Biographical Sketch: Oiva W. Saarinen (1937- ) was born in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. After completing his elementary and secondary education in Sudbury, he received an Honour’s B.A. in Economics and Political Science and his M.A. in Geography from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. He then acquired a Ph.D. in Geography from University College in London, England. He was a Full Professor of Geography at Laurentian University in Sudbury, until he retired in 2003, at which time he was granted Professor Emeritus status.

His research interests have centered on the historical geography of Sudbury, the study of single-enterprise communities in Canada, and the Finnish community in North America. He has published extensively in journals, written numerous book reviews, and published an award-winning book titled Between a Rock and a Hard Place: a Historical Geography of the Finns in the Sudbury Area which was released by Wilfrid Laurier University Press in 1999. He has presented papers at numerous conferences, the most recent being at Finnish Immigrants in the Decade of Depression (1929-1939), which was held in Thunder Bay in March of 2004. He is also on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Finnish Studies.

As a Professor at Laurentian University from 1962 to 2003, Dr. Saarinen served on a wide variety of university committees. He served as Chair of the Geography department in 1970-1971, and was the President of the Laurentian University Faculty Association (LUFA) in 1980-1981. He is actively involved in many local Finnish organizations, such as the Knights of Kaleva, the Sudbury Suomi Lions Club, and the Finnish National Society. He is currently the Grand Trustee of the Knights of Kaleva in North America. In recognition of his work on behalf of the Finnish community, the Government of Finland in 2001 awarded him the Knight of the Order of the White Rose, 1st Class.

Professor Saarinen is married to Edith, and they have two children, Kai and Kristen.

Scope and content: The Oiva W. Saarinen fonds attests to his research interests on the Finnish Communities in North America, as well as on the urban development of single-industry towns in Northern Ontario, and also to his documentary productions. It also informs us about his involvement in different associations and organizations within the Finnish community of Canada. It contains notes, articles, research papers and publications he produced in the course of his research activities, and documentation. Further to documenting the immigration of Finns to North America, and to Northern Ontario, and their role in the development of cities such as Thunder Bay and Sudbury, the studies, reports and photocopies of archival materials, also cover the early settlements and economic activities of the different regions. For instance, in the sub-series “Lake Panache”, lumbering, as well as environment aspects of the presence of the dam, land
claims by natives and their presence, are also addressed and documented. In the sub-series “Sudbury”, the annotated maps, the assessment rolls, and lists from Vernon's, or reports on mining in the region, inform us about the Finnish community and their activities in the region. The short stories and testimonies, and recollections of members of the Finnish community in Sudbury, also provide significant primary sources of information.

The papers and publications are divided in 3 Series: I: Oiva Saarinen publications; Series II: Books and other materials and Series III: Books and other materials on Economic and Urban Development. Series II is divided into 9 Sub-series:
Sub-series A: Books and other materials on Finland;
Sub-series B: Finnish-American Literature;
Sub-series C: Vapaus, Foc, and other left-wing Literature;
Sub-series D: History of Finnish Settlement on Lake Panache and materials related to Indian Land Claims;
Sub-series E: Finnish Religious Groupings in North America;
Sub-series F: North American Finnish Literature and Writers;
Sub-series G: Finns in Canada and in the United States (excluding Ontario);
Sub-series H: Finnish-Canadian Ontario Material (excluding Sudbury);
Sub-series I: Finns in the Sudbury Area.

**Note:** Immediate source of acquisition: Oiva Saarinen donated his records in January 2005

**Languages of material:** There are records are in Finnish.

**Accruals:** A first accrual was received in January 2005, and a second in August 2006. Third accrual received in November 2011. More accruals are expected.

**Related material:** P004 - The Finnish National Society of Sudbury fonds may contain complementary information.
Series I: Oiva Saarinen publications


1969. “Spatial Sequences of Forest Utilization and Related Settlement Patterns in Finland During the Pre-Industrial Period,” in The Bloomsbury Geographer, Vol. 2, pp. 70-78.


