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**Inventory of the
Gerald Gold fonds**

Inventory #F0312

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0312

Title: Gerald Gold fonds

Dates: 1912-1985

Extent: 50 cm of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Gerald L. Gold (1945-) was born in Canada and educated there and in the United States, obtaining his PhD from the University of Minnesota (1972). Following teaching assignments at Guelph and Laval universities (1970-1975), he joined the Department of Anthropology at York (1976) and served as department chair (1984-1987). He is the author of several studies dealing with French-speaking minorities in North America including, 'Saint-Pascal: changing leadership and social organization in a Quebec town' (1975), 'The role of France, Quebec and Belgium in the revival of French in Louisiana schools' (1980), and others. His recent interest in northern communities is reflected in his work on Timmins, and the publication, 'Inter-group relations and the organization of ethnicity in a northern resource community' (1984).

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of raw material collected for the York-Timmins Project conducted by a team of researchers led by Gold in 1981 and represent some 8000 hours of field work. Other team members included James DiGiacomo, Kathy Pirie, Peter Vasiliadis, Tanya Basok, A. Stewart, Lawrence Lam, and Michael Korovikin.

Original interviews were recorded although many were done without recording, notes only being taken. The tapes were not kept in order to honour promises made to the interviewees, however, detailed transcripts and edited transcripts of all tapes and notes were made and these include consistent marking of pauses, inflection and mood. Individuals from the following cultural and ethnic groups were interviewed: "pioneers" of the Porcupine Camp (Timmins and South Porcupine area); organizers of the Workers Cooperative (Ukrainian, Finnish, and British settlers); French-Canadian settlers and parish leaders; English mine settlers (both mine workers and managers); Italian settlers and community leaders; Chinese settlers and community leaders; Jewish settlers and community leaders; miscellaneous others.

In addition, there are photocopies and typed excerpts of articles from the 'Porcupine advance,' [newspaper] dealing with ethnic relations in the region, 1912-1950, and photocopies and typescripts of articles and essays dealing with ethnic communities in Timmins. There is also a photocopy of a mine company payroll for the year 1941.

Restrictions on Access and Use: Access is restricted.

Written permission to view closed files must be obtained from Gerald Gold and be directed to the Archivist, York University.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000312.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1992-001. Further accruals are expected.

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated by Prof. Gold in 1992.

Provenance Access Points: Gold, Gerald Louis, 1945-