

**P206- Robert S. (Bob) Atkinson Collection**

**ca. 1910-1946**

**561 photographs**

**Biographical sketch:** Bob Atkinson (1946- ) born in North Bay, moved with his family to Sudbury when he was five (5). He resided in that community until 1968 when he left for Waterloo University. In 1969 he moved to Scarborough to start work and he still resides there.

Atkinson has always been interested in history and amongst his 'hobbies' he not only published booklets of historic postcards on North Bay and Sudbury, but he became an active member of the Toronto Postcards Club, holding the position of President for a time. Robert Atkinson is still very active in publishing of 'historic postcards'.

**Scope and content:** The two photo albums are of Northern Ontario and depict the 'Clay Region' between 1910 and 1940s. One (1) contains 299 photographs which document the development of Kapuskasing, the construction of the hydro-electric dam, the experimental farm and the fire that destroyed it. They also illustrate daily life as well as various outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, and snowshoeing. Many of the pictures have the names of the individuals in them and even the locations but not all are dated. There are also some pictures of Iroquois Falls and Moose Factory in this album. The Moose Factory pictures include the visit of Charles Lindberg and wife in August 1931. They also include pictures of First Nations' youth.

The second photo album of 262 photographs contains pictures of families and youth of Kapuskasing and other municipalities of the region, and documents their lives as well as summer and winter activities in the region. Only in a few are individuals identified and dated. In the album are also a large number of pictures of the military including some of the Kapuskasing internment camp and various internees. Many of these are dated and contain the name of the individual(s) and even the location.

**Notes: Physical condition:** The original photo albums are in a fragile state of preservation. Many loose pages, some are torn.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Robert S. (Bob) Atkinson donated the two photo albums in August 2015.

**Location of originals:** Laurentian University Archives holds the original photo albums.

**Availability of other formats:** Digitised copies are kept at the Archives de la Grande Zone argileuse, Université de Hearst.

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**Restrictions on access:** Due to the fragile state of preservation of the photo albums, the originals are not accessible.

**Accruals:** A first accrual was received in August 2015. No more accruals expected.

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**Finding Aid:** An index for the photo album 1 is available on the web site of the Archives de la Grande Zone argileuse.

**General Note: Custodial history:** The two photo albums were bought in Toronto. The origin of the documents and author of the photographs are unknown.