

Finding Aid - Kustaa Ketola fonds (RBSC-ARC-1780)

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Summary information

Repository:**Title:** Kustaa Ketola fonds**ID:** RBSC-ARC-1780**Date:** 1904-1946 (date of creation)**Physical description:** 10 cm of textual records.**Language:** Finnish**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:****Note [generalNote]:**

The attached item-level list and translations document describes the following items, which are missing from the fonds: Vapaus newspaper; Vapaa Sana newspaper; Suomen Kuvalehti magazine (No. 18-33); Suomen Kuvalehti magazine (No. 35-50); Finland and the Finns, 3rd ed., edited by Borje Sandberg, Helsinki, 1946.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Kustaa Ketola was born October 30, 1904, in Poytya, Jalkala, Finland. He was drafted into the Porin Regiment of the army in 1924 for a minimum required service time of one year. He trained as a combat first aid medic but did not serve in battle and was honorably discharged in September 1925. Ketola also lived in Vancouver, Canada, and worked as a miner. He was also authorized by the Finnish consulate to enter the USA for six months in 1938. The material in his fonds indicates involvement with unions, specifically the International Woodworkers of America.

Custodial history

Materials were donated to Rare Books and Special Collections by Patricia Hotel in 1984, after being left behind in a hotel locker.

Scope and content

Personal and professional records of Kustaa Adolf Ketola, including personal documents, correspondence, International Woodworkers of America pamphlets, newspapers, and magazines. The personal documents

include his passport and his military service pass. Correspondence consists of Christmas postcards from his family in Finland and letters from his sisters, friends, and family friends describing their lives in Finland, which provides context about the impact that World War II had upon Finland and Finnish migrants to Canada. I.W.A. pamphlets describe the values, goals, and struggles of union workers in 1940s North America. Fonds also contains small pocket calendars or planners written in Finnish and denoting important holidays, metric conversions, and information about the United States.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-01	File - Finland Passport, Military Service Pass	1904-1943		
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-02	File - Correspondence	1946		
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-03	File - Pamphlets	1946		
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-04	File - Tyovaen Tasku-Kalendari (Workers Pocket Calendar)	1942-1946		
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-05	File - Finnish Year Book	1938-1939		
RBSC-ARC-1780-1-06	File - Hotel Patricia Account Statement	1946		