

**P195- William Meredith Ireton fonds**

**n.d.; ca 1925-1947**

**[22 photographs and 12 negatives](#)**

**Biographical sketch:** William Thomas Meredith Ireton (1902-1986) was born March 4, 1902 in Lanark township, Ontario to John Graham Ireton and Lilian Maud Sheils. He married Gertrude Duncan of Smiths Falls and together they had one son, Verne.

After graduating in Pharmacy from the University of Toronto in 1925, Ireton moved to Connaught Station (northeast of Timmins on the south shore of Frederick House Lake) where he worked at the drugstore until 1929. Ireton then started to work as an insurance salesman with the Confederation Life Insurance Company – his territory was Northern Ontario and Quebec. In the 1960s, Ireton was an active member of the Anglican Diocese of Moosonee. He died at the age of 85 in Smiths Falls, Ontario.

**Scope and content:** The William Meredith Ireton fonds contains 22 black & white photographs and 12 black & white negatives that attest to Ireton's professional relocation to Northern Ontario and document the way of life in that area between 1925 and 1947.

Of the 22 photographs, at least 13 were taken in Connaught Station, Ontario before 1930. These photos depict Ireton himself, local townspeople (along with a dog named Woof Woof), social activities such as a picnic and concert, and buildings throughout town, including the drug store where Ireton worked as a pharmacist. Additional photos and negatives depict scenes on a dock, and of an unknown wedding, both in unidentified locations. Also included in the fonds are two photos of an Osulake Mines site at O'Sullivan Lake in 1947, likely reflecting Ireton's work as an insurance salesman throughout Northern Ontario.

**Note: Immediate source of acquisition:** The photographs were donated by Verne Ireton, son of William M. Ireton, in 2013.

**Availability of other formats:** Digitized copies are available. Negatives are available for certain prints.

Electronic copies of the photographs have been provided to the Timmins Museum National Exhibition Centre.

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**Accruals:** The first accrual was received in 2013. A second accrual was received in July 2020. No further accruals are expected.