1990a. History of the Recreational Use of Lake Panache. Sudbury, Laurentian University Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development. 50 pages


**Sudbury Finnish Rest Home Society**

Ca.1988-2011

2.0 cm of textual records

Annual reports, sketches of the building, staff reports, 1 picture newspaper articles and leaflets and promotional documents. There is also a list of the members of the Board. A Oïva Saarinen, 1992 publication ‘History of the Sudbury Finnish Rest Home Society, 1982-1992’ is also included.

**Note**: Some documents are in Finnish.


1993. Universities and Regional Development: The Example of Finland. Sudbury, Laurentian University Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development, INORD Research Grant Series, No. 1. 21 pages


[MC1,D6]
Maps of Townships of the District of Sudbury
n.d. (originals from 1904-1990)
15 cartographic documents

Blue print maps with handwritten notes and annotations showing original Finnish land owners for the townships of Truman, Goschen, Caen, Walden and Louise, Waters, Breders and Dill.

Lake Panache map with hand-written and coloured notations listing all owners of lots from 1920-1990. (with legend)

**Note:** series II/D: History of Finnish Settlement on Lake Panache and materials related to Indian Land Claims may contain complementary information.

Series III: Books and other materials on Economic and Urban Development, may contain complementary information

[34,4D]


**Series II : Book and other materials**

**II/A: Books and other materials on Finland**

- [31,18C]
- [34,4D]
- [34,5A]
- [34,6B]

- [31,18C]


- Cooper, James, Ford. *On the Finland Watch: An American Diplomat in Finland During the Cold War*. Claremont, California, Regina Books, 2000. 389 pages


Haavio, Martti, *Pienois Kalevala*, Helsinki, Werner Söderström Osakeyhtio, 1933. 158 pages

Helsingius, Barbara, *Songs Finland Sings*, Finland, Warner/Chappell Music, 2000. 139 pages


Kalima, Jalo, and O. Manninen, *Kalevala*, Werner Söderström Osakeyhtio, 1922. 734 pages


[K34,5A]


Lonnrot, Elias, *Kalevala*, Kalevan Ritarit Ylin Maja, 1944. 343 pages


Lönnrot, Elias, Kristian Huitula (adaptation), The Kalevala Graphic Novel, Tampere, Fantacore Media, 2005. 146 pages

McRae, Kenneth D., Conflict and Compromise in Multilingual Societies: Finland, Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier Press, 1999. 430 pages

Niemi, Clemens, Finnish-Grammar, Duluth, Interstate Printing Company, 1945. 208 pages

Olson Webster, Margaret, Are All the Heroes Gone?: Kalevala Stories for Today, Tamarak, Minnesota, Bluepearl Books, 2005. 64 pages

Pääätalo, Kalle, (Translated by Richard A. Impola), Our Daily Bread, Ann Arbor, Braun-Brumfield, 1960. 539 pages

Pentikäinen, Juha Y., Ritva Poom (ed. And Trans.), Kalevala Mythology, Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 1999. 296 pages

Riikonen, Eeva, and Aune Tuomikoski, Englantilais-Suomalainen Sanakirja, Helsinki, Otava, 1970. 835 pages

Runeberg, Johan Ludvig, The Tales of Ensign Stal, Helsinki, Soderstrom & Co., 1952. 244 pages

Salokorpi, Sinikka, Finland, Denmark, Narayana Press, 2004. 112 pages


Sevander, Mayme, Vaeltajat (The Wanderers), Turku, Siirtolaisuusinstituutti, 2000. 249 pages


[34,6B]


Sevander, Mayme, Vaeltajat (The Wanderers), Turku, Siirtolaisuusinstituutti, 2000. 249 pages

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**II/B: Finnish-American Literature**

[31,19A]


*The Finns in America*. n.d. Pamphlet dealing mainly with early settlement in the Delaware area. 8 pages.


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**II/C: Vapaus, Foc, and other left-wing Literature**

[31,19B]

[31,20D]

[31,19B]


Communists in Canada. 3 folders containing: Photocopies of various articles, parts of books and security bulletins dealing with the role of Finnish-Canadians in the Canadian communist movement.

