

P188- Gerald Goltz Collection
c.a. 1907-1975
342 postcards, 36 photographs

Biographical sketch: Gerald Goltz was born in Massey, Ontario, where he now resides with his wife Eileen, a Laurentian University graduate and retired librarian. During his childhood, he resided in Westree with his family while his father worked as a section man for the CNR. After a move to Capreol in 1933 for educational purposes, Gerald went on to later graduate from Capreol High School in 1950. He graduated from the Teacher's College in North Bay in 1958. His university degrees are primarily in History and he received his Master's degree from Laurentian University. Later, he taught in New York, Bancroft and Pickering Township before settling within the secondary school system in Espanola, where he remained until his retirement in 1990.

Over the years, Gerald Goltz and his wife have remained active in local cultural activities. They have also maintained an interest for the area in which they live, which the postcard collection attests of.

Scope and content: The Gerald Goltz collection consists of postcards and photographs that depict northeastern Ontario throughout the years. The postcards are both in black and white and in colour, and were collected throughout the years by Gerald Goltz. Although most of the postcards were obtained locally, some were purchased from a post card dealer while others were purchased during travels. While some of the images are of Cobalt and Parry Sound and Georgian Bay, the majority of the collection consists of images of Sudbury, Massey, Espanola, as well as other surrounding areas. Dating approximately from 1907 to 1975, the images depict scenic landscapes, local landmarks and buildings of these northeastern towns. Some of these postcards also consist of humoristic images. The 342 postcards were printed and distributed by over 35 different publishing companies, such as Valentine-Black Co. Ltd., Photogelatine Engraving Co., Sudbury News Service Ltd. and Heliotype Co. Ltd. Many of the postcards of Massey were made by Hugh Cummings, a local photographer.

Note : Immediate source of acquisition: The collection was donated by Gerald Goltz.
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