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Walter Roe fonds

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Summary

The "Walter Roe fonds" Fonds contains:

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Walter Roe fonds. -- 1789, 1796. -- 2 items of textual records

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

Walter Roe was born circa 1760 in London, England. After enlisting in the Royal Navy in 1779, he immigrated to Montréal, articulated there in the mid-1780s and was called to the Bar in 1789. Roe was appointed court clerk in the District of Hesse (what is now the counties of Essex and Kent, in Ontario) and began to practice law, which included the collecting of debts, certifying land transfers and attending to estates. In 1796, Roe was appointed land registrar by John Graves Simcoe. Roe was one of the first benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada, although there is no evidence he attended any of the meetings.

Roe lived primarily in Detroit. He married Ann Laughton of Detroit on 1 March 1790, and had four children. When the British troops surrendered the regions south of the Great Lakes in 1796, Roe was given the responsibility of handing the keys of the fort to the U.S. troops. Roe then moved to Windsor and continued serving as a clerk. He died in an accident on 7 August 1801 while travelling on duty as a clerk.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of certificates relating to the legal career of Walter Roe. Included is a certificate appointing Roe an advocate in the Province of Quebec and a certificate appointing Roe as Deputy Registrar of the Western District.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from content of the fonds.

991053-001 Commission appointing Walter Roe, advocate, to appear in all His Majesty's Courts. -- 13 Apr. 1789. -
- 1 p. : 1 seal ; 37 x 24 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a hand-written commission issued by Lord Dorchester admitting Walter Roe to practice law in all courts within the province of Quebec.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from verso of item.

991053-002 Certificate appointing Walter Roe as Deputy Registrar of the Western District. -- 3 May 1796

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued by John Graves Simcoe appointing Walter Roe as Deputy Registrar of the Western District.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.