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**Finding aid : GA 390 Ratz family
fonds : 2017 accrual.**

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Ratz family fonds : 2017 accrual. - 1853-1999. - 26 cm of textual records. - 204 photographs : b&w, some col. ; 15 x 62 cm. - 3 artifacts.

Fonds consists of records related to the Ratz family, principally created or accumulated by Herbert Ratz, documenting the personal and professional lives of various Ratz family members. Records include correspondence, press clippings, genealogy research, legal documents, ephemera, academic publications, presentations and related administrative papers. The fonds also contains graphic material including photographs, technical drawings, and artifacts. Arranged into series as follows: Series 1. Ratz Family History and Genealogy ; Series 2. Ratz Family Estate Papers ; Series 3. Ratz, Herbert : Professional Activities.

Title from the content of the fonds.

14 blueprints.

Extent is measured in linear metres of shelf space as occupied by the fonds.

Donated in 2017 by Herbert Ratz.

Related records can be found in GA 321 and GA 333.

Series 1 : Ratz Family History and Genealogy.

Ratz family history and genealogy. - [ca. 1853-1999]. - 9 cm of textual records. - 134 photographs : b&w, some col. ; 15 x 62 cm. - 3 artifacts.

Material related to the Ratz family history and genealogy. Includes artifacts, photographs, genealogy research notes and booklets, correspondence, a diary excerpt, press clippings, and ephemera.

File 1

Dunke, Henry and Elizabeth Dunke [nee Klinck] : photographs. - [between 1830 and 1850]. - 2 photographs : tintype ; b&w ; 8 x 5 cm.

Studio portraits of Henry Dunke and his wife Elizabeth Dunke.

Inscribed on portrait of Henry Dunke in pencil, verso, centre: Grandpa / Dunke / (Henry Dunke)

Inscribed on portrait of Elizabeth Dunke in pencil, verso, centre: Grandma / Dunke 80 30 130 / (Elizabeth Klinck)

Subject: Dunke, Henry; Dunke, Elizabeth

File 2

Cross-stitch sampler in wood frame. - 1853. - 1 cross-stitch : embroidery (visual work) on linen; wood frame; 19 x 33 cm.

Cross-stitch sampler on linen featuring the alphabet, numbers, motifs and decorative borders as well as the name Hedwig Fischer and the date 1853 in red, green, blue, white and brown embroidery floss. In a wood frame with glass protection. Hook on verso to hang the frame.

Blue stains visible on linen in the bottom left corner on recto. Stains likely caused by blue dye in the embroidery floss.

