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John Shirley Denison collection

PF7

Summary

The "John Shirley Denison collection" Fonds contains:

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3 Files

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John Shirley Denison collection. -- 1803-1894. -- 9 cm of textual records

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

John Shirley Denison was born in Montreal on July 2nd, 1870, to George Shirley Denison and Julia Isabella Denison (nee Jordon). Denison was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1887, and after articling with Newman Wright Hoyles, was called to the Bar in 1892. Denison was appointed a King's Counsel in 1910. Denison served as an elected bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada from 1931 to 1944, and as its Treasurer from 1944 to 1947. Denison died in Toronto on June 28th, 1951.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of records accumulated by John Shirley Denison, a Toronto lawyer. The collection is arranged into three series: records of James Joseph Foy, records of Sir Adam Wilson, and miscellaneous letter and seal. The collection consists of correspondence, certificates, notices, commissions and notebooks, primarily relating to James Joseph Foy and Sir Adam Wilson. Wilson was the adopted father of John Shirley Denison's mother, Julia Isabella Jordan. The collection also includes a Seal of George III and a letter from Edmund Yates.

Provenance

The collection was donated to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1951 by John Shirley Denison's sister, Emily Denison.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the collection.

PF7-1 Records of James Joseph Foy. -- 1882-1894. -- 11 p.

Scope and Content

Series consists of correspondence sent to James J. Foy, regarding investment matters and western lands.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

985043-1-3 Correspondence from Sir Charles Tupper. -- 1888, 1894. -- 6 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of three letters to James J. Foy from Sir Charles Tupper, London.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

985043-1-4 Letter from Charles H. Tupper. -- 3 Aug. 1885. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to James J. Foy from Charles H. Tupper. The letter is on letterhead for the law firm of Graham, Tupper, Borden & Parker (Halifax, Nova Scotia).

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-1-1 Letter from Archbishop Taché. -- 20 Mar. 1882. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to James J. Foy from Alexandre-Antonin Taché, Archbishop of St. Boniface.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-1-2 Letter from D.L. MacPherson. -- 6 Apr. 1882. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to James J. Foy from D.L. MacPherson, Ottawa.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF7-2 Records of Sir Adam Wilson. -- 1834-1863. -- 8 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of records relating to the life and career of Adam Wilson. The series includes an articles of clerkship Agreement, a call to the Bar certificate, commissions relating to militia appointments and his appointment as a Queen's Counsel, correspondence, a printed complaint, notebooks possibly used by Wilson during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches, a notice of dissolution of the partnership between W.W. Baldwin and Robert Baldwin, and a notice from the Halifax Post Office.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

985042-2-2 Articles of clerkship agreement. -- 1834-1839. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an articles of clerkship agreement between Robert B. Sullivan and Adam Wilson. The agreement was made on 8 February 1834. The item contains notations that the agreement was assigned to W.W. Baldwin by R.B. Sullivan in 1837, and sworn as an attorney under the articles in 1839.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985042-2-3 Call to the Bar certificate. -- 17 June 1839. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a call to the Bar certificate (Barrister at Law diploma) issued to Adam Wilson by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985042-2-8 Correspondence from John Sandfield Macdonald. -- Dec. 1862. -- 4 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of two letter to Adam Wilson from J.S. Macdonald.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

985042-2-9 Letter from Justice Robert E. Burns. -- 6 Dec. 1862. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to Adam Wilson from Justice Robert E. Burns.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985042-2-10 Letter from C.S. Patterson. -- 19 Feb. 1863. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to the Hon. A. Wilson from C.S. Patterson regarding the discharge of the mortgage of W.W. Baldwin.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985126-2-7 Complaint of Alexander Davidson, of Hamilton, U.C., anent the maladministration of the law by Miles O'Reilly as Queen's Counsel, under the late government. -- 1863. -- 4 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a printed complaint sent to the Hon. J.O. Bureau, Provincial Secretary, by Alexander Davidson, painter, against Miles O'Reilly, Q.C., Crown Prosecutor. This copy of the complaint is addressed to the Hon. Adam Wilson, M.P.P.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on the item.

