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## John Beverley Robinson fonds

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## Summary

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1 Series

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0 File parts

1 Items

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## John Beverley Robinson fonds. -- 1812-1813. -- 2 cm of textual records (1 v.)

### Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

John Beverley Robinson (1791-1863) was a prominent lawyer and judge in Upper Canada, who served as Acting Attorney-General during the War of 1812 and later Chief Justice of Upper Canada. He was born in Berthier, Lower Canada, and in 1807 began studying law in York. Robinson was articling with John Macdonell, Attorney General of Upper Canada, when war broke out in 1812. After Macdonell was killed in October of 1812, Robinson was named Acting Attorney-General. He performed the functions of Attorney General until 1814. Robinson was called to the bar in Upper Canada in 1815, and in England in 1823. Upon becoming a lawyer, he held the position of Solicitor General of Upper Canada (1815-1818), and later served as Attorney General (1818-1829). Robinson served as Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada from 1818 to 1819, 1821 to 1822, and again from 1828 to 1829. Robinson was appointed the seventh Chief Justice of Upper Canada in 1829, a position he held until 1862. As a member of the "Family Compact", the small Toronto elite that ruled the colony, he held great influence for decades. Robinson was made a Companion of the Bath in 1850, and became a baronet in 1854.

### Scope and Content

Fonds consists of a journal maintained by John Beverley Robinson, while Acting Attorney-General of Upper Canada during the War of 1812. The journal contains correspondence and opinions on legal and governmental matters. It also contains details of a number of cases and disputes relating to the conduct of the war, as well as directions on general administrative matters.

### Provenance

The provenance is unknown.

### Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

### Title Notes

Title based on contents of fonds.

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Access by permission of the Archivist.

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991050-001 Letters and opinions. -- 1812-1813. -- 1 v.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on inscription on front cover of journal.