Subject: Fischer, Hedwig; Cross-stitch; Samplers

- File 3 **Pewter plate.** - 1857. - 1 plate : pewter ; 14 cm in diam.
- Pewter plate brought to Canada by Nickolas Klinck and used by his daughter Elizabeth Dunke [nee Klinck] on their voyage to Canada from Hamburg, Germany in 1857.*
Engraved, recto, top centre: 18 / NK / 57
Engraved, verso, centre: This plate was brought to / Canada / by / Nickolas Klinck / and used by his daughter / Elizabeth / later Mrs. Henry Dunke / on their voyage from / Hambourg Germany 1857 / Ruth E. Ratz / April 1930
Subject: Klinck, Nickolas; Dunke, Elizabeth; Ratz, Ruth E.; Pewter
- File 4 **Ratz, Henry : diary excerpt (copy).** - 1874-1879.
- Excerpt from a diary that may have belonged to Henry Ratz, son of Valentine Ratz. It is assumed that Henry Ratz is the author of the diary page based on the contents of the excerpt.*
Subject: Ratz, Henry
- File 5 **Ratz, S.H. : nameplate.** - [between 1889 and 1910]. - 1 nameplate : cast iron ; mounted on wood board 40 x 8 x 3 cm.
- Cast iron nameplate featuring the name S.H. Ratz. This nameplate was possibly used by Simon. H. Ratz.*
The cast iron nameplate is rusted and broken into two pieces.
Subject: Ratz, Simon
- File 6 **Unidentified woman : photograph by Harper Bros, Hamilton, Ont.** - [189-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 7 cm.
- Studio portrait of an unidentified woman.*
- photographer -- Harper Bros*
Added Entries: Harper Bros -- photographer
- File 7 **Unidentified man : photograph by King's Studio, Hamilton, Ont.** - [189-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 10 cm.
- Studio portrait of an unidentified man in military uniform.*
photographer -- King's Studio
Subject: Military uniforms
Added Entries: King's studio -- photographer
- File 8 **Ratz, Elmer and Ruth E. Ratz : photograph by N. Cress, Elmira, Ont.** - [between 1893 and 1898]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 9 cm.
- Studio portrait of Elmer Ratz and his sister Ruth E. Ratz.*
Inscribed in pencil, verso, upper left: Ruth + / Elmer
photographer -- N. Cress
Subject: Ratz, Elmer; Ratz, Ruth E.
Added Entries: N. Cress -- photographer
- File 9 **Ratz, Valentine, residence : photograph.** - [19-]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 10 cm.
- Snapshot of Valentine Rat'z residence in Waterloo, Ontario. The address of the house is unknown.*
Inscription in pencil on recto and verso of mat is illegible.
Inscribed on a note taped to the verso of the photograph: The First Brick House built in Waterloo, Ontario by the late Valentine Ratz, in the / year 1838. The house still stands at the corner of King and Duke streets where / the Waterloo Lions Club sponsor the Youth Centre. / The late Valentine Ratz was the grandfather of Mr. H.E. Ratz, Alexandra Ave. and / Mrs. Henry Ratz, 142 Park St. Waterloo. / Please return to / Mrs. Lilly Duval, / 142 Park St., / Waterloo, Ontario. / 24 / Duke = Dupont
Subject: Ratz, Valentine
- File 10 **Ratz, George, residence : photographs.** - [19-]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 8 x 11 cm.
- Snapshots of George Ratz's residence in Elmira, Ontario. The address of the house is unknown.*
Inscribed in ink on black paper, recto, lower right: Home Sweet Home.
The two photographs are adhered to a black piece of paper that was most likely a page in a scrapbook.
The house was determined to be the residence of George Ratz based on a photograph of the house that appeared on page 20 of the following book: Klinck, George. Enterprising Elmira : an Historical, Descriptive, and Illustrated Book of the Village of Elmira, Waterloo County, Ontario, Canada. G. Klinck, 1903. [H3102]
Subject: Ratz, George

- File 11 **Fredericks, John : photograph.** - [ca. 1913]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm (oval)
Studio portrait of John Fredericks.
Inscribed in ink, verso, centre: John Fredericks / Great Grandfather / Lorne Ratz /
Circa 1913
Subject: Fredericks, John; Ratz, Lorne
- File 12 **34th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force [CEF] : photograph.** - [1914 or 1915]. -
 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 23 cm.
Portrait of the 34th Battalion, CEF, an infantry battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary
Force during the First World War.
Dr. Major John Henry Ratz is seated in the second row. He is the 3rd individual from
the left.
Inscribed in ink, recto, lower centre: 34th Btn CEF Medical Corps / 1914 or 1915 Major
John Ratz MD
Subject: Ratz, John Henry; World War, 1914-1918
- File 13 **Ratz family genealogy : booklets.** - 1914-1973.

Three booklets showing the relationships between people in several generations of the
Ratz family.
Subject: Genealogy
- File 14 **Ratz family genealogy: correspondence.** - 1918-1984.
Correspondence between various Ratz family members regarding family history and
genealogy.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert; Genealogy
- File 15 **Ratz, Elmer and Emma Louise Ratz [nee Luebke] : photograph.** - [between 1920 and
 1930]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 26 x 17 cm.
Studio portrait of Elmer Ratz and his wife Emma Louise Ratz.
Emma Louise Ratz was occasionally referred to as Emily.
Inscribed in ink, recto, lower left: Emily + Elmer / Ratz
Subject: Ratz, Elmer; Ratz, Emma Louise
- File 16 **Ratz family reunions.** - 1929-1973.

