

<b>Title:</b>	Photographs of secretarial staff at Lightning Fastener, ca. 1935		
<b>Creator:</b>			
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	ca. 1935	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 498
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	Consists of 4 different black and white photographs of the secretarial staff at Lightning Fastener, ca. 1935. Only one photograph is an original; the remaining 3 are copies. There are also several duplicate copies of some photographs that have been enlarged to show detail. The only identified person in the photographs is Alice Collard.		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	4 black & white photographs, 8 x 12 cm. or smaller.		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>Lightning Fastener Co. Ltd. was a zipper manufacturer located on Niagara Street in St. Catharines. It was founded by Gideon Sundback, the inventor of the modern fastener. Sundback was born in Sweden, but settled in the United States in 1905. It was here that he designed and patented a “separable fastener” in 1913. Although he lived in Hoboken, New Jersey, he decided to establish a manufacturing facility for his invention in Canada, choosing St. Catharines over other locations such as Fort Erie and Hamilton. At the height of its success, the company employed more than 500 people and produced more than 50 million zippers annually. Over time, the company had difficulty remaining competitive and was forced to close in 1981.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Source: <i>St. Catharines Standard</i>, July 3, 2004, page A5</small></p>		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Material was acquired from Lynne Prunskus in 2013.		

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