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Archival Description

**Title:** Fonds Mauno Jansson

**Dates:** 1913; 1920-1967; predominantly 1940-1950.

**Extent of descriptive unit:** 34,7 Mb of digitized photographic and audiovisual records.

**Administrative history or biography:** After the Finnish Civil War, many Finns decided to leave their homeland. Many chose to settle in Northern Ontario including in the Hearst area. In 1927, Matti Jansson, the donor's father, was among the Finns who immigrated. His wife, Hilda Mäki, and their first child, Mauno Jansson, who was approximately one year old, joined him in 1928. Hilda's sister and other acquaintances accompanied the mother and child on this trip. Many Finnish immigrants established themselves on farms and worked in the lumber industry during the winter.

In 1946, Mauno Jansson was hired by the Newaygo Timber Co., an American company, established in Mead, a small village south of Hearst. At that time, approximately 400 German POWs were working for the company, but they were soon repatriated. Mauno Jansson was a Newaygo employee for 40 years. He worked mostly in Mead, but also in other areas of Ontario such as Thunder Bay. The company had lumber camps in the Mead area and, in 1973, built a sawmill that was in operation until 1984.

During his years working for Newaygo Timber, Mauno Jansson took the photographs and the films found in the fonds.

**Scope and content:** The fonds consists of photographic and audiovisual records related to Newaygo Timber Co. in Mead in the 1940's and 1950's, the Finnish community in Hearst and the development of the town of Hearst.

The fonds is composed of two series:

Documents photographiques;  
Documents audiovisuels.

**Physical description:** One small archival box including archival disks.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** The Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse acquired the fonds from Mauno Jansson in 2008.

**Arrangement:** The records were organized by the archivist once acquired.

**Language:** The records are in English. Some photographs contain French translations.

**Originals and reproductions:** The originals were returned to the donor.

**Availability of other formats:** A digitized copy of the films and photographs exist. These digitized documents are not available online.

**Restrictions on access:** The donor imposed no restrictions.

**Terms governing use and reproduction:** All publication needs the approval of the Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse.

**Finding aids:** A finding aid and a detailed inventory are available.

**Descriptors:** Jansson, Mauno  
Newaygo Timber Co.  
*see also* Newaygo  
Hearst (Ont.)  
Mead (Ont.)  
Thunder Bay (Ont.)  
Forestry – Ontario, Northeastern  
Immigration – Ontario, Northern  
Finland  
*see also* Finns  
*see also* Finnish people

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