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FINDING AID FOR

James Cashman fonds

PF32

Summary

The "James Cashman fonds" Fonds contains:

0 Subgroups or Sous-fonds

1 Series

0 Sub-series

0 Sub-sub-series

3 Files

0 File parts

0 Items

0 Components

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James Cashman fonds. -- Mar. 1899 - Jan. 1900. -- 3.5 cm of textual records

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

James Francis Joseph Cashman was called to the Bar in 1896, and practiced law in Gore Bay, Ontario. In October of 1899, Cashman was appointed the first Crown Attorney and Clerk of the Peace for the District of Manitoulin. It is believed he later practiced in the Niagara Peninsula region before settling in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Cashman was called to the Bar under the name "James Francis Joseph Cashman". At the request of his mother, he began to use her family name of "Walcott" instead of "Francis Joseph".

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of correspondence documenting the appointment of James Cashman as the first Crown Attorney for the District of Manitoulin. The majority consist of replies to requests for support and letters of congratulation after the appointment. Several letters pertain to expenses and accommodations for Crown Attorneys throughout the province, as well as the explanation for the variance of his name. Also included are copies of several documents from the Archives of Ontario. Despite the fact his true name was "James Francis Joseph Cashman", his letterhead appears as "Jas. W. Cashman" and the majority of the incoming letters are addressed to "James W. Cashman".

Provenance

Tony Cashman, great nephew of James Cashman, received the records in 1986 after the death of an aunt. The letters were in three tight rolls. To make them readable, Tony Cashman placed them under a press of concrete blocks for four years. Tony Cashman contacted Justice McClung of Alberta concerning the donation of the records to an archives in Ontario. Justice McClung contacted a Justice in Ontario, who contacted the Archivist at the Law Society. Tony Cashman donated the records to the Archives in June of 2000.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The order of the records as received by the Archives has been maintained.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

PF32-1 Correspondence. -- Mar. 1899-Jan. 1900. -- 3.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

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Restrictions

No access restrictions. Copyright restrictions to be determined by the Archivist.

Arrangement

The order of the records as received by the Archives has been maintained.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2000039-001 Correspondence - March 1899. -- Mar. 1899

Restrictions

No access restrictions.

Title Notes

Title based on title of binder.

2000039-002 Correspondence - April-May 1899. -- Apr. 1899 - May 1899

Restrictions

No access restrictions.

Title Notes

Title based on title of binder.

2000039-003 Correspondence - October 1899-January 1900. -- Oct. 1899 - Jan. 1900

Restrictions

No access restrictions.

Title Notes

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