

<b>Title:</b>	Gideon Sundback fonds, 1942, 1952, 1985-1986, 1991, 2004, n.d.		
<b>Creator:</b>	Gideon Sundback, 1880-1954		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1942, 1952, 1985-1986, 1991, 2004, n.d.	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 136
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>1.1 Clippings, 1991, 2004, n.d.</p> <p>1.2 Compact discs (2), 1942, 1952; includes Harold Fox Victory Loan speech and Gideon Sundback interview conducted by Cecil Linder</p> <p>1.3 Dr. Gideon Sunback interview, 1952; includes 1985/1986 transcript</p> <p>1.4 Harold Fox Victory Loan speech, 1942; includes 1985 transcript</p> <p>1.5 The Lightning Leader, 1991; includes special commemorative edition</p> <p>1.6 78 rpm recordings (2), 1942, 1952; includes Harold Fox Victory Loan speech and Gideon Sundback interview conducted by Cecil Linder</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>1 cm of textual material; 2 78 rpm recordings; 2 compact discs</p> <p>Material is in excellent condition.</p>		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>Gideon Sundback was born in Stockholm, Sweden in 1880. He was educated as an engineer and settled in the United States in 1905. While working for the Universal Fastener Company, New Jersey in 1913 he developed and patented a “separable fastener”, which improved on an earlier version of what today is known as the zipper. He later moved his family to Meadville, Pennsylvania and sought a Canadian location for the production of his new invention. He settled on St. Catharines as it was an easy commute from his Pennsylvania home and opened The Lightning Fastener Company on Niagara Street. Sundback died on June 21, 1954 and is interred in Meadville, Pennsylvania. The plant continued to operate, but with increased foreign competition the manufacture of the zipper declined. The plant closed in 1981.</p> <p>Source: The St. Catharines Standard, July 3, 2004</p> <p>Harold Fox was a noted lawyer, academic, businessman, author and a leading authority on intellectual property. He was engaged by Gideon Sunback and the Lightening Fastening Company to combat patent infringements by Colonial Fastener in the 1930s. The relationship continued when Fox was asked to become the managing director of the company, which he did until 1949. Fox lived in St. Catharines at his home “Foxcroft” until his death in</p>		

	1969.  Source: <a href="http://thefoxfund.com/harold.htm">http://thefoxfund.com/harold.htm</a> (November 2, 2009)		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Custodial history is unknown.  Additional material related to Gideon Sundback and the Lightning Fastener Company are available at the St. Catharines Museum, Lock 3.		
<b>Described by:</b>	Edie Williams	<b>Date:</b>	November 2, 2009