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William Renwick Riddell fonds

PF61

Summary

The "William Renwick Riddell fonds" Fonds contains:

1 Subgroups or Sous-fonds

8 Series

2 Sub-series

0 Sub-sub-series

16 Files

0 File parts

49 Items

0 Components

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PF61

William Renwick Riddell fonds. -- [1790?]-1943. -- 26.5 cm of textual records, 2 photographs

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

William Renwick Riddell was born on April 6th, 1852, in Hamilton Township, Canada West. Riddell studied at Victoria University in Cobourg, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree (1874), Bachelor of Science degree (1877), and an LLB degree (1878). He was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1878, and was called to the Bar in 1883. He practiced law in Cobourg before moving to Toronto in the 1890s. In 1891, Riddell was elected a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, a position he held until his appointment as a justice with the High Court (King's Bench) in 1906. He served as a justice with the High Court of Justice from 1913 to 1925, and as a justice with the Court of Appeal from 1925 to 1945.

Riddell was a prolific writer on Canadian legal, constitutional, medical and social history, producing over 1200 articles, reviews, lectures, pamphlets and books. He received eleven honorary degrees throughout his life. Riddell died in Toronto on February 18th, 1945.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of certificates, correspondence, research material, photographs and other material relating to the legal career and research interests of William Renwick Riddell. The research material relates to William Dummer Powell and to a medieval French folktale. The fonds also consists of several legal documents collected by Riddell. The fonds includes one sous-fonds, which contains the law practice records of Alexander Macdonell, a lawyer in Toronto during the mid-nineteenth century. The sous-fonds also includes research notes by Riddell on Macdonell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged in six series and one sous-fonds.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

PF61-1 Research material. -- ca. 1919, ca. 1930. -- 7 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of records relating to two research projects undertaken by William Renwick Riddell. The series includes source material and manuscripts relating to a biography of William Dummer Powell and a translation of a medieval French folktale.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The series is arranged in two sub-series.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

PF61-1-1 William Dummer Powell research. -- ca. 1919. -- 6 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Sub-series consists of records relating to the writing of a biography of William Dummer Powell by William Renwick Riddell. Records include manuscripts of the biography, letters written during research and research, a family tree and typescripts of correspondence and a family tree. Riddell based his *Life of William Dummer Powell*, published by the Michigan Historical Society in 1924, on the typescript material.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the sub-series.

984049-001 Notice of the Progress of William Drummer [sic] Powell, Chief Justice of the Province of Upper Canada. -- [ca. 1919]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Item is a draft manuscript of a biography on William Dummer Powell, written by William Renwick Riddell. The manuscript is annotated and corrected.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

984049-002 Notice of the Progress of William Drummer [sic] Powell, Chief Justice of the Province of Upper Canada. -- [ca. 1919]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Item is a draft manuscript of a biography on William Dummer Powell, written by William Renwick Riddell. The manuscript is annotated and corrected, and has been cut and re-ordered as part of an editing process.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

984049-003 Correspondence by William Renwick Riddell. -- Nov. 1919. -- 4 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of two annotated draft letters written by Riddell addressed to the Keeper of Judicial Records, Montréal, and the Librarian of the Sulpician Library, Montréal. Riddell expresses his interest in the life of William Dummer Powell and asks whether the court records of 1779 to 1788 have survived. Riddell also inquires about contemporaries of Powell, including Adhemar St. Martin and Jean De Lisle.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

984049-004 Typescripts of William Dummer Powell correspondence. -- [ca. 1919] (originally written 1774-1832). -- 4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of typed transcripts of correspondence, originally written between 1774 and 1832, relating to the life and career of William Dummer Powell. The correspondence is largely written to Powell by family members, as well as letters exchanged among his relatives. Some correspondence relates to his professional career.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

984049-005 Family tree of William Dummer Powell. -- 11 Dec. 1909. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a family tree of the family of William Dummer Powell. The item was prepared by Grant [?] Ridout from a document originally compiled on October 5th, 1793.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF61-1-2 Story of Bigorne. -- [ca.1930]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Sub-series consists of records relating to a medieval French folktale entitled "Bigorne who eats all men who do the bidding of their wives." Included is an undated printed French manuscript and a translation written by Riddell.

Languages

Some of the material is in French.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the sub-series.

985301-001 An old story of Bigorne. -- [17--]. -- 7 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a printed booklet of a medieval French folktale. The title, translated by Riddell, is "Bigorne who eats all men who do the bidding of their wives."

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title is based on translation provided by Riddell.

