



# POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## FONDS DESCRIPTION

<b>FONDS NUMBER</b>	181
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER</b>	2013.19, 2015.36 (one Johnson outboard motor)
<b>TITLE</b>	Joseph "Pep" Gentile
<b>DATE(S)</b>	1916-1945
<b>EXTENT</b>	2cm of textual records – 9 photographs
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH</b>	<p>Giuseppe (Joseph) 'Pep' Gentile (1922-2015) was born in Mammola, Italy and moved to Canada in 1924 with his mother, Anna Maria Rosa, in 1924 to join his father who arrived in 1921. His father, Nicodemo Jentile (the spelling was changed by immigration officers in New York) came to Canada to work on the Canadian Pacific Railway.</p> <p>They first lived in Chilliwack and later North Vancouver. In 1925 they moved to Powell River because of the work available at the Powell River Company's pulp and paper mill. They initially settled in Riverside.</p> <p>The family was friendly with Giuseppe Gagliardi, Dominic Diana and John Minichiello, fellow Italians who lived on Powell Lake and ran a farm, keeping goats and sheep. As a child Pep lived on the farm every summer helping the men work the land and care for the animals.</p> <p>Pep's family returned to North Vancouver in 1932. He was very active in soccer and played for school teams, returning every summer to help at the Gagliardi and Minichiello farms. Pep worked as a riveter in the shipyards in North Vancouver. At the beginning of WW II, Pep joined the army. After the war he returned to the Powell Lake area where he cut shingle bolts, set a trap line and helped at the Gagliardi farm</p> <p>He married Rita (1922-2007) in 1949. He then worked in the pulp and paper mill, first in the grinder room and later in the finishing room. He retired in 1987.</p> <p>Pep and Rita have had four children: Kevin (1951- ), Kim (1953-2004), Wayne (1956- ) and Chris (1958- ).</p>
<b>CUSTODIAL HISTORY</b>	
<b>FONDS DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The fonds consists of personal documents and photographs.</p> <p>Series 1: Personal documents  Date(s): 1947-1960  Extent: 2cm of textual records (photocopied)</p>

	<p>Series consists of death and birth certificates, naturalization documents, military and personal information pertaining to Gagliardi, Diana, Minichiello and Pep Gentile. There are also legal documents for Guiseppe, Giovanni and Michele Errico.</p> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p> <p>Series 2: Photographs  Date(s): 1916-1947?  Extent: 9 photographs</p> <p>Series consists of photographs of the farms of Gagliardi and Minichiello and of Gagliardi, Minichiello and Diana, Pep Gentile, Mrs. John Minichiello and her daughter Emma and the house at the Gagliardi farm.</p>
<b>NOTES</b>	