

P009- Northern Ontario Labour Industrial Archives (N.O.L.I.A.)

1940-1982

1.20 linear meter of textual records and 147 sound recordings

Administrative history: the Northern Ontario Labour Industrial Archives (N.O.L.I.A.) were officially opened in July 1981, by Honourable Judy Erola, who was Minister of Mines and for the Status of Women. It also coincides with name change from Sudbury Area Industrial Relations Archives (S.A.R.I.A.) to N.O.L.I.A.

Under the supervision of Henry Radecki, Phd, then Faculty member of Laurentian University, the mandate of the archives remained the same from its inception to its closure: collect, preserve and give access to the labour heritage of Northern Ontario. They were located in a room within the library.

Originating through a Summer Youth Employment Programme, N.O.L.I.A. until its closure in 1982, maintained its activities only through various governmental programmes. The group was very active. Faculty members, students and researchers all interested in Labour realised many projects consisting mostly in collecting fonds, publications and recording testimonies of many union leaders, activists, politicians, and citizens who were involved directly or indirectly in some aspects and significant events of the history of labour in Northern Ontario. They also produced and published reports and studies.

In 1982, Henry Radecki, donated the N.O.L.I.A. archives to the library of Laurentian University.

Custodial History: Donated to the Laurentian University library in 1982, and transferred to the archives in 1992, the fonds collected were integrated to the holdings of the Archives, while the documentation, administrative files and projects of N.O.L.I.A. were kept as a whole.

Scope and Content : The N.O.L.I.A. fonds attests to the activities and realisations of the group. More over, the administrative files, photographs, and printed materials inform us on the financial aspect of maintaining the archives, but also on the type of documentation they have collected and were giving access to students and researchers in general. The photographs illustrate the many well-known union leaders who visited them and gave them their archives, or special events that took place there.

The [series of tape recordings](#) document many corner stones of labour history and also the life of workers before being unionised and when unionised, in Northern Ontario, and in Canada. The tape recordings consist of interviews conducted by N.O.L.I.A. between 1980 and 1982, as well as press conferences, presentations and sound recordings of documentaries and films, all relating to labour.

Note: Language of the material: Some of the interviews are in French.

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Finding aids: a listing and summaries of the tape recordings series is also available at the Archives.