

Elinor Barr fonds

Original, 5.33 m of textual records, 1890-1997

Scope and Content:

Research files, publications, original documents and copies of documents, relating to the publications written by Elinor Barr and to her research interests. Includes records relating to the Ontario Geographic Names Board on which she served.

Series A 82/1/1 - Ignace research files - 126 cm

Research material (clippings, letters, calendars, tickets, brochures and other documents) collected for the production of the books *Ignace: A Saga of the Shield* (1979) and *The Frontier as Experienced on the Precambrian Shield* (1991). Includes CPR activities, logging, mining, business and industry, native peoples, post offices, military, transportation, and hinterland communities. Includes photocopies of documents dated as early as 1861. 31 files arranged alphabetically by subject.

Series A 82/2/1-2 - Ignace newspapers - 1975-1996 - 164 cm

1) *Ignace Driftwood*, 1978-1996

2) *Ignace Courier*, 1976-1980

Series A 82/3/1-2 - Scandinavian Home Society research files - 49 cm

1) Research files compiled for the book *Scandinavian Home Society, 1923-1993: A Place to Meet, A Place to Eat*, including 41 files of photocopied minute books, accounts, immigration correspondence and legal documents as well as subject files, arranged alphabetically.

2) Two binders of English translations of minutes of the Scandinavian Home Society for 1923-1938 and 1939-1962. (Originals in possession of Scandinavian Home Society)

Series A 82/4/1 - Swedish publications - 35 cm

Books and photocopies of articles and relevant sections from books relating to the production of the book *The Swedish Experience in Canada: An Annotated Bibliography* (1991), contained in 21 files and arranged alphabetically by author.

Series A 82/5/1 - Ontario Geographic Names Board - 1986-1992 - 41 cm

Records relating to the activities of the Ontario Geographic Names Board that deal with Northwestern Ontario. Includes files on minutes, appointments, correspondence, expenses, bibliography and associated publications.

Series A 82/6/1-4 - Ontario Land Use - 1974-1994 - 42 cm

1) Four files and publications relating to Ontario Land Use plans, including many produced by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment. a) Land Use, 1981-1984, including news releases, brochures, maps, fishery plan, and clippings; b) Land Use clippings, 1980-1988; c-d) Royal Commission on the Northern Environment

2) Ten publications including: Whitewater Lake wilderness area background maps (MNR n.d.); Ontario Provincial Parks planning and management policies (1978); Laverendrye Provincial Park background information (MNR 1985); Thunder Bay District Fisheries management plan 1986-2000, draft (MNR 1986); A Strategy for Development (1978); Heritage, Giving our Past a Future (1988); Timber Management Guidelines for the

protection of heritage resources (MNR 1989); Strategic Plan for Ontario Fisheries, draft, (MNR Jan. 1990); Our Shared Resources, Discussion paper #2 (MNR 1994); Canadian Parks Service proposed policy (Environment Canada, n.d.)

3) Land Use Guidelines for Ignace District, Thunder Bay District and Kenora District (all 1983)

4) Response to MNR Land Use Plans: Atikokan District (n.d.); Ignace District (n.d.); Background Information, Kenora District (MNR 1981), Northwestern Ontario (MNR 1974), and Ignace District (MNR 1980); Strategic Land Use Plan, N.W. Ontario (MNR 1980); Proposed Policy, N.W. Ontario (MNR 1977); Land Use Plans, Ignace District (MNR 1982), Kenora District (MNR 1982), Nipigon (MNR c.1980), Thunder Bay (MNR 1982), West Patricia (MNR 1982), West Patricia, background (MNR 1981); MNR Citizen's Guide to Land Use; and West Patricia Land Use Plan documents for 1978-1981 on the following subjects: Commercial Fish; Agriculture; Bald Eagle, etc.; Climate; Commercial Fur; Crown Land Recreation; Fauna Species List; Forestry; Bedrock and Surficial Geography; Land Tenure; Mineral Resources; Moose and Caribou; Population; Provincial Parks; Public Participation; Sensitive Areas; Sport Fish; Transportation and Communication; Tourism; Vegetation; Water Resources; and Wild Rice.