985301-002 An old story of Bigorne. -- [ca. 1930]. -- 6 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a typed manuscript prepared by Riddell on the booklet containing the French folktale "An old story of Bigorne, who ate men who did as their wives told them". The manuscript includes the folktale in French with an English translation, and includes an introduction, commentary and notes on translation.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title is taken from the title of commentary provided by Riddell.

PF61-2 Certificates and membership card. -- 1874-1932. -- 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of certificates and a membership card issued to William Renwick Riddell. Items relate to his university education, legal and judicial career and organisations related to his personal interests.

Languages

Two of the certificates are in Latin.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The records in this series have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

985019-001 Bachelor of Arts degree. -- 27 May 1874. -- 1 p. ; 33 x 41 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a Bachelor of Arts degree awarded to William Renwick Riddell by the University of Victoria College, Cobourg.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from contents of the item.

985019-002 Certificate from Sons of Temperance. -- 1 Sept. 1875. -- 1 p. ; 25 x 20 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued to William Renwick Riddell by the Sons of Temperance.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from contents of the item.

985019-003 Bachelor of Science degree. -- 30 May 1876. -- 1 p. ; 40 x 34 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a Bachelor of Science degree issued to William Renwick Riddell by Victoria University. Riddell was the first person to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the university.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-004 Certificate of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh. -- 13 Apr. 1877. -- 1 p. ; 25 x 28 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate electing William Renwick Riddell a non-resident fellow of the Royal Botanical Society of Edinburgh.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-005 Bachelor of Law degree. -- 29 May 1878. -- 1 p. ; 34 x 44 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a Bachelor of Law degree issued to William Renwick Riddell by Victoria University.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-006 Osgoode Hall. Certificate of admission of Mr. William Riddell. -- 18 Mar. 1879. -- 1 p. ; 20 x 35 cm

Scope and Content

Item is an admission certificate granted to William Renwick Riddell by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-007 Certificate of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. -- 9 July 1879. -- 1 p. ; 44 x 34 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued by the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons granting admission to William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-008 Grand Lodge certificate of advancement. -- 10 Mar. 1881. -- 1 p. ; 44 x 35 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued to William Renwick Riddell by the Grand Lodge to recognise his advancement to second degree and admission to the third degree.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-009 Commission appointing William Renwick Riddell to be one of Her Majesty's Counsel. -- 4 Oct. 1899. -- 1 p. ; 35 x 40 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing William Renwick Riddell a Queen's Counsel.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-010 Commission appointing William Renwick Riddell a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario. -- 12 Oct. 1906. -- 1 p. ; 50 x 60 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing William Renwick Riddell a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, a Justice of the High Court and a member of the King's Bench.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-011 Certificate to act as Judge of the Exchequer. -- 13 Dec. 1908. -- 1 p. ; 30 x 46 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate appointing William Renwick Riddell to serve as a temporary Judge of the Exchequer in the case of the Berliner Gram-o-phon Company of Canada vs. Columbia Phonograph Company.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-012 Certificate of National Geographic Society membership. -- 15 Feb. 1915. -- 1 p. ; 28 x 21 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate granting William Renwick Riddell membership in the National Geographic Society.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-013 Certificate from the Zetland Lodge. -- 24 Sept. 1915. -- 1 p. ; 29 x 21 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate confirming William Renwick Riddell an elected honorary life member of the Zetland Lodge, No. 236.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-014 Certificate of membership in Victoria Lodge. -- 20 Feb. 1917. -- 1 p. ; 33 x 26 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued by the Victoria Lodge unanimously electing William Renwick Riddell to an honorary lifetime membership. The item mentions a speech delivered by Riddell at a banquet.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-015 Certificate of membership in the Grand Chapter. -- 3 May 1917. -- 1 p. ; 21 x 25 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate awarding William Renwick Riddell lifetime membership with the Grand Chapter of the R.A. Masons [Royal Arch Masons].

