

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival Description

Title: Fonds Vétérans de Hearst

Dates: 1940-1950; 2008-2009.

Extent of descriptive unit: 40 Gb of audiovisual records and other.

Administrative history or biography: In 2008, the Chaire de recherche en histoire du développement de la Grande Zone argileuse formed a partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 173 to collect testimonies of veterans living in the Hearst area. Nine veterans took part in the project.

Except for Margaret M. Brunelle who was a member of the Women's Land Army of Britain, all the veterans interviewed were members of the Canadian Army during the Second World War.

The fonds also contains information relating to Jack Bouthillier. This young soldier, a Jogues native, was killed in Afghanistan on March 20, 2009.

Scope and content: The fonds contains interviews and other documents relating to the personal experiences of the veterans during WWII. In accordance with each of the veteran's preferences, the employees of the Research Chair recorded the interviews in audio or audiovisual format. Photographs or textual records preserved by the veterans or their families are sometimes added to the interviews.

The fonds is composed of ten series:

Joseph Bégin;
Marcel Boucher;
Margaret M. (Peggy) Brunelle;
Roland J. A. Brunelle;
Jacques Côté;
Einon Hillman;
J. Léopold (Paul) Lavoie;
William M. Sachowsky;
Clifford E. (Ted) Wilson;
Jack Bouthillier.

Accompanying material: The interview questions and notes taken during the interviews.

Language: The interviews are recorded in French and in English.

Originals and reproduction: All of the interviews are digital. A copy of the interviews was given to the Hearst Legion. All textual and photographic records were digitized; the donors kept the originals. The digitized records are not available online.

Restrictions on access: Some veterans have imposed restrictions for publication. The terms are as followed: no publication allowed of any documents relating to Joseph Bégin; sale of any documents relating to Clifford E. (Ted) Wilson is prohibited.

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

Finding aids: A finding aid is available.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

General note: In 2018, Le Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse anonymously received newspaper clippings relating to Private Bouthillier's death. These documents were placed in the Vétérans de Hearst Fonds, in a new series entitled Jack Bouthillier.

Descriptors: Bégin, Joseph
Boucher, Marcel
Jack Bouthillier
Brunelle, Margaret M.
see also
 Brunelle, Peggy
Brunelle, Roland J. A.
Côté, Jacques
Hillman, Eino
Lavoie, J. Léopold
see also
 Lavoie, J. Léo
 Lavoie, Paul
Sachowsky, William M.
Wilson, Clifford Edward
see also
 Wilson, Ted
Royal Canadian Legion
see also
 Branch 173
Hearst (ON)
World War Two
see also
 WWII
 Veterans

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