**William Eklund**

1974

1 sound recording

Interview with Eklund, Editor of the Vapaus

Eklund, W. *Metsä Vastaa Kuten Sinne Huudetaan* [The Forest will Echo what You Shout]. Photocopy of Eklund’s critique


**Finnish Canadian Athletic Association, VOIMA**

s.d. 1999-2010 (Originals-1944-2010)

1.4 cm of textual records

Lists of athletes, correspondence, letter of ‘loan of money’ documents on the 65th of VOIMA, newspaper clippings

**Note:** Some documents are in Finnish


Vapaus Newspaper. *Photocopies of various Anniversary Issues concerning the history of Vapaus, Liekki, the Finnish Organization of Canada and the Finnish-Canadian Amateur Sports Federation Also photocopies of newspaper articles concerning the Sudbury area.*


**II/D: History of Finnish Settlement on Lake Panache and materials related to Indian Land Claims**

[31,19C]

[39, 9.2]

[MC1, D6]

Institute of Northern Ontario Research and Development. *Various documents dealing with history of lumbering and recreational use of Lake Penage.*

Lake Penage Indian Village Subdivision. *Background history and plan of subdivision.*

Lake Penage Property Association and Lake Penage Fish and Game Association. *Various documents dealing with relationship of Lake Penage cottage owners and government officials concerning water levels and the Lake Penage dam.*

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Land Registry Office. *Parcel Information concerning private lots registered on the shores of Lake Panache.* Part of information gathered for purposes of dealing with Indian Land Claim arising out of the construction of the Lake Panache dam. Parcel information contains much historical information regarding cottage development by Finns.

Sudbury Daily Star. Photocopies dealing with Lake Penage, local personalities and businesses.

**Whitefish Lake Indian reserves**  
s.d. (originals 1884-1971)  
3cm of textual records and maps

Consists of of photocopies of documents on the First Nations presence, activities and rights in the area of Lake Panache. Are also included, documents on flooded Land Adjacent to Lake Penage, and contains various documents including plans of surveys

**Note:** Dossier used for Whitefish Lake Indian Band Land Claim  
Series I- file: Maps of townships of district of Sudbury, may contain complementary information.

**II/E: Finnish Religious Groupings in North America**

**[31,19C]**  
**[31,19D]**  
**[34,6B]**

**[31,19C]**  


Koski, Pat and Bill Mäkinen, editors. *Wuoristo-St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church Copper Cliff 100 Years.* Copper Cliff, 1997. 207 pages.


Binded articles pertaining to the Lutheran church.

[31,19D]


Pikkusaari, Lauri, I. *Copper Cliffin Suomalaiset ja Copper Cliffin Suomalainen Evankelis-Luterilainen Wuoristo-Seurakunta* [Copper Cliff Finns and the Copper Cliff Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation]. Sudbury, 1947.


[34,6B]


II/F: North American Finnish Literature and Writers


Ikäheimonen-Lindgren, Silja (ed.), *Canadian Views of Kalevala*, Toronto, Fabulous Printers, 1985. 64 pages

**II/G: Finns in Canada and in the United States (excluding Ontario)**


Kero, Reino. “Emigration from Finland to Canada Before the First World War,” in *The Lakehead University Review*, Volume IX, Number 1, 1976, pp. 7-16.


*Finns in North America*, Journal and book extracts


Ukkonen, Alfons. *Kalevan Ritarit ja Kalevan Ritarien historiaa 100 vuoden ajalta* [A 100 Year History of the Knights of Kaleva Movement]. Lake Worth, n.d. 384 pages.


[31,20B]


**Department of Immigration and Colonization (later Citizenship and Immigration) and Department of Agriculture.**

1966 (originals 1884-1966)
Copies and excerpts from annual reports involving Finnish immigration in Canada. Copies of articles written by Lehtonen, Nival on Finnish Immigration in Canada and in British Columbia.