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-016 Royal Society of Canada certificate. -- 1 June 1917. -- 1 p. ; 33 x 46 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate titled "Diploma Aggregationis" awarded by the Royal Society of Canada to William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-017 Certificate of life membership in Victoria Lodge. -- 16 July 1917. -- 1 p. ; 28 x 22 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate granting William Renwick Riddell lifetime membership in the Victoria Lodge, Toronto.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-018 Certificate of membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. -- 16 Dec. 1918. -- 1 p. ; 27 x 21 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate of membership granted to William Renwick Riddell by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-019 Commission appointing William Renwick Riddell to serve on public inquiry. -- 11 Mar. 1920. -- 4 p. ; 37 x 23 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing William Renwick Riddell to serve with the Honourable Francis Robert Latchford as commissioners to investigate the Crown Timber Act, and the cutting of timber, violations of licences, and possible damage to Crown Land.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-020 Certificate of membership in the American Bar Association. -- 27 Aug. 1920. -- 1 p. ; 21 x 26 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate granting William Renwick Riddell membership in the American Bar Association.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-021 Certificate of life membership in St. Andrew's Lodge. -- 11 Jan. 1921. -- 1 p. ; 27 x 22 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate granting William Renwick Riddell life membership in the St. Andrew's Lodge.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-022 Certificate of appointment as a Justice of the Appeal Court. -- 28 Sept. 1925. -- 1 p. ; 49 x 61 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate appointing William Renwick Riddell a Justice of the Appeal of the Second Divisional Court of the Supreme Court of Ontario and ex-officio a Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-023 Membership card of the League of Nations Society in Canada. -- 11 Nov. 1925

Scope and Content

Item is a membership card granting William Renwick Riddell a one year membership in the League of

Nations Society in Canada.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-024 Certificate of life membership in Zeta Lodge. -- 25 Oct. 1929. -- 1 p. ; 26 x 30 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate awarding William Renwick Riddell life membership in the Zeta Lodge.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-025 Certificate of membership in the International Medico-Legal Association. -- 29 Sept. 1931. -- 1 p. ; 28 x 43 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued by the International Medico-Legal Association electing William Renwick Riddell lifetime membership as an honorary fellow.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-026 Commission appointing William Renwick Riddell to serve on public inquiry. -- 23 Aug. 1932. -- 5 p. ; 36 x 23 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing William Renwick Riddell and George Herbert Sedgewick as commissioners to review the evidence presented to a public inquiry regarding payments made by the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario to John Aird, Jr., and the purchase of Dominion Power and Transmission Company Limited.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of item.

985019-027 Certificate of membership in the Academy of Medicine. -- 4 Oct. 1931. -- 1 p. ; 30 x 23 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a certificate issued by the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, electing William Renwick Riddell an honorary fellow of the Academy.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF61-3 Correspondence. -- 1878-1932. -- 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence created and maintained to William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

Series is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

985019-028 Letter from students of Ottawa Normal School. -- 11 Dec. 1878. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a handwritten letter by students at the Ottawa Normal School to William Renwick Riddell. The students express their appreciation for Riddell's instruction in mathematics.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-029 Letter from Royal Historical Society. -- 19 Dec. 1913. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to William Renwick Riddell regarding his election as a member of the Royal Historical Society, London.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from contents of the item.

985019-030 Letter from John Pierce to William Renwick Riddell. -- 1830, 1915. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of a letter written by John Pierce of John E. Scopes and Company, antiquarian book dealer, to William Riddell regarding a cheque owned by the dealer and sent to Riddell. The file includes the cheque and a typed description outlining the historical significance of the item. The cheque was signed by Charles D. Cooper, the author of the newspaper article that led to the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. The letter from Pierce also addresses unjust treatment to Loyalists who remained in New York.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from contents of the file.

985019-031 Letter from William Renwick Riddell to John Hoskin. -- 25 Feb. 1916. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to John Hoskin, Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, from William Renwick Riddell. Riddell outlines his wish to donate his personal library of books, pamphlets and other materials to the library of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The letter includes stipulations that the materials be kept together and that Riddell be allowed access to his books. The letter also includes suggestions on cataloguing, shelving and binding of his materials.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-032 Letter from the Law Academy of Philadelphia. -- 16 May 1917. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to the Hon. William Renwick Riddell informing him that he had been elected an Honorary Member of the Law Academy of Philadelphia.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985019-033 George A. Kingston correspondence. -- 1932. -- 5 p.

Scope and Content

File contains: a letter from George A. Kingston (Commissioner of the Workmen's Compensation Board) wishing Riddell recovery from an illness, a tribute to Sir Gilbert Parker by George Kingston, a copy of a letter from Rudyard Kipling to Kingston in appreciation of the tribute to Parker, a poem written by Kingston, and a letter from A.B. Aylesworth to Kingston in appreciation of the poem.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

985019-034 Letter to James Day and Kiwanis Club presentation. -- 1922. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of two copies of a letter from William Renwick Riddell to James E. Day and a bound presentation volume. The volume was prepared in appreciation of a dinner hosted by Riddell at the Law Society for approximately one hundred lawyers who were members of the Kiwanis Club. The letter from Riddell was in appreciation of their gratitude.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

PF61-4 Miscellaneous legal documents. -- [1790?]-1798, 1823. -- 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of historical legal documents collected by William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

Series is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes

Title is based on content of series.

