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Atlas Wrecking Company Fonds

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Summary information

Repository: University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

Title: Atlas Wrecking Company Fonds

ID: MSS 364, TC 164, PC 320 (A.12-33)

Date: 1896-[1985?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.63 m of graphic and other materials

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Atlas Wrecking Company was established in the early 1900's by David Billinkoff. Coming to Winnipeg from Russia on Christmas Eve, Billinkoff used his only dollar to buy a handsaw, going door to door offering to cut wood. He also began hauling loads of frozen gravel from Birds Hill to the City of Winnipeg, and eventually developed a scrap lumber resale business. After David's passing in 1933, his son Alecander quit school to run Billinkoff Wrecking and Lumber, and was eventually joined by his brothers Ben and Joe. In the 1950's the business became two distinct companies, Billinkoff's Lumber and the Atlas Wrecking Company. Over the years, Atlas completed many major wrecking, salvaging, or demolishing projects occurring in Western Canada. This includes the demolition of various public structures in Winnipeg such as the old Canadian National Telegraph's building at the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street, the old Winnipeg Electric Company's steam generating plant, and the old Canadian Distillery in St. Boniface to name a few. Before and during each demolition, pictures were taken to document the event, making a unique contribution to the city's evolving landscape.

Custodial history

This fonds was donated to the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library by Batya Billinkoff in 2012.

Scope and content

This collection is comprised of newspaper articles, photographs, negatives, letters and other printed materials. In addition to textual materials, the collection includes 1163 photographs and 1 reel to reel audio tape.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by series

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions

SCRAPBOOKS AND LOOSE PHOTOGRAPHS{title} [1940-1975?]

Physical description: 50 cm

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Residences 1	1963		1 1
	Otherlevel - Residences 2 - Alex Billinkoff Wrecking Record Bk 1	1962-1965		1 2
	Otherlevel - Residences 3	circa 1956		1 3
	Otherlevel - Scrapbook 1	1966-1967		2 1
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 1 - Royal Alexander	1971		2 2
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 2 - 48 Rupertsland	1971		2 3
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 3	circa 1958		2 4
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 4	circa 1962		2 5
	Otherlevel - Negatives 1 - Poole Construction	1968		3 1
	Otherlevel - Negatives 2	[1960-1970?]		3 2

	Otherlevel - Negatives 3 1968	3 3
	Otherlevel - Negatives 4 1965	3 4
	Otherlevel - Negatives 5 [1960-1970?]	3 5
	Otherlevel - Negatives 6 [1960-1970?]	3 6
	Otherlevel - Negatives 7 [1960-1970?]	3 7
	Otherlevel - Miscellaneous Audio circa 1960	4 1
	Otherlevel - City Hall and Disraeli Freeway 1961	4 2
	Otherlevel - New Royal Bank [1960-1970?]	4 3
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 5 [1960-1970?]	4 4
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 6 1964	4 5
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 7 [1960-1970?]	4 6
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 8 - maybe city hall circa 1910	4 7
	Otherlevel - Loose photographs 8 - Disraeli freeway and city hall 1961	4 8
	Otherlevel - City Hall/Disraeli Freeway [1961]	4 9

PUBLICATIONS

Date: 1896-1985 (date of creation)

Physical description: 12.5 cm

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Newspaper clippings 1896			5 1
	Otherlevel - Newspaper articles about demolition 1963-1966			5 2
	Otherlevel - Artwork/photographs circa 1932			5 3
	Otherlevel - Trade publication			5 4
	Otherlevel - The Main Street Directory 1985			5 5
	Otherlevel - Painting of "site of new Royal Bank"			5 6