



# POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## FONDS DESCRIPTION

<b>FONDS NUMBER</b>	54
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER</b>	1999.28
<b>TITLE</b>	Jean Coccola fonds
<b>DATE(S)</b>	1916-1920, 1946
<b>EXTENT</b>	331 negatives – 3 postcards – 24 photographs
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH</b>	Jean Coccola (1897-1981) was born in the hamlet of de Coccola in St. Lucia de Moriani on the island of Corsica. He came to BC in 1912 and went to St. Jean College in New Westminster. He arrived in Powell River January 4, 1913 and worked for a few years in the mill. He then returned to France for WWI. He was in a German prisoner of war camp for one and a half years. He returned to Powell River after the war. He worked briefly in the Mill, then in a shoe store and finally opened his own business, Jean Coccola Agencies, which consisted of insurance, real estate and travel. He was also a notary. He married Nora Allen, a nurse, in 1945 and they raised three children.
<b>CUSTODIAL HISTORY</b>	It is assumed that Golden Stanley (Powell River's first archivist) must have asked Mr. Coccola to give the Museum these images. In 1999, Jean's daughter, Odette, formally signed the collection over to the Powell River Museum.
<b>FONDS DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The collection consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 331 negatives, including images of the Mill, Powell Lake, Henderson School, Sliammon First Nations, Michigan and Puget Sound logging. Wildwood Bridge, Rodmay Ball Field, Antoine Jean Marie Coccola, freighter 'Tacoma Maru', Michigan Landing beach with donkey, Cranberry Lake skaters, Gordon Pasha Lake (now Lois Lake), Wildwood Bridge, Powell Stores, Elder Brothers (Richard, Edward and Tom) logging operations, Marine Ave in Westview;</li> <li>• 3 postcards including Tom Ogburn's Lodge at Goat River; and</li> <li>• 24 photographs including images of Jean Coccola, behind Dwight Hall, Lund, Tom Ogburn's camp, Ernie Savident, Powell River float houses, the Mill, and Oak Street.</li> </ul> <p>Title based on content of the collection.</p>
<b>NOTES</b>	