Material relating to the planning and preparation of Ratz family reunions including
handwritten genealogy notes, invitations, correspondence, poems, bank passbooks, ledgers and
receipts.
Subject: Family reunions
- File 17 **Unidentified group : photograph.** - [between 1910 and 1930]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x
 62 cm.
Unidentified group portrait. This photograph may have been taken during a Ratz family
reunion or an event for employees of the Ratz Brothers Company.
The photograph is damaged and shows signs of surface abrasion. As a result of the
surface abrasion, the image layer has been removed around some of the edges of the
photograph.
Large pieces of the mat are missing, and the mat is torn and flaking in some areas.
- File 18 **Ratz, Aileen M. : personal material.** - 1935-1994. - 2 photographs : col.; 10 x 11 cm or
 smaller. - 1 cm of textual records.
Personal material relating to the life of Aileen M. Ratz including school records,
commemorative certificates, correspondence, a booklet regarding the history of Elmira, Ont.
with handwritten annotations, photographs and a copy of an article she authored titled, "Truth
is Lovelier than Fiction" that was printed in a publication called Onward in 1956.
Subject: Ratz, Aileen M.
- File 19 **Ratz Brothers Company : complimentary ledger.** - 1938-1948.

Complimentary ledger from the Ratz Brothers Company likely given to customers. This
ledger may have been used by Elmer Ratz because his name is signed on the verso of the front
cover.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer

- File 20 **Ratz, Alfred G. : commencement programs.** - December 6, 1940.
Two copies of a commencement exercises program from Central Collegiate Institute, a high school in Hamilton, Ont. The program lists Alfred G. Ratz as a student receiving multiple scholarships and awards during the commencement ceremony in 1940.
Subject: Ratz, Alfred G.
- File 21 **Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery, Holme Low, United Kingdom : photographs.** - [194-
 ?]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 13 x 18 cm.
Snapshots of the Silloth (Causewayhead) Cemetery in Holme Low, United Kingdom. Headstones of various members of the Royal Canadian Air Force are visible in the photographs.
Subject: Canada. Royal Canadian Air Force
- File 22 **Ratz family press clippings.** - 1943-1997.
Press clippings relating to various members of the Ratz family.
Subject: Press clippings
- File 23 **Ratz, Elmer : photographs.** - [before 1950]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm.
Snapshots of Elmer Ratz at the Canadian Westinghouse Company office in Hamilton, Ont. and on a field with fellow football team members at an unknown location.
Inscribed in ink on photograph at the Canadian Westinghouse Company office, verso, centre: Canadian Westinghouse / Hamilton / Elmer G. Ratz (5th from left)
Subject: Ratz, Elmer; Canadian Westinghouse Company; Football
- File 24 **Ratz, Emma Louise [nee Luebke] : personal material.** - 1962-1972.
Personal material relating to the life of Emma Louise Ratz including a record of driver re-examination, receipts and an account book.
Emma Louise Ratz was occasionally referred to as Emily.
Subject: Ratz, Emma Louise
- File 25 **Ratz family history and genealogy : research notes.** - 1963-1997.
Research notes relating to the Ratz family history and the relationships between people in several generations of the Ratz family likely compiled by Herbert Ratz.
Subject: Genealogy; Ratz, Herbert
- File 26 **Ratz, Ruth E. : obituary.** - 1968.
Obituary for Ruth E. Ratz written by Lilian I. Coburn.
Subject: Ratz, Ruth E.; Coburn, Lilian I.
- File 27 **Zurbrigg, Janet and Lawrence Parsons : wedding program.** - April 4, 1970.
Program for the marriage ceremony of Janet Zurbrigg and Lawrence Parsons.
Subject: Zurbrigg, Janet; Parsons, Lawrence
- File 28 **Ratz family history article : draft copies.** - 1986. - 3 photographs : b&w negatives ; 35 mm.
Multiple draft copies of an article about the Ratz family history. Also includes 3 photographs of the commemorative scroll given to John Ratz's family upon his death in 1889 by the Municipal Council of Elmira that is referred to in the article. The title and author of this article is unknown.
- File 29 **Ratz family houses : photographs.** - June 1991. - 7 photographs : b&w negatives ; 35 mm.
Snapshots of Ratz family houses. The original sleeve the negatives were stored in is included in the file as it identifies the subject of the photographs and when the photographs were taken.
- File 30 **Thunder Bay, Ont. : photographs.** - 1998. - 49 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm .- 51
 photographs : col. negatives ; 35 mm.
Snapshots of people and landscapes taken in Thunder Bay, Ontario.
The original envelope the photographs were stored in is included in the file as it identifies where and when the photographs were taken.

