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Guthrie and Kerwin fonds

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Guthrie and Kerwin fonds. -- 1895-1905, 1910-1927. -- 20.5 cm of textual records (5 v.)

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

The Guthrie & Kerwin law firm was a general law practice based in Guelph, Ontario. By 1916, the firm was comprised of lawyer and Member of Parliament Hugh Guthrie and his partner, Patrick Kerwin, and it likely ceased to operate after the appointment of Kerwin to the High Court of Justice of Ontario in 1932. The history of the firm begins in Guelph with Guthrie's father, Donald Guthrie, who joined with John Juchereau Kingsmill to form Kingsmill and Guthrie in 1863. Upon Kingsmill's appointment to the bench in 1867, Guthrie became the senior partner of the firm and was joined by James Watt to form Guthrie & Watt. The firm changed again, to Guthrie, Watt & Cutten, with the addition of partner Walter Hoyt Cutten, who joined the firm prior to 1873. By 1888, Cutten had left the firm, and Guthrie and Watt practiced together until Guthrie's son, Hugh Guthrie, joined the firm in 1894. The firm of Guthrie, Watt & Guthrie operated until the departure of James Watt prior to 1906. Watt later formed a partnership with his son, Frederick, in 1908. The firm, now Guthrie & Guthrie, continued until 1911, when Patrick Kerwin joined the firm. Guthrie, Guthrie & Kerwin operated until the death of Donald Guthrie in 1915 and shortly after became Guthrie & Kerwin.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of general suits dockets, a financial ledger and a bank account book documenting the practice of the law firm Guthrie & Kerwin, and its various predecessor firms.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The records in the fonds have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the fonds.

2011041-001 Miscellaneous docket XVII: Guthrie and Watt. -- 1895-1899. -- 5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a docket documenting the case work of the law firm Guthrie and Watt for each year between 1895 and 1899, organized alphabetically by client name and including dates, descriptions of work completed and financial accounts.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2011041-002 General suits docket 16: Guthrie Watt & Guthrie. -- 1899-1905. -- 6 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a docket documenting litigation cases handled by the law firm of Guthrie, Watt & Guthrie between 1899 and 1905. The docket lists dates, descriptions of work completed, financial accounts, and usually the outcome of the case.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2011041-003 Ledger. -- 1910-1922. -- 3.5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a financial ledger maintained by the law firm Guthrie and Guthrie and its later iteration as Guthrie, Guthrie and Kerwin between 1910 and 1922. The ledger documents firm income and expenditures including salary payments to firm lawyers and other staff members.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2011041-004 General suits docket 18: Guthrie Guthrie and Kerwin. -- 1912-1927. -- 5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a docket documenting litigation cases handled by the law firm Guthrie, Guthrie and Kerwin between 1912 and 1927. The docket lists dates, descriptions of work completed, financial accounts, and sometimes the outcome of the case.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2011041-005 Guthrie & Kerwin: account book. -- 1922-1924. -- 1 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a Bank of Montreal account book for the Guthrie and Kerwin firm bank account located in Guelph, Ontario. It details account activity between May 1922 and March 1924.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.