Second World War.

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Related material note: see oral history 375 for David Hart’s account of his wartime experiences.

Canada--Armed Forces
World War, 1914-1918
World War, 1939-1945

Hart, David
Hart, Alfred E.

Archival Accessions