File 31 **Headstones : photographs.** - [199-?]. - 5 photographs : col. ; 10 x 15 cm or smaller.

Snapshots of headstones for various individuals including Valentine Ratz and his wife Anna Gertrude "Gertrude" Ratz [nee Lanz] (Wilmot Centre Cemetery, Wilmot Township, Ont.), Elmer Ratz (Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton, Ont.), Albert Scharp and his wife Clara A. Scharp (Bayview Cemetery, Burlington, Ont.), Charles E. Luebke, his wife Emma Laura Luebke and their daughter Minnie Luebke (Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Ont.).
Subject: Ratz, Valentine; Ratz, Anna Gertrude; Ratz, Elmer; Scharp, Albert; Scharp, Clara A.; Luebke, Charles E.; Luebke, Emma Laura; Luebke, Minnie

File 32 **43 Lesmar Drive, Etobicoke, Ont. : photograph.** - [199-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 16 cm.

Snapshot of 43 Lesmar Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario.
Inscribed in pencil, verso, centre: D2
Inscribed in pen, verso, centre: 43 Lesmar Dr., / Etobicoke, Ont.

Series 2 : Ratz Family Estate Papers.

Ratz family estate papers. - 1879-1982. - 10 cm of textual records. - 14 blueprints.

Material related to the estates of George Ratz, Clara E. Ratz and Elmer Ratz. Includes statements of accounts, correspondence, blueprints and legal documents.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer; Ratz, George; Ratz, Clara E.; Dunke, Henry

File 33 **Dunke, Henry, estate : deed for sale of land in the Village of Elmira, Ontario from William Cavauagh and Adaline Cavauagh to Henry Dunke and related material.** - 1879-1912.

Land deed registering the sale of a property in the Village of Elmira, Ontario from William Cavauagh and his wife Adaline Cavauagh to Henry Dunke on September 10, 1879. Also includes a description of property that Henry Dunke deeded to Henry Heimbecker in 1912, which contained a parcel of land originally purchased by Henry Dunke from William and Adaline Cavauagh in 1879.
Subject: Cavauagh, William; Cavauagh, Adaline; Dunke, Henry; Heimbecker, Henry; Deeds

File 34 **Ratz, George, estate : deed of land transfer from the estate of George Ratz to Charles Edmund Klinck.** - November 1, 1919.

Indenture transferring title of a property that was situated in the Village of Elmira from the estate of George Ratz to Charles Edmund Klinck.
Subject: Ratz, George; Klinck, Charles Edmund; Deeds

File 35 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : blueprints.** - 1893-1923. - 14 technical drawings : blueprint ; 59 x 50 cm or smaller.

Blueprints illustrating property owned by various members of the Ratz family including John Ratz, George Ratz, Simon Ratz and Daniel Ratz.
Subject: Ratz, George; Ratz, John; Ratz, Simon; Ratz, Daniel; Ratz, Elmer; Blueprints

File 36 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : last will and testament.** - April 3, 1934.

Last will and testament of Elmer Ratz.

