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Government of Ontario Records

Original, microfilm, photocopy, 77 cm of textual records, 128 microfiches, 22 pages, 1780-1987.

Scope and Content: The Government of Ontario Records is a collection of land records, reports of surveys, ledgers, correspondence, maps and video regarding the development of Ontario, Port Arthur, and Thunder Bay; mining in North Western Ontario; and the Olympic Torch relay through North West Ontario, and Terry Fox.

G 1/1 and G 1/2 are unused.

Series G 1/3/1: Land record index, 128 microfiche, c.1780-1914 (microfilm).

Microfilmed computerized land records index by location and township. Gives names, locations, types of grants, dates of insurance, and archival reference numbers pertaining to the original alienation of lands resulting in deeds or patents. Does not include any reference to conveyances made after the issue of the patent.

Series G 1/3/2: Report of Survey, 1 cm, 1871 (photocopy).

Report entitled "Town Plot Prince Arthur's Landing, Thunder Bay, Lake Superior", prepared for the Department of Crown Lands, Government of Ontario, and addressed to the commissioner of Crown Lands, by Hugh Wilson, surveyor, December 2, 1871. It contains an introduction and fifty pages of detailed maps of the village site showing the location of houses and the lay of the land.

Series G 1/4/1-6: Ledger, 34 cm, 1906-1912 (original).

The books contain the following information on mining claims: the home address of licensee, license number, name of claim, locality, boundaries, discovery post, date of discovery, date of staking, date of filing and certificate performance (work done).

- 1) Claims 1-207, August 1906 to June 1907, 278 pages.
- 2) Claims 271 to 555, October 1907 to May 1908, 282 pages.
- 3) Claims 561 to 856, May 1908 to April 1909, 295 pages.
- 4) Claims 857 to 1155, April 1909 to June 1909, 298 pages.
- 5) Claims 1156 to 1452, November 1909 to April 1911, 296 pages.
- 6) Claims 1453-1698, April 1911 to October 1912, 245 pages.

Series G 1/5/1: Correspondence and maps, 22 pages, 1987 (photocopy).

Correspondence and memoranda maps relating to the running of the Olympic Torch Relay through North Western Ontario. Describes the routes taken and the procedures followed in ensuring the event would run smoothly.

Series G 1/6/1-9: Agent's Timber Books, 40cm, 1908-1956 (microfilm).

Four volumes of the general returns of the operation of persons and companies cutting trees in the Townships of Port Arthur District. Includes name of timber company, name of cutter, location of cut, types and amounts of timber cut.

- 1) 1908-1919, 300 folios
- 2) 1924-1928, 300 folios indexed
- 3) 1933-1946, 300 folios
- 4) 1943-1956, 300 folios
- 5) One volume containing a record of timber exported to the U.S.A. - consignee, destination, name of ship or barge, amount shipped, material shipped, the value of cargoes and where cut, etc., 1945-1950.

Land Patent Rolls, .25 cm, 1869-1966 (original).

Three volumes containing the names of the original land patent holders of lands granted in the various Townships of Thunder Bay District, including Fort William and Prince Arthurs landing. Each contain the name of patentee, location of grant, date of issue of patent, and indication on whether patent was ultimately granted or cancelled.

6) Townships of: Blake, Conmee, Crooks, Dorion, Dawson, Gorham, Gillies, Lybster, McGregor, McIntyre, Marks, O'Connor, Oliver and Paipoonge.

7) Townships of: Upsala, Pardee, Pearson, Scobie, Strange, Sterling, Forbes, Nipigon, Ware, Lyme, Devon, Fowler, Jacques, Sibley, Goldie and McTavish.

8) Townships of: Ames, Blake, Dawson Rd. Lots, Devon, Forbes, Fort William, Fowler, Laurie, MacGregor, Paipoonge, Pardee, Prince Arthur's Landing, Sibley, and Strange. This volume is entered in typescript.

9) Homestead Register, 800 pages, 1869-c.1929 (original).

One volume containing the names of land patentees, the location of their grants along with relevant dates and granting information for the Townships of: Blake, Booth, Conmee, Crooks, Dawson Rd., Dorion, Gillies, Gorham, Innes, Lowrie, Ledger, Lybster, Lyon, MacGregor, McIntyre, McTavish, Marks, Moss, Neebing, Nipigon, O'Connor, Oliver, Paipoonge, Pardee, Pearson, Pie, Pie Island, Purdom, Scobie, Sibley, Strange, Stirling, Ware, Nakina, and cancelled leases.

Series G 1/7/1-15: Reports, 18 em, 1959-1990 (original).

1) *Water Resources and Stream Pollution Survey of the Lakehead Area*, by Ont. Water Resources Commission, 1959.

2) *Lakehead Area Water Pollution Survey* by Ont. Water Resources Commission, 1960.

3) *Lakehead Expressway Traffic Analysis*, by DeLeur, Cather & Co., 1962.

4) *Submissions to the Lakehead Local Government Review*, 1966.

5) *Report on the Need and Demand for a Land Assembly Project, City of Fort William*, by Ontario Housing Corporation, 1968.

6) *Thunder Bay Regional Water Quality Survey*, by Ministry of the Environment, 1972.

7) *Sludgo Treatment and Disposal at the South Water Pollution Control Plant, City of Thunder Bay*, by Ministry of The Environment, 1974.

8) *Trunk Sanitary Sewer Report, City of Thunder Bay*, by Ministry of the Environment, 1974.

9) *Air Quality, Thunder Bay*, by Ministry of the Environment, 1976

10) *Rental Market Survey in Eight Ontario Cities* by Ministry of Housing, 1977.

11) *Thunder Bay Land Use Plan, Background* by Ministry of Natural Resources, 1982

12) *Air Quality, North Western Ontario*, by Ministry of the Environment 1985

13) *Exploratory Statement, March 18, 1966. Alternatives for Local Government in the Lakehead*, by Lakehead Local Government Review.

14) *A Benthos and Substrate Quality Survey of Thunder Bay Harbour in the Vicinity of Northern Wood Preservers 1972 and 1986*, by Water Resources Assessment Unit Technical Support Section Northwestern Region, 1989.

15) *Water and Sediment Quality Assessment of Peninsula Harbour, Lake Superior-Spring 1984 and 1985*, by Great Lakes Section water Resources Branch, 1990.

Series G 1/8/1: Original, 18 minutes, 1980.

One 18-minute documentary of the genesis, construction and unveiling of the Terry Fox Monument, Lookout and Highway of Courage outside Thunder Bay, Ontario where his Marathon of Hope ended in 1980. This documentary was made by the Ministry of

Transportation, Was also available on DVD.

Biographical Sketch: The mining recorder of the Department of Mines recorded the land that was claimed for its mineral value and staked. The person making the claim had to do a certain amount of work (usually 200 days worth), in order to keep the claim. A patented claim is given once the work has been done, this means that the person who claimed the land now owns it, (presently the land claims are leased and patented claims are not given). In order to verify work done, the person who claimed the land had various forms to fill out and sometimes the claim would be inspected. Most claims were a quarter of a mile square (40 acres).

Additional Information:

Custodial History: G 1/3/2 was donated by Keith Denis and is filed in the library as well under the number of 971.3. G 1/4/1-6 was donated by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines during the opening of the Drill Core Library, June 20, 1986. G 1/5/1 was donated by Bill Germaniuk.

Copy/Repository: The original to G 1/3/1 is located at the Ontario Archives. G 1/5/1 is located at the Regional Thunder Bay Office of Ministry.

Organizational Sketch: as part of the Government of Ontario.