



POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

FONDS DESCRIPTION

FONDS NUMBER	145
ACCESSION NUMBER	1988.47, 1989.7, 1993.240, 1995.27, 2000.14, 2002.5, 2003.4, 2011.74
TITLE	Leonard Frank
DATE(S)	1927-1937
EXTENT	42 photographs
ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	<p>Leonard Frank (1870-1944) left his hometown of Berne, German for San Francisco in 1892 and moved to Victoria in 1894. He moved to Alberni with his younger brother Bernard who joined him in 1898. Both men took out their Canadian naturalization papers, Leonard in 1897 and Bernard in 1899. They worked some mineral claims together on Vancouver Island and it was probably around 1898 that Leonard also started his photographic career.</p> <p>Likely as a result of anti-German sentiment during WWI, the Frank brothers relocated to Vancouver between 1916 and 1917. Leonard established a brief partnership with Orville J. Rognon as the Commercial Photo Company.</p> <p>Frank continued to operate under that name until about 1926-1927 when he started using his own name for the business. Leonard Frank Photos established an enviable reputation as industrial and commercial photographers and he continued photographing almost until his death. Frank, who never married, was buried in the Jewish Schara Tzedek Cemetery near Vancouver.</p>
CUSTODIAL HISTORY	
FONDS DESCRIPTION	<p>The fonds consists of photographs taken by Leonard Frank in the Powell River area.</p> <p>Title based on creator of fonds.</p> <p>Series: Photographs Date(s): 1920-1937 Extent: 43 photographs</p> <p>The series consists of black and white photographs of the Powell River Company mill and the surrounding area. Include images of paper machines, a wharf, the yacht Norsal, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, St. John's Union Church, Avenue Lodge, houses along Ocean View (now Marine Avenue), Powell Lake, the Mill log pond, Stillwater surge tower, penstocks and generating room, rolls of paper, St. Luke's Hospital, BonTon Apartments, Rodmay Hotel, Central Building,</p>



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	<p>Oak Street, Henderson School, Valentine Mountain, and Wildwood Bridge, among others.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p>
NOTES	<p>It is unclear if the Powell River Company, the first pulp and paper mill on the west coast of Canada, hired Frank to take photographs of the Mill and surrounds. Most images are taken in the late 1920s with some in the 1930s.</p> <p>The Jewish Archives of Vancouver and the Vancouver Public Library have Leonard Frank images.</p>