

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival description

Title: Fonds Lauryanne Joanis

Dates: 1960 - 2022

Extent of descriptive unit: 0,06 m of photographic documents and 355 Mb of photographic, textual and audiovisual documents

Administrative history or biography: Madame Lauryanne Joanis stands out as one of the pioneers who left a lasting mark on the history of the city of Hearst. Madame Joanis, formerly known as Lauryanne Fontaine, led the Arrow Timer company for over 20 years.

As a mother of six children, Madame Joanis became a widow at the age of 35. Demonstrating fierce determination, she took charge of the family mill that was previously managed by her late husband, Émile. Not only was Madame Joanis the first woman co-owner of a mill in the region, but she was also the first woman to become a member of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario. A gifted businesswoman, she later became one of the first women to co-own a hardware store in the area.

Madame Joanis also made significant investments in the community, including being a part of the Filles d'Isabelle organization for several years and providing financial support to various projects.

Scope and content: The fonds contains three series focusing on the life and work of Lauryanne Joanis. Some of the textual documents discuss Mrs. Joanis's involvement in the forestry industry and the Hearst community, while the photographic materials mainly reflect her family life. One of the series catalogs the event of the "Thé des pionniers et pionnières" organized by the Eco-museum of Hearst and the Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse. This series includes a presentation used during the event and an audiovisual recording of the interview.

Sources of information: The biographical information was taken from the website femmesdelaroute11.wordpress.com and completed by the archivist.

Physical description: The fonds contains one box of photographic documents and 355 Mb of folders on an external hard drive.

Physical condition: the documents are in good condition

Immediate source of acquisition: The physical document was created by the Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse. The photos and text documents used come from various sources, which are identified in the presentation.

Arrangement: The fonds was arranged by the archivist

Language: The majority of documents contained in the fonds are in french. Some documents are in english.

Restriction on access: - No restriction imposed by the donor.

Finding aids: None.

Associated materials: None

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Descriptors: Lauryanne Joanis
Arrow Timber
Hearst Lumber
Feminism
Les Elles du Nord
Fontaine Family

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