

Aviation in Thunder Bay – Jim Lyzun Fonds

Original, photocopies, newspaper clippings, and photographs, 16cm. 1928-2002

Scope and Content:

Documents and reference material collected by Jim Lyzun in the process of writing the book *Aviation in Thunder Bay*. Includes historic newspaper clippings, and government records, but interviews provide important corroboration to the news articles. Also present are early draft manuscripts and notes.

A 125/1/1-14: Newspaper clippings, other news sources and related documents, 15cm. 1928-2002 (Originals and photocopies.)

Newspaper clippings, magazine articles, some historic documents, and comments on each, some correspondence. Covers a range of topics related to Thunder Bay Aviation.

A 124/1/1, 'Flying Club', contains the oldest articles, two photo sheets were removed.

A 124/1/2, 'Home Squads', focuses on RCAF Hurricane squads.

A 124/1/3, 2EFTS, the No. 2 Elementary Flying Training School (including photocopies of the academy's newspaper).

A 124/1/4, 'Print for Writing', mostly covers the 1930 Trans-Canada Air Pageant.

A 124/1/5 (in folder illustrating the airport) covers the Airport's 50th anniversary.

A 124/1/6, 'MNR', focuses on aerial firefighting.

A 124/1/7, 'General', covers correspondence and records on the Canadian RCAF Hurricanes and other RCAF airplanes.

A 124/1/8, general overview of Can-Car's history, focusing on aviation production (especially Hurricanes).

A 124/1/9, 'FL/LT W.G. Knowles', focuses on Lt. Grant Knowles (three photographs were removed).

A 124/1/10 to A 124/1/14, general folders covering a variety of topics.

A 125/2/1: Early manuscript by Lyzun, 0.5 cm. (Paste ups, typed notes, photocopies.)

Manuscript draft. Date unknown, between 1990 and 2002.

A 125/3/1: Handwritten notes and documents 0.5 cm. 1980-1983 (most undated). (Also newspaper clippings, typed documents, all original.)

Mostly handwritten notes and documents, subjects variable. Some typed documents as well. Some newspaper clippings.

Biography: Jim Lyzun was a local aviation enthusiast. He spent thirty years compiling information on the history of aviation in Thunder Bay and had prepared a manuscript when struck suddenly ill. After his death the manuscript was discovered, edited and published by the TBHMS.

Associated Material: See photographic collection.