988013-001 Indictment against Cawquochish, an Indian, for murder. -- [1790?]. -- 1 p. ; 32 x 41 cm

Scope and Content

Item is an indictment relating to the murder of David Lynd by Cawquochish at River à la Tranche, District of Hesse in 1790. The document includes a description of the incident and the signatures of people involved in the trial.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

988013-002 Indictment against a Chippoway Indian called Guillet for murder. -- [1792?]. -- 1 p. ; 32 x 41 cm

Scope and Content

Item is an indictment against Guillet for the murder of Pierre Grocher in the District of Hesse in 1792. The document includes a description of the incident and the signatures of people involved in the trial.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

988013-003 Déclaration de Joseph LaLonde. -- 30 June 1792. -- 1 p. ; 20 x 17 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a testimony given to Adhémar St. Martin, Justice of the Peace for the District of Hesse, by Joseph LaLonde concerning a physical attack that had occurred the previous day in Michilimakinac. The text of the document is in French.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of the item.

988013-004 Copy of appeal from the Grand Jurors, Detroit. -- Apr. 1795. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is "a true copy of the original" appeal issued by the Grand Jurors in Detroit, that the inhabitants of the Rivers Sinclair, Kaisen, Huron, in the Western District have representation in Parliament. The document includes the signatories.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

988013-005 The King versus Wm. Lee - copy of indictment found by the Grand Jury. -- [1797?]. -- 1 p. ; 31 x 19 cm

Scope and Content

Item is an indictment against William Lee, a labourer, for killing an ox owned by Matthew Elliot in the County of Essex.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on verso of the item.

988013-006 Affidavit of Peter McBride. -- 30 Apr. 1798. -- 8 p.

Scope and Content

Item is the affidavit of Peter McBride stating that he witnessed David Ramsay assist Allan McNabb, a confined debtor, escape from the Home District gaol (jail). The affidavit was sworn before William Dickson, a Justice of the Peace for the Home District. The back page of the affidavit contains a sworn oath by William Carver of Newark that the preceding affidavit was true. The The oath was sworn before James Muirhead and William Dickson, Justices of the Peace.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

988013-007 Court order for John Henry Auburn [?] to compensate Gabriel Franchere. -- 28 Dec. 1797. -- 1 p. ; 16 x 21 cm

Scope and Content

Item is an order issued by the Court of the King's Bench for John Henry Auburn [?] of Montreal to pay a sum to Gabriel Franchere.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

988013-008 Deed granted to John Miller. -- 10 Apr. 1823. -- 1 p. ; 37 x 43 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a deed granted to John Miller, a private in the 90th Regiment. The deed relates to 100 acres of land

within Lachiel Township, County of Glengarry. The document mentions Alex McDonell as superintendent of military and immigrant settlers.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF61-5 Ephemera. -- [ca. 1918]-1943. -- 3 p. of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of ephemera relating to the life and career of William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title is based on content of series.

985019-035 Birthday honours. -- 6 Apr. 1943. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a sheet bearing remarks related to a celebration of the birthday of William Renwick Riddell. The remarks are written in rhyming couplets with stage and speaking directions.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title on recto of the item.

985019-036 Charge to the graduating classes at the fifty-ninth annual commencement of Northwestern University. -- 1917. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a printed speech presented to the fifty-ninth commencement of Northwestern University. Riddell was the commencement speaker in 1917.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

985019-037 The first law school in Canada - 1742-1758. -- [between 1925 and 1945]. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an article on the first law school in Canada, written by the Hon. William Renwick Riddell. The item does not include any information regarding the name of the publication in which the article appeared.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

PF61-6 Photographs. -- ca. 1870. -- 2 photographs : b&w ; 11 x 8 cm

Scope and Content

Series consists of two portrait photographs believed to be of Walter Riddell and Mary Renwick, the parents of William Renwick Riddell. The two photographs appear to be two sections of one original photograph, that was cut in half at some point in time. Part of Riddell's left arm is visible on the photograph of Mary Renwick.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the series.

