

**P030 VICTIMS OF MINING ENVIRONMENT (V.O.M.E.) FONDS
1986-1996
14.9 cm of textual documents and 34 photographs**

Administrative history: Victims of Mining Environment (V.O.M.E.) was formed as a group in 1986, with the assistance of the U.S.W.A. of Timmins. Once sufficient membership was gathered, a chairperson and secretary were appointed (volunteers). Following this, many other U.S.W.A. locals supported the group with donations, and the group also organized bake sales. This provided the necessary funding for the initiation of various campaigns to make the public aware of the cause of deceased miners whose health failed, due to lung cancer and other lung diseases, known as industrial-related diseases. Due to the efforts of this group, many claims have been acknowledged, and payment has been made to the surviving spouse.

Jeanne Larcher was chairperson from 1986 to 1990; Léonette Ouimette was vice-chairperson from 1987 to 1990; Léonette Ouimette was chairperson from 1991 to 1995(?); Shirley Picard was secretary since the beginning until the association/group ceased its activities.

Scope and content: Consisting of correspondence, minutes, testimonies and photographs, the documents inform researchers about all the campaigns and activities of V.O.M.E., and also about health-related work conditions on mine sites. It also underlines the determination of women whom with a little help from different groups, made a big difference for the widows of miners who died from industrial related diseases.

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: The Fonds was donated in September 1996.

Availability of other formats: Some photographs are digitized.

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Related material: P020- USW, International Office, Timmins, P024- USWA, Local 5417, Elliot Lake, P038- USWA District 6, Sudbury Office may contain complementary material.

LISTING OF FILES

1. Forms and Poems.
1987-1995.
1.0 cm of textual documents;

By-laws and procedures, petition letters, cookbook, forms for claimants.

2. Clippings - pictures & Jeanne Larcher.
1986-1995.
0.3cm of textual documents, 34 photographs;

Pictures of Toronto march in June 1989, clippings on: Jeanne Larcher, V.O.M.E. activities, health and safety of miners.
Note: Availability of other formats: Some photographs are digitized.

3. Correspondence.
1986-1996.
8.8 cm of textual documents;

Testimonial of widows on husband's health; correspondence with politicians, journalists, Compensation Board, and various groups.
Note: At the request of the donor, restriction of access applies to the testimonial of widows (correspondence).

4. Minutes.
4.8 cm of textual documents;
1986-1996.

Minutes, agenda and list of participants.