[34,5D]


Karttonen, Saara, Syvempi Kuin Meri (Deeper that the Sea: Letters to/from Finland/Canada including Sudbury (1929-1936)), 1992. (Draft of book published in 2003.) 298 pages

Kero, Reino, Migration from Finland to North America in the Years between the United States Civil War and the First World War, Migration Studies C1, Turko, Institute for Migration, 1974. 260 pages


Lindström-Best, Varpu, The Finns in Canada, Ottawa, Canadian Historical Association, 1985. 19 pages


Lindström, Varpu, I Won’t be a Slave: Selected Articles on Finnish Canadian Women’s History, Beaverton, Aspasia Books, 2010. 152 pages

Mullin, L.J., Eldon Owens and Dick Meacher (eds.), Tom Sukanen and his Ship: Together at Last, Moose Jaw, Ferguson Printing, 1974. 35 pages


Knights and Ladies of Kaleva (Sudbury), *40th Anniversary Celebration: Programme*, Sudbury, 2006. 5 pages

II/H: Finnish-Canadian Ontario Material (excluding Sudbury)

[31,20C]

[34,6B]

[31,20C]


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Toronto Finnish Society, Yrittys History, and Song and Dance Festivals. Various typewritten materials dealing with left-wing activities in the Toronto area.


[34,6B]


II/I: Finns in the Sudbury Area
Duncan, Elvi. *Assorted biographical and organizational histories associated with people and the FOC/Vapaus in the downtown area.* In file folder.

Finnish-Canadian Grand Festival Programs. *Covers years from 1953 to 2001.* Incomplete.


Inco Triangle. *Biographical information on Finnish Workers and Inco retirees from 1936 to 1970.*

Ontario Land Registry Documents. *Documents re early Finnish settlement in Broder, Burwash, Dill, Cleland, Denison, Dryden, Garson, Louise, McKim, Neelon, Secord, and Waters Townships and Levack, Mond Townsite,*

*Wanup area Assorted information in file folder*

*Finnish personalities and businesses (from newspaper clippings)*


Finns in the Donovan and Lockerby Districts. *Vernon’s Directories and Assessment Records for various years going back to 1921/22.*
Finns in the Spruce Street and Downtown areas of Sudbury. *Data from Vernon’s Directories and Assessment Records. Also includes much historical information compiled by Elvi Duncan.*


*The Sudbury Star and the Sudbury Journal*. Binder containing articles concerning Finns starting in the 1880’s.


[39,12.2]
*Newspaper clippings and articles*
S.d.; 1944-2010 (predominant dates 1978-2010)
6.0 cm of textual records

Documentation on Finnish personalities and business (Finnish success stories)

Note: Some documents are in Finnish

[34,6B]
Sudbury Finnish Male Choir, 1960 to 2010, 50th Anniversary Concert, Sudbury, 2010. 52 pages


Sillanpää, Lennard, A political and Social History of Canadians of Finnish Descent in the District of Sudbury, Helsinki, University of Helsinki, 1973. (Master’s Thesis) 137 pages

Series III : Books and other materials on Economic and Urban Development
[31,21A]
[31,21B]
[31,21C]
[34,6C]
[MC1 D6]
[31,21A]
Clarke, W.F. and D. R. Grimes Planning and Construction of Leaf Rapids-A New Town with a New Concept 1975. 10 pages


Robinson, Ira M. Planning, Building and Managing New Towns on the Resource Frontier, Calgary. 13 pages

Shaw, William Granville Archibald Evaluations of Resource Towns: Planned and Unplanned, Edmonton, 1970. 10 pages

Rodger, D. Elliott Canada's Remote Communities Seek Energy Efficiency, 1990. 8 pages


Kitimat Townsite Report, Corporation of District of Kitimat, Kitimat, 1969. 270 pages

Chibuk, John H. and Dan Kusel, New Communities in Canadian Urban Settlements, 1978. 171 pages

Philbrook, Tom *Fisherman, Logger, Merchant, Miner: Social Changes and Industrialism in Three Newfoundland Communities*, St. John's, 1966. 212 pages


Faris, James C. *Cat Harbour: A Newfoundland Fishing Settlement*, 1966 St. John's. 132 pages

Andrews, Alick Robert *Social Crisis and Labour Mobility: A Study of Economic and Social Change in a New Brunswick Railway Community*, New Brunswick, 1967. 121 pages

Scott, Beryl H. *The Story of Silver Islet*


Various newspaper articles on small towns and how they are affected by their local industries

Journal of the Engineering Institute of Canada, Vol. I No.6 *Town Planning in Halifax and Vicinity* 1918. 9 pages

