



Lawrence Grassi fonds

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Part Of: Lawrence Grassi fonds

Description Level: 1 / Fonds

Fonds Number: M 45
V 240

Sous-Fonds: M 45
V 240

Accession Number: 249, 282, 830, 1626, 1943, 2262, 2826, 3159, 3446, 3985

Reference Code: M45 / V240

GMD: Photograph
Album
Negative
Photograph print
Transparency
Textual record
Private record
Published record

Date Range: [ca.1880]-1979

Physical Description: ca.25 cm of textual records. -- ca.2300 photographs : prints, transparencies, negatives. -- 1 photograph album (180 prints)

History /

Biographical:

Lawrence Grassi, 1890-1980, was a miner and mountaineer at Canmore, Alberta, Canada. Grassi was born in Falmenta, Italy and emigrated to Canada in 1912, working first as a section man for the Canadian Pacific Railway and from 1916 to 1945 as a miner for Canmore Mines. Grassi distinguished himself in solo mountain climbing and as an unofficial guide to many other mountaineers. Grassi is best remembered for trail building activities. J. S. Woodsworth led support for legislation to change the name of Twin Lakes in White Man Pass to Grassi Lakes in recognition of this work. As assistant warden at Lake O'Hara, British Columbia, Grassi upgraded and built numerous trails for which he received many honours in later life.

Scope & Content:

Fonds consist of papers and photographs produced and collected by Lawrence Grassi.

Textual records consist of correspondence, 1918-1979, from family in Italy and organizations and individuals in Canada; personal papers, 1912-1975; publications and ephemera from organizations, including the Alpine Club of Canada, Canadian Youth Hostels Association, Skyline Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies; newsclippings, articles and other material pertaining to Grassi and mountaineering.

Photographs pertain mainly to mountain scenery of Alberta and British Columbia, particularly Banff National Park, Lake O'Hara and region, Jasper National Park, Mount Assiniboine and region, Grotto Mountain and Grassi Lakes, ca.1930-ca.1970. Also includes views of Lawrence Grassi, family and friends, ca.1880-ca.1970, and group of unidentified portraits, ca.1880-ca.1900. Transparencies are mainly unidentified colour mountain scenics. Most views are by Grassi; some are by Richard Rushworth and F. V. Longstaff.

Name Access: Grassi, Lawrence

Subject Access:	Alpine Club of Canada Environment Family and personal life Mountaineering Sky Line Trail Hikers of the Canadian Rockies Sports, recreation and leisure
Access Restrictions:	No restrictions on access Copyright, privacy, commercial use and other restrictions may apply
Language:	Language is primarily English. Some correspondence is in Italian
Finding Aid:	Finding aids and reference tools: arrangement outline file description and index for photographs electronic finding aid
Creator:	Grassi, Lawrence
Category:	Environment Family and personal life Sports, recreation and leisure
Title Source:	Title based on contents of fonds
Processing Status:	Processed

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