Subject: Ratz, Elmer

File 37 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : indenture for sale of interment rights from the Corporation of the City of Hamilton to Emma Louise Ratz [nee Luebke] .** - December 24, 1950.

Indenture for sale of interment rights from the Corporation of the City of Hamilton to Emma Louise Ratz for a parcel of land in Woodland Cemetery, Hamilton, Ont. Emma Louise Ratz likely purchased this cemetery plot for the burial of her husband Elmer Ratz.
Emma Louise Ratz was occasionally referred to as Emily.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer; Ratz, Emma Louise; Indentures

File 38 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : statement of accounts.** - 1953-1959.

Orders on passing the accounts, summaries of estate accounts and related correspondence.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer

File 39 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : statement of accounts.** - 1960-1968.
Orders on passing the accounts, summaries of estate accounts and related correspondence.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer

File 40 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : statement of accounts.** - 1970-1972.
Summaries of the estate accounts and related correspondence.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer

File 41 **Ratz, Elmer, estate : statement of accounts.** - 1972-1975.
Summaries of the estate accounts and related correspondence.
Subject: Ratz, Elmer

File 42 **Ratz, Clara E., estate : statement of accounts.** - 1977-1982.
Summaries of the estate accounts and related correspondence.
Subject: Ratz, Clara E.

Series 3 : Ratz, Herbert : Professional Activities.

Ratz, Herbert : professional activities. - 1950-1997. - 7 cm of textual records. - 70 photographs : b&w negatives ; 35 mm.
Herbert Ratz joined the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Waterloo as a Professor in 1963. He also served as the Associate Dean of Engineering and retired around 1992.
Material documenting Herbert Ratz's professional activities in and outside his role as university Professor and administrator. Includes certificates, curriculum vitae, copies of presentations and publications, sabbatical and fellowship applications and teaching material.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert; University of Waterloo

File 43 **Curriculum vitae.** - [ca.1950-1990].
Multiple copies and editions of Herbert Ratz's curriculum vitae.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert

File 44 **Presentations.** - 1965-1989.
Copies of presentations prepared and delivered by Herbert Ratz during his career.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert

File 45 **Publications.** - [ca.1973 and 1997].
Copies of publications written by Herbert Ratz during his career.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert

File 46 **University of Toronto : commemorative alumni certificate.** - June, 1975.
Commemorative certificate presented to Herbert Ratz, an alumnus of the University of Toronto, for serving as a member of the engineering profession for twenty-five years. The certificate was presented by the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering at the University of Toronto during the university's spring reunion in June 1975.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert; University of Toronto; Engineering

File 47 **University of Waterloo : sabbatical application.** - 1983-1984.
Application for sabbatical leave and supporting documentation including correspondence, publication lists and abstracts, an outline of a plan for sabbatical leave, notes and related material.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert; University of Waterloo

File 48 **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council : Senior Industrial Fellowship.** - 1984-1985.
Application for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Senior Industrial Fellowship for the year 1985. Includes supporting documentation such as recommendation letters, curriculum vitae and information about Herbert Ratz's research plan.
Herbert Ratz was offered and accepted the Senior Industrial Fellowship for the period of January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985. The file also includes the offer letter from NSERC, Herbert's letter accepting the offer and a final report about his research activities with the Senior Industrial Fellowship that was submitted to NSERC.
Subject: Ratz, Herbert; Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

File 49

Teaching material : photographs. - 1985. - 70 photographs : b&w negatives ; 35 mm.

Snapshots of charts and diagrams likely used by Herbert Ratz to teach students during his career.

The original sleeve the negatives were stored in is included in the file as it identifies the subject of the photographs and when the photographs were taken.

Subject: Ratz, Herbert; University of Waterloo

File 50

University of Waterloo : sabbatical application. - 1989-1990.

Application for sabbatical leave and supporting documentation including correspondence, publication lists and abstracts, an outline of a plan for sabbatical leave, notes and related material.

Subject: Ratz, Herbert; University of Waterloo