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## William Lynn Smart fonds

PF57

## Summary

The "William Lynn Smart fonds" Fonds contains:

0 Subgroups or Sous-fonds

2 Series

2 Sub-series

0 Sub-sub-series

3 Files

0 File parts

17 Items

0 Components

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**PF57**

## **William Lynn Smart fonds. -- 1847-1874. -- 1 cm of textual records**

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

William Lynn Smart was born in England. His father, John Smart (fl. 1818), practiced law in London, England. William and his brothers Robert Williamson Hunt Smart (fl. 1847-1854) and Newton Reginald Smart (1831-1897) all clerked in their father's law office. In 1853, William Lynn Smart moved to Ontario. He was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1864, and was called to the Bar of the province in 1867. Smart became a notary public in 1871, and served as a Deputy Judge in Wentworth County, a position he held until 1874.

### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of legal documents and addresses relating to the legal career of William Lynn Smart. The fonds also contains one document that relates to Robert Williamson Hunt Smart, an attorney in England and the brother of William Lynn Smart.

### **Restrictions**

No restrictions on access.

### **Arrangement**

The fonds is arranged into two series, legal documents and addresses.

### **Title Notes**

Title based on contents of the fonds.

## **PF57-1 Legal documents. -- 1847-1852, 1856-1872. -- 33 items of textual records**

### *Scope and Content*

Series consists of legal documents, predominately relating to the legal career of William Lynn Smart. The series also contains a legal document relating to the legal career of Robert Williams Hunt Smart.

### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

### *Arrangement*

The series consists of two sub-series, one containing English documents and the other Canadian documents.

### *Title Notes*

Title based on content of the series.

### **PF57-1-1 English legal documents. -- 1847-1852. -- 7 items of textual records**

#### *Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of documents relating to the legal career of William Lynn Smart during the period he lived in England. One item relates to Robert Williamson Hunt Smart, brother of William Lynn Smart.

#### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

#### *Arrangement*

Items in the sub-series are arranged in chronological order.

#### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the sub-series.

985167-001 Articles of clerkship of Robert Williamson Hunt Smart to John Edward Buller. -- 11 June 1847. -- 8 p.

#### *Scope and Content*

Item is a handwritten article of agreement between Robert Williamson Hunt Smart and John Edward Buller, Attorney. Smart was to serve as a clerk for five years. Also mentioned in the agreement is John Smart, father of Robert Williamson Hunt Smart.

#### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

#### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-002 Certificate of enrollment of William Lynn Smart as attorney in the Court of Common Pleas. -- 9 May 1848. -- 1 p. : parchment ; 23 x 25 cm

#### *Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate designating that William Lynn Smart was "inrolled" as an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas (England).

#### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

#### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-003 Certificate of enrollment of William Lynn Smart as attorney in Court of Exchequer. -- 9 May 1848. -- 1 p.

#### *Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate allowing William Lynn Smart to act as an attorney in the Court of Exchequer at Westminster (London, England).

#### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

#### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-004 Certificate for William Lynn Smart to practice as attorney and solicitor for 1850. -- 16 Nov. 1849. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, Somerset, England, allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an attorney and solicitor for one year. The item refers to a fee payment by Smart of six pounds.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-005 Certificate for William Lynn Smart to practice as attorney and solicitor for 1851. -- 16 Nov. 1850. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, Somerset, England, allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an attorney and solicitor for one year. The item refers to a fee payment by Smart of six pounds.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-006 Certificate for William Lynn Smart to practice as attorney and solicitor for 1852. -- 16 Nov. 1851. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, Somerset, England, allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an attorney and solicitor for one year. The item refers to a fee payment by Smart of twelve pounds.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-007 Certificate for William Lynn Smart to practice as attorney and solicitor for 1853. -- 16 Nov. 1852. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, Somerset, England, allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an attorney and solicitor for one year. The item refers to a fee payment by Smart of twelve pounds.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

**PF57-1-2 Canadian legal documents. -- 1856-1872. -- 26 items of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of legal documents relating to the Canadian legal career of William Lynn Smart.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Arrangement*

The records in the sub-series are arranged in chronological order.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the sub-series.

