

## Research Collections



## Ernst (Ernest) Feuz fonds

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Part Of: Ernst (Ernest) Feuz fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds Fonds Number: M 131

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Accession Number: 3926, 7229 (unproc)

Reference Code: M131 / V71
GMD: Photograph

Album

Photograph print Textual record Private record

Date Range: 1908-1956

Physical Description: 2 photograph albums, o.s. (ca.430 prints & 36 prints). -- 24 photographs:

prints. -- 5 cm textual records.

History / Biographical:

Ernest Feuz, born 1889 in Interlaken, Switzerland was the son of Edouard Feuz Sr., one of two Swiss guides brought to Glacier House, B.C. in 1899 by the CPR. In 1909, the second generation of Swiss guides including Ernest Feuz and his two brothers Walter and Edward Jr., along with Rudolf Aemmer and Christian Hasler Jr. began guiding for the CPR during the summer months and returned to Switzerland for the winter. In 1912, Ernest settled at the Swiss village of Edelweiss, near Golden, B.C., constructed by the CPR in 1911. Glacier House closed in 1925 and Ernest Feuz began guiding primarily out of Lake Louise, the Swiss Guides Headquarters. During the winter months, the Swiss guides did maintenance work at Lake Louise and were responsible for maintaining the buildings and snow removal. Ernest Feuz led numerous climbing parties and rescue operations throughout his career, retiring from the CPR guiding service in 1954.

## Scope & Content:

Fonds pertains to climbing and guiding career of Swiss Guide Ernest Feuz in Glacier, O'Hara, Lake Louise, Bugaboos, and Bobby Burns. Photograph album [ca.1900]-1955, ca. 430 prints - album was originally compiled by J. Monroe Thorington with photographs added by Feuz from climbs with various clients including Georgia Engelhard and W. J. Oliver. Donors have interfiled parts of a smaller album and many later prints. Second photograph album [ca.1910]-1954 has some later prints added by donors - up to 1976. Textual records consist of marriage and birth certificates of Ernest and Elise Feuz, 1912-1954; military service booklet of Ernest Feuz, 1908-1925; fuhrerbuch of E. Feuz, 1909-1927; notebook of Ernest Feuz (cash from clients, 1913-1921 and snow report, 1921-1924); business cards and Swiss Guides tariff for climbing, Chateau Lake Louise, n.d.

Name Access: Feuz, Ernest

Subject Access: Exploration, discovery and travel

Sports, recreation and leisure

Language: Language is English

Finding Aid: No finding aid

Creator: Feuz, Ernst

Category: Exploration, discovery and travel

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Biographical Source Frank W. Anderson, "Ernest Feuz, Mountaineer" in Sagas of the

Notes: Canadian West, vol. 4, 1979; The Cairn, 25:1 (Winter/Spring 2001)

Title Source: Title based on contents of fonds

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