Journal of the Engineering Institute of Canada, Vol. IV No.10 *Winnipeg Branch*, 1921. 2 pages


Randall, James E. and R. Geoff Ironside *Communities on the Edge: An Economic Geography of Resource-Dependent Communities in Canada*, The Canadian Geographer Vo. 40 No.1 1996. 19 pages

Newspaper articles on the troubles of Algoma Steel in Sault Ste Marie 1991

Day, Douglas *Public Policy and the Coastal Zone*, Halifax, 1985. 10 pages


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Bradbury, John H. *The Rise and Fall of the "Fourth Empire of the St. Lawrence": The Quebec-Labrador Iron Ore Mining Region* Cahiers de Géographie du Québec, Vol. 29 No. 78 1985. 14 pages

*A Short History of the Ontario Provincial Police*

Wilkins, Charles *Deep River Revisited* Canadian Geographic. 10 pages

Newspaper articles regarding Denison Mines at Elliot Lake and the town of Kapuskasing


Queen's University *Single-Enterprise Communities in Canada* London, 1953. 22 pages


Marsh, Leonard *Communities in Canada* British Columbia, 1970. 20 pages

Pressman, Norman E.P. *Planning New Communities in Canada*, Ottawa, 1975. 12 pages

Newspaper articles regarding the troubles of some towns

Knight, Rolf *Work Camps and Company Towns in Canada and the US: An Annotated Bibliography*, Vancouver 1975. 61 pages


Brown, Dick *The Oslo Factor: A New Oil-Sands Project, Now in the Planning Stages, Holds the Prospect of More Jobs for Fort McMurray and more Oils for Canada*, The Review 1989. 5 pages

Whye, Michael *Company Town: Bedroom Communities that Grew Up* Lake Superior Magazine, 1992. 7 pages

*Habitat*, a bimonthly publication of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Vo. VI, No. 3 1963; Vol. 7 No. 2 1964; 1969; 1978 and 1983


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Baldwin, Douglas Owen *Imitation vs Innovation: Cobalt as an Urban Frontier Town*, Laurentian University Review XI, 2 1979. 11 pages

*The Prairie Voice*, Imperial Oil Review, 1991. 8 pages

Bagnell, Kenneth *Pride in the North*, The Review, 1988. 5 pages


Various newspaper articles on Industry and small towns, 1991

*An Experiment in Town Building*, Social Welfare, 1922. 2 pages

The Legislative Assembly of Ontario, *Report re Housing for 1921 Including Town Planning of the Town of Kapuskasing*, Bureau of Municipal Affairs, Toronto, 1922. 15 pages


Wichern, P.H. *Two Studies in Political Development on Canada's Resource Frontier: Political Development on Canadian Reserves; The Administrator's Role in Single Enterprise Communities*, Winnipeg, 1972. 16 pages

Pressman, Norman E.P. *Planning New Communities in Canada*, Ottawa, 1975. 77 pages

*Single Industry Communities*, Regional Economic Expansion, 1977. 42 pages


*Single-Sector Communities*, Occasional Papers, 1979. 13 pages
Kipawa Houses 1918-1919, Ross & MacDonald Architects, Montreal, 19?. 31 pages


Canada's Single-Industry Communities: A Proud Determination to Survive, Canada Employment and Immigration Advisory Council, 1987. 82 pages (bilingual document)


Resource Communities: A Bibliography, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 1988. 15 pages


Report of the Commission, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto, 1922. 49 pages


New Communities in Canada: Exploring Planned Environment, Contact, Vol.8 No.3, 1976. 369 pages


[31,21C] Proctor, Redfern, Bousfield & Bacon, The Official Plan of the Town of Iroquois Falls Planning Area, Consulting Engineers and Planners, Toronto, 1972. 41 pages

Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto, 1912, 10 pages

Tenth Annual Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto, 1915. 7 pages
A Few High Spots in the Life of L.R. Wilson, 56 pages

Kirkconnell, Watson Kapuskasing–An Historical Sketch, Kingston, 1921. 9 pages

Journal of Town Planning Institute, Vo.1 No.10, Ottawa, 1922. 9 pages


Kapuskasing, The Model Town of the North, 15 pages

Gray, Linda Brunetville, Ontario An Experiment in Rehabilitation, Urban Renewal and Low Income Housing, Vol.6 No.3. 3 pages