998009-01P Photograph of Mary Renwick. -- [ca. 1870]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a portrait photograph of Mary Renwick, the mother of William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Photograph in the public domain.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

998009-02P Photograph of Walter Riddell. -- [ca. 1870]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 8 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a portrait photograph of Walter Riddell, the father of William Renwick Riddell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

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Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF61-SF1 Alexander Macdonell sous-fonds. -- 1843-1887, [1945?]. -- 11 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Sous-fonds consists of records relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell, an attorney active in Toronto during the mid-nineteenth century. The sous-fonds also consists of research notes made by William Renwick Riddell based on the records.

Provenance

It is not known how Riddell acquired the Macdonell records.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The sous-fonds is arranged in two series.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

PF61-SF1-1 Law practice records. -- 1843-1882, 1887. -- 14.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of correspondence, writs, invoices, summons and other records relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Some records in the series may relate to his personal life.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The law practice records are arranged chronologically. The bills and invoices are arranged as received.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

988013-009 Law practice records. -- 1843-1847. -- 2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of records relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Records include correspondence and writs relating to cases and letters from clients of Macdonell and from other parties. Cases relate largely to the collection of debts. Other records include a statement of arbitrator and a list of charges.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-010 Law practice records. -- 1848-1851. -- 2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of records relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Records include correspondence, accounting papers, court summons, telegram messages and other documents. File also includes a bill from Osgoode Hall to Alexander Macdonell, a memorandum regarding the incorporation of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Company, a petition to the Earl of Elgin, and claims from people in Fulton County, New York, regarding having been taken prisoner by British troops during the Revolutionary War.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-011 Law practice records. -- 1852-1854. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence and writs relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. The records predominately refer to Anne McDonell. Two prominent cases were against the Ontario Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company regarding a client's investment with the firm, and against William Henry Boulton and Clark Gamble regarding unpaid debt.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-012 Law practice records. -- 1854-1859. -- 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence, writs, summons, telegrams and one newspaper clipping relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Cases relate to the collection of debts, the sale of property and advice on investments. Other records include a report from the British America Assurance Company, a residential rental agreement between Macdonell and G.E. Aylmer, a draw on the Bank of Upper Canada payable to G.E. Aylmer and a detailed invoice issued by Macdonell to a client regarding fees for legal

services.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-013 Law practice records. -- 1865-1868. -- 2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence, invoices, court summons, contracts and telegram messages relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Records relate predominately to the collection of debts, including attempts by Macdonell on behalf of clients Major George Edward Aylmer, a prominent land owner in Toronto, and Mrs. Jarvis. Records also relate to attempts to collect outstanding debts from William Henry Boulton, the former owner of the Grange, following his insolvency. One document is a letter written by Allan Macdonell, believed to be a relative of Alexander Macdonell, to the Military Secretary with respect to the transport of troops to the Red River Settlement by way of Great Lakes as an alternative to travelling through Hudson's Bay.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-014 Law practice records. -- 1869-1882, 1887. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists largely of correspondence relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell. Other records include an advertisement regarding properties for sale and lease by the City of Toronto and the minutes of the City of Toronto Council meeting where Alexander Macdonell requested to close a lane behind his property on Huron Street.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-015 Law practice records. -- [184-?]-[188-?]. -- 18 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of undated documents, including correspondence, a writ, a legal claim, a newspaper clipping and other material relating to the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-016 Bills and invoices. -- 1845, 1861-1880. -- 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of invoices maintained by Alexander Macdonell. The invoices relate to property tax assessments, subscriptions to newspapers, and bills relating to purchases of groceries, hardware, clothing, stationery and other products and services. Most of the invoices were issued to Alexander Macdonell, while others were issued to Major George Edward Aylmer, a property owner and client of Macdonell, and to a tenant (such as J. Vickers) or property manager (such as Dixon) of Aylmer.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-017 Insurance certificates issued to G.E. Aylmer. -- 1865-1869. -- 5 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of insurance policies related to properties owned by Major George E. Aylmer, a prominent land owner in Toronto and client of Macdonell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

988013-018 Appeals by W.H. Smith to Canada Exploring and Mining Company. -- 1864. -- 6 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of appeals written by W.H. Smith to the Directors of the Canada Exploring and Mining Company in regards to unpaid commissions and expenses while Smith was employed by the company. The file consists of three separate documents arranged chronologically.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

PF61-SF1-2 Research material on Alexander Macdonell. -- [1945?]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of research material prepared by William Renwick Riddell on the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of series.

988013-019 Research notes of William Renwick Riddell on Alexander Macdonell. -- [ca. 1945]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of hand-written notes for a lecture or article on the legal practice of Alexander Macdonell, prepared by William Renwick Riddell. The notes concern Macdonell in the years from 1843 to 1847.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.