

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival Description

Title: Fonds Bernard Levesque

Dates: 1963.

Extent of descriptive unit: 0.01 m of photographic documents and other.

Administrative history or biography: Bernard Levesque was a resident of Kapuskasing.

Scope and content: The fonds contains photographic documents relating to the trial of the lumbermen accused of unlawful assembly following the shooting that took place at Reesor Siding, during the night of February 11, 1963. Located 55 kilometers west of Kapuskasing, Reesor Siding was a railroad siding, where pulpwood had been stalked. The wood had been cut and piled by non-unionized woodsmen, settlers' cutting permits licensees and members of the Coopérative forestière de Val Rita, a forestry cooperative. The lumbermen on strike were employees of the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company in Kapuskasing and the Kimberly Clark Pulp and Paper in Longlac and were members of locals 2995 and 2693 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union. They were going to Reesor Siding to bring down the piled wood so that it wouldn't get to the Spruce Falls paper mill in Kapuskasing. Upon the arrival of the strikers, members of the cooperative opened fire. Three strikers were killed, eight were wounded.

The fonds contains one series :

Reesor Siding.

Sources of information: Information obtained by Danielle Coulombe, history professor at l'Université de Hearst.

Physical description: Contains 7 annotated photographs preserved in one box.

Conservation: Some digital photos have been retouched.

Immediate source of acquisition: The Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse acquired the fonds from Edith Levesque in 2010. The material belonged to her husband, Bernard Levesque.

Arrangement: The archivist organized the records once acquired.

Language: The records are written in English.

Originals and reproductions: The photographs have been scanned.

Availability of other formats: Digital copies of the photographs exist. These digitized copies are not available on the Internet.

Restrictions on access: No restriction imposed by the donor.

Terms governing use and reproduction: Copyright Act applies. Reproduction permitted depending on the condition of the documents.

Finding aids: A research tool and an inventory of the photographic documents are available.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Descriptors: Levesque, Bernard
see also, Levesque, Edith
Industrial relations – Ontario, Northeastern
Reesor Siding (Ont.)
1963 Strike
Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union
see also Syndicat des bûcherons et des employés de scieries
see also Local 2995
see also Local 2693
Settlers' cutting permits
see also Coopérative forestière de Val Rita
see also Chantier coopératif de Val Rita

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