Social Welfare, Vol. 5, No. 3, Toronto, 1922. 3 pages

Hall, Alfred V. Considerations in the Laying Out of the Town of Kapuskasing, The Canadian Engineer, Vol.43, No.7, 1922. 3 pages


Faludi, E.G. Study & Advice on the Desirability of Altering the Boundaries Between the Township of Calvert & the Town of Iroquois Falls (District of Cochrane), Toronto, 1968. 112 pages


Campbell, Bruce and Douglas Hinan Iroquois Falls A Two Part Study, 1970. 38 pages

Baldwin, Douglas The Development of an Unplanned Community: Cobalt, 1903-1914, Plan Canada 18/1, 1978. 13 pages


Goltz, Eileen Papertown, Sudbury, 1973. 70 pages

Gervais, Gaétan, Ashley Thomson and Gwenda Hallsworth Bibliography: History of North-Eastern Ontario, Documents historiques No. 82, Sudbury, 1985. 112 pages
The Broke Hustler The Enterprise, Iroquois Falls, 1972. 24 pages


Routly, Mrs. Herbert Thomas Routly, Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. 2 pages

Spruce Falls Review A Special Supplement to the Northern Times, Kapuskasing, 1971. 8 pages

Various meeting minutes of the Council of the Town of Iroquois Falls, 1915-1928. 15 pages

Buncke, H.J., Mrs. How One Mill Town Entertains Itself, Abitibi Vol.1 No.1, Iroquois Falls, 1929. 1 page


Various newspaper articles on Northern Ontario Towns

Black binder: Articles, publications, photographs on Uranium and Elliot Lake

Hughes, J.T., Urban Studies, Vol.13 No.3, Harlow Essex, 19976. 10 pages


The Death of Mining, Business Week, 1984. 6 pages

Veno, Arthur and Norman F. Duffy Mine Towns in Australia's Northwest: Options for Operation and Quality of Life, Ekistics Vol. 52 No.311, 1985 pp. 176-188


Bone, Robert M. Mega Projects, Air Commuting and Regional Development: The Case of the Norman Wells Project, Saskatoon, 1989. 20 pages


Brunetville a Neighbourhood Reborn, Department of Municipal Affairs, 1972. 125 pages

[Correspondence & Documentation] 1920-1989

[Aerial Satellite Images of Kapuskasing]
Maps: District of Timiskaming (Subdivision of Teefy & Calvert) 1915
  Town of Calvert (2) 1964-1966
  Town of Témiscaming (2) 1971-1975
  Town of Kapuskasing (14) 1921-1965
  Town of Iroquois Falls (4) 1930-1975
  Copper Cliff, Vincinity (3) (originals 1904)

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Elliot Lake
s.d. (originals ca. 1957-1995)

Unpublished manuscripts including aerial photographs regarding Elliot Lake history and information on the Elliot Lake tracking Study. It also includes research fiches, photocopies of microfilms of Elliot Lake newspaper with reference and notes. Note: titles of the 2 unpublished manuscripts: ‘Elliot Lake: a geographic planning perspective of a (provincially) planned resource community’
‘Elliot Lake revisited: the history of a planned resource community in Ontario’.

Plans of Subdivision for the Sudbury Area
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1 cm of textual records, 14 cartographic documents and related documents.

Subdivision and reference plans with relevant data on file cards for Sudbury area. Townships maps (scale 1:1000) from the city of greater Sudbury with all subdivisions plotted for virtually each decade from 1881-1990. Is also included in the file: the 4th Honour’s Essay of Celia Van Loon titled: ‘The Sudbury Area: Subdivision Activity 1881-1986’. (who did the maps) and a regular 1990 Township maps (scale 1:1000) for reference purposes.
Note: see also MC1D6 (cartographic documents)
Blue print map of the Township of McKim with hand coloured sections depicting the development of the region from 1881-1990. (with legend)
Copy of a 1883, map Township of McKim (surveyed by Francis Bolger)