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## John White fonds

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## **John White fonds. -- Reproduced [191-?] (originally created 1792-1798). -- 3 cm of textual records (1 v.)**

### **Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History**

John White was born around 1761, in the parish of St. Sepulchre, Middlesex, England. He was admitted as a student at the Inner Temple in 1777 and was called to the Bar in 1785. On a recommendation from his brother-in-law, Samuel Shepherd, a British jurist, to William Osgoode, then the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, White was appointed as the first Attorney General of Upper Canada in 1791. After arriving in Canada in early 1792, during a brief period in Kingston, White was elected to the House of Assembly for the Leeds and Frontenac District. He then moved with the government to Newark (now Niagara-on-the-Lake) in the fall of 1792. To supplement his income as Attorney General, White also maintained a small law practice. After settling in York in 1797, White promoted and became involved with the formation of the Law Society of Upper Canada, serving as its first Treasurer (1791-1798) and also as a bencher (1797-1800). A personal dispute with the clerk of the Executive Council of Upper Canada, John Small, led to a duel, which resulted in White's death on January 4th, 1800.

### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of a copy of a personal journal kept by John White, the first Attorney General of Upper Canada (1791-1800) and the first Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada (1797-1798).

### **Restrictions**

No restrictions on access.

### **Title Notes**

Title based on contents of the fonds.

985102-001 Journal of John White. -- Reproduced [191-?] (originally created 1792-1798). -- 3 cm of textual records (1 v.)

*Scope and Content*

Item is a bound reproduction of the journal kept by John White, the first Attorney General of Upper Canada. The entries span from June 1792 to January 1798. Its contents detail White's daily activities, including his professional business, social activities and acquaintances, travels, some political events, and memoranda. It also records some of White's financial expenses. The pages on which these entries appear are upside down in the last pages of the journal.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.