Series A 82/7/19 - Culture of Thunder Bay - 1970-1990 - 33 cm

Clippings, brochures, tickets, newsletters and similar material collected by Elinor Barr during a period of vibrant cultural activity in Northwestern Ontario.

- 1) Arts in Northwestern Ontario, 1980s
- 2) Ontario Bicentennial clippings, 1984 (compiled by Dorothy Gregory, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture)
- 3) Definitely Superior Art Gallery, 1989-1997
- 4) Kam Theatre Lab, 1974-1989
- 5) Arts in Thunder Bay, 1987-1991
- 6) Monitor North, 1976-1990
- 7) Rural Newspaper Editors workshop, 1982
- 8) Rural Connections, 1981-1982
- 9) Ontario Bicentennial, 1984
- 10) Parks, 1989-1991
- 11) Royal Commission on the Northern Environment Arts Policy, 1980-1985
- 12) Summer Solstice Festival, 1981-1982
- 13) Thunder Bay's 10th anniversary, 1980 and Canada Games, 1981
- 14) Citizens of Exceptional Achievement, 1992
- 15) Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 1988-1992
- 16) Thunder Bay Arts and Heritage, 1990-1991
- 17) Thunder Bay Regional Arts Council
- 18) T.B. Regional Arts Council calendar, 1987-1988
- 19) Thunder Bay Theatre

Series A 82/8/25 - specialty newspapers/newsletters - 1974-1995 - 43 cm

Newspapers and newsletters along with some magazines and pamphlets relating to Northwestern Ontario, arranged alphabetically and chronologically

- 1) *The Black Fly*, 1974-1975 (8 issues)
- 2) *Business Northwest*, 1990 (vol. 1, #1)

- 3) *Community News*, n.d. (vol. 1, #1)
- 4) *Environment North News*, 1989-1996
- 5) *Fisherman's Digest*, 1987 (vol. 1, #2)
- 6) *The General News'n Views*, 1974-1976 (Port Arthur General Hospital), 13 issues
- 7) *Greenmantle*, 1994-1996 (23 issues)
- 8) *Health Awareness*, 1986 (2 issues)
- 9) *Health Network News*, 1984-1986 (4 issues)
- 10) *Intercom*, n.d. (Lakehead Assoc. for the Mentally Retarded)
- 11) *Kenogami Packet*, 1995 (3 issues)
- 12) *Lake Nipigon District Booster*, 1993 (21 issues)
- 13) *Lakehead Seniors*, 1989-1990 (5 issues)
- 14) *Leaflet*, 1991-1995
- 15) *Northern Women's Journal*, 1974, 1980-1995 (46 issues)
- 16) *Ontario's Patricia Region*, 1979, 1983
- 17) *Regulation of Great Lakes Water Levels: A Summary Report*, 1974
- 18) *Rural Routes*, 1979 (3 issues)
- 19) *Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, 1924-1974*, with pamphlet
- 20) *T.Y.M.E.S.*, 1987 (for students)
- 21) *Thunder Bay Agri-News*, 1976
- 22) *Thunder Bay Life*, 1989-1990 (2 issues)
- 23) *Today in the City*, 1985-1988 (16 issues)
- 24) *Watch Dog Barks*, 1992-1993 (5 issues)
- 25) *Wawatay News*, 1985-1986 (11 issues)

Biographical Sketch:

Elinor Barr is a Thunder Bay writer of regional history who specializes in the study of the town of Ignace, White Otter Castle, Silver Islet, Scandinavians in Canada, and the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway. She is also involved in the publishing and distribution of books related to Northwestern Ontario.

Additional Information:

Custodial History - Donated directly to museum by Elinor Barr.