985167-008 Petition of W.L. Smart for an Act authorizing him to function as an attorney and solicitor. -- 31 Mar. 1856. -- 3 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a handwritten letter written by William Lynn Smart to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, asking for an Act of Parliament to authorise him as an attorney. In the letter, Smart describes his legal career in England, including his practice in partnership and work at the Courts of Chancery, Court of Queen's Bench, Court of Common Pleas, and Court of Exchequer, before coming to Canada in 1853.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of item.

985167-009 Certificate of admission of William Lynn Smart as attorney. -- 13 June 1857. -- 1 p. : 1 seal ; 15 x 21 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a handwritten letter by the Court of Queen's Bench certifying and admitting William Lynn Smart as an attorney.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-010 Certificate of commission for William Lynn Smart to take and receive bails. -- 22 June 1857. -- 1 p. : 1 seal ; 45 x 50 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate authorizing William Lynn Smart to take and receive bails and affidavits in the County of Oxford.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-011 Court of Chancery admission certificates. -- 1862-1865, 1872. -- 5 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of certificates granted by the Osgoode Hall Registrar's Office to William Lynn Smart granting him the right to practice as a solicitor in the Court of Chancery.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

985167-012 Court of Common Pleas admission certificates. -- 1862-1865, 1871-1872. -- 6 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of certificates granted by the Crown Office allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an attorney in the Court of Common Pleas.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

985167-013 Court of Queen's Bench admission certificates. -- 1862-1872. -- 7 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of certificates granted by the Crown Office allowing William Lynn Smart to practice as an

attorney in the Court of Queen's Bench.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

985167-014 Commission in Q[ueen's] B[ench] for United Counties of York and Peel: Wm. Lynn Smart. -  
- 18 June 1864. -- 1 p. : parchment ; 25 x 39 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate authorizing William Lynn Smart to take and receive bails and affidavits in the Counties of York and Peel.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title on verso of the item.

985167-015 Certificate of admission of Mr. William L. Smart. -- 25 July 1864. -- 1 p. : parchment ; 22 x 37 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate admitting William Lynn Smart as a student-of-law of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title on verso of the item.

985167-016 Bill to provide admission of William Lynn Smart as a barrister. -- 28 Aug. 1865. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a bill issued by the Private Bill Office of the Legislative Assembly outlining fees and expenses regarding William Lynn Smart's admission as a barrister.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

985167-017 Commission: William Lynn Smart to be a notary public in the Province of Ontario. -- 28 Feb. 1871. -- 1 p. : parchment ; 35 x 40 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a certificate appointing William Lynn Smart a notary public in Ontario.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title on verso of the item.

985167-018 Letter to William Lynn Smart regarding appointment as notary public. -- 1 Mar. 1871. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a letter to William Lynn Smart from the Provincial Secretary's Office regarding his appointment as a notary public.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.



## **PF57-2 Addresses. -- 1874. -- 2 items of textual records**

### *Scope and Content*

Series consists of two copies of an address given by the members of the Hamilton bar to William Lynn Smart on the occasion of his resignation as a Wentworth County judge in 1874.

### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the series.

985167-019 Address to Judge Smart from the Wentworth Bar. -- 2 June 1874. -- 1 p.

### *Scope and Content*

Item is an address to Judge Smart upon his resignation as Deputy Judge of the County of Wentworth. The address was presented by forty-four members of the Wentworth Bar. Below the address is a response from William Lynn Smart that includes some biographical information. The address is from the Hamilton Spectator.

### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

### *Title Notes*

Title based on contents of item.

985167-020 Draft of address to Judge Smart from the Wentworth Bar. -- [1874?]. -- 1 p.

### *Scope and Content*

Item is a hand-written transcript, possibly a draft, of an address to Judge Smart by the lawyers of the Wentworth Bar on the occasion of Smart's resignation. The item has been annotated with corrections.

### *Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

### *Title Notes*

Title on verso of the item.