

Sjobak Family Fonds

Originals and photocopies, 33.5 cm, 1914-2004

Scope and Content:

Documents from the Sjoback family covering a wide range of topics, including newspaper editorials and drafts of short story compilations.

A 128/1/1-3: Newspapers, 8 cm 1914-1983

Clippings and a few related documents. Contains a number of ballads for various years or events.

A 128/2/1-10: Historical Societies, 20cm, 1970-1992

Documents from a wide range of historical societies in the Thunder Bay area. The largest category focuses on the Thunder Bay Museum Historical Society but the Thunder Bay National Exhibition and a gallery for First Nations artwork are also covered.

A 128/3/1-2: Personal Letters, 12.5cm, 1919-1936

Letters in Swedish with translations. Used as the basis for Linda and Bertha Sjoback's novel, *The Book of "Emil"*.

A 128/4/1-5: Book drafts and letters, 9.5 cm, 2003-2004

Drafts and correspondence about the writing of *Just As It Happened* and *The Book of "Emil"*. Also includes the published version of *Just as it Happened*.

A 128/5/1: Family History, 4cm, 1907-1960

Charts the family's arrival to Canada. Begins with Emil Mattson Nygard Anders, by way of Britain, the *Lusitania*, Ellis Island, and Duluth. Also mentioned is Emil Sjoback (probably?). Received a Canadian citizenship in 1947. Ester Mansner (born 1902) and arrived in Canada in 1928. Ester and Emil married in 1928. Ester became a citizen in 1954. Many (perhaps most) documents are in Swedish.

Biographical Sketch:

The Sjobacks were a Swede-Finn family living in Thunder Bay. They arrived in the early 20th century, with three second-generation sisters born in during the Great Depression. The Sjobacks were closely involved with several Thunder Bay institutions.

Related Material:

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Just As It Happened is available in the Museum's library.