985127-2-5 Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Captain in Toronto Militia. -- 14 Apr. 1851. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing Adam Wilson a Captain in the Seventh Battalion of Toronto Militia. Given by His Excellency The Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985128-2-4 Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Lieutenant in Toronto Militia. -- 16 Dec. 1847. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing Adam Wilson a Lieutenant in the First Battalion of Toronto Militia. Given by His Excellency The Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-1 Admission fee receipt. -- 25 Apr. 1834. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a receipt issued to Adam Wilson by the Law Society of Upper Canada for the payment of the admission fee.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

985175-2-6 Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Queen's Counsel. -- Nov. 1850. -- 1 p. ; 38 x 45 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a commission appointing Adam Wilson to be a Queen's Counsel in Upper Canada.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-11 Letter from Fred Cumberland. -- 12 Jan. 1863. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to Adam Wilson from Fred Cumberland regarding a letter from Colonel Ready.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-12 Correspondence from Alexander Mackenzie. -- 1863. -- 4 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of two letters to Adam Wilson from A. Mackenzie.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

985175-2-13 Letter from Bishop John Joseph Lynch. -- 2 Mar. 1863. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to the Hon. Adam Wilson from John Joseph Lynch, Bishop of Toronto, regarding two petitions forwarded to the government requesting aid for two "preservation establishments", one for boys, the other for girls.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-14 Letter from Oliver Mowat. -- 25 Nov. 1862. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to Adam Wilson from Oliver Mowat regarding the militia offices and an Assistant Registrar in Chancery.

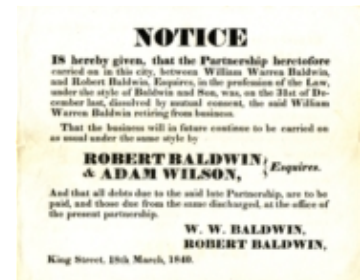
Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-20 Notice re dissolution of partnership. -- 18 Mar. 1840. -- 1 p.



Scope and Content

Item is a printed notice announcing the dissolution of the law partnership of William Warren Baldwin and Robert Baldwin, under the name of Baldwin and Son. The dissolution was due to the retirement of William Warren Baldwin from business. The business was carried on by Robert Baldwin and Adam Wilson.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-2-21 Notice from Halifax Post Office. -- 1842. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a notice from the Post Office in Halifax, that accompanied a letter returned to Misterys Baldwin & Son. The notice bears a handwritten note by Adam Wilson.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

991033-2-15 Notebook. -- 1860. -- 1 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a notebook maintained by Adam Wilson, possibly during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches. The notebook contains handwritten notes, press clippings, and a resolution calling for Upper and Lower Canada to be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of representatives. The pages in the notebook are numbered from 1 to 96.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

991033-2-16 Notebook. -- 1860. -- 1 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a notebook maintained by Adam Wilson, possibly during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches. The notebook contains handwritten notes on government matters (i.e. British American League), etc., and press clippings. The pages in the notebook are numbered from 97 to 192.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

991033-2-17 Notebook. -- 1861. -- 1 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a notebook maintained by Adam Wilson, possibly during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches. The notebook contains handwritten notes. The pages in the notebook are numbered from 193 to 288.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

991033-2-18 Notebook. -- [between 1861 and 1862]. -- 1 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a notebook maintained by Adam Wilson, possibly during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches. The notebook contains handwritten notes and a press clipping. The pages in the notebook are numbered from 289 to 384.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

991033-2-19 Notebook. -- 1862. -- 0.5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a partial notebook maintained by Adam Wilson, possibly during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches. The two pages in the notebook are numbered 385 and 478 (the pages in between are missing).

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF7-3 Miscellaneous letter and seal. -- 1803, 1870. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

Series consists of a Seal of George III torn from a parchment document, and a letter from Edmund Yates, a

Victorian novelist, to one Claxton.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

985175-3-1 Seal of George III. -- 1803. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a seal attached to a small section of an unknown document.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

985175-3-2 Letter from Edmund Yates. -- 27 Nov. 1870. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter to Claxton from Edmund Yates, British novelist and dramatist, enquiring whether he is free the next evening.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.