



# POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## FONDS DESCRIPTION

<b>FONDS NUMBER</b>	118
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER</b>	
<b>TITLE</b>	Gela Family
<b>DATE(S)</b>	1957-1968
<b>EXTENT</b>	6cm of textual records
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH</b>	<p>Bob (1925-2007) and Mo (1924-1975) Gela started the first square dances in Powell River in 1955. Their first classes were in their kitchen at their home in Cranberry. They had four children. They formed a square dance club and were part of the group that organized one of the Powell River Company bunkhouses in Timberlane exclusively for square dancing. Dances were also held at Lang Bay Hall . Gela also organized clubs to sponsor floats in the Powell River Exhibition parades. The Gelas were also very involved in the Cranberry Day events held in 1968 and 1969.</p>
<b>CUSTODIAL HISTORY</b>	
<b>FONDS DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Title based on contents of fonds.</p> <p>The fonds consists of two scrap books put together by Mo Gela. Includes photographs, newspaper clippings, tickets, programmes and other ephemera pertaining to square dancing.</p> <p>Series: Scrap Books Date(s): 1957-1961 Extent: 6 cm of textual records</p> <p>The scrap books consist of photographs, newspaper and other clippings, programmes, tickets and general information. Some of the names included are: Watson, Curly, Lloyd, Albert, Edwards Gordon, Bruce Gar, Bruce, Sylvia, Edward, Vi, Asletine Margaret, Passenger Lee, Richards John, Newbury David, Gela Jamie, Newbury Lois, Mitchell Diane, Scott Mable, De Jong John, De Jong Nel, Lloyd Ina, Watson Kay. The second scrap book contains newspaper clippings, photographs and ephemera about Cranberry Days 1968 and 1969. Includes a letter to Mr. Gela from the Powell River Association for Retarded Children.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p>
<b>NOTES</b>	