CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival description

Title: Collection Brisson/Girard (BG)

Dates: 1898 to 1989.

Extent of descriptive unit: 0.8 m of textual and photographic documents.

Administrative history or biography: Upon the closure of Fryatt School, some documents were preserved by Fabien Brisson, father of Huguette Brisson, who donated them to the Centre d'archives. Mrs. Brisson later donated family albums. Of these three albums, one contains class photos and student photos from St-François-Xavier School in Mattice. The second album follows the academic and professional journey of Gaëtan Brisson, Huguette's brother. The third album features Samuel Brisson and his works.

Scope and content: The collection contains three series. The first series includes textual documents related to Fryatt School, notably daily and general registers as well as a document listing the equipment necessary for the school's operation in 1929. The now-defunct village of Fryatt was located between Mattice and Val Côté, near what is now known as Fryatt Road. Since 1975, the former site of Fryatt has been part of the municipality of Mattice-Val Côté. This series also contains a set of photos from St-François-Xavier School in Mattice.

The second series contains photos from the Public Archives of Canada (now known as Library and Archives Canada). These photos document the surveying and geographical mapping conducted for the construction of the railway between 1898 and 1939, led by D.B. Dowling.

The third series contains photos and documents pertaining to the Brisson Family. The first sub-series contains photos and cards by Samuel Brisson. Samuel painted in watercolor, and each of his cards features one of his works. The second sub-series contains documents that follow the academic and professional journey of Gaëtan Brisson. From primary school, Gaëtan won several French contests and excelled in school. He continued to stand out in various French competitions before pursuing legal studies and becoming a lawyer.

Sources of information: The information was obtained from Huguette Brisson and Le Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse.

Physical description: The collection contains one box of textual documents and one binder of photographic documents as well as a series of digital photographs.

Immediate source of acquisition: Le Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse acquired the collection from the donor in 2013.

Arrangement: The documents, once acquired, were organized by the archivist.

Language: English and French.

Restriction on access: The donor has imposed no restrictions.

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

Finding aids: A finding aid is available. A description of pictures is also available.

Accruals: Further accruals expected.

Descriptors :

Brisson, Huguette
Brisson, Fabien
Brisson, Samuel
Brisson, Gaëtan
Chemin de fer
Dowling, Donaldson Bogart
École
Éducation
Fryatt, Ont.
St-François-Xavier
Géologie
Mattice – Val Côté, Ont.
Missinaibi
Peuple autochtones
Registres scolaires.

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