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**Mary Constance McLean fonds. -- [Reproduced 2007]-2007. --  
6 cm of textual records, 2 photographs (tiff) : col., 2199 KB of  
textual records**

**Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History**

Mary Constance Hunt was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 30th, 1910, the daughter of Hamilton lawyer John J. Hunt and Anna Hunt (nee O'Brien). She attended McGill University, where she earned a B.A. degree in 1931. She was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School in June of 1931 and was called to the Bar of Ontario on June 21st, 1934. While at Osgoode Hall Law School she served as 1st Vice-President of the Legal and Literary Society for the term 1933-1934. She married James Montalieu McLean (1909-1989) at the St. Patrick's Vestry, Hamilton, on July 11th, 1935. Mary Constance McLean died on September 7th, 2010.

**Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of records maintained by Mary Constance McLean, relating to her legal career and that of her father, John Joseph Hunt. Included in the fonds are photocopies and digital images of four examinations and two student directories maintained by McLean while attending Osgoode Hall Law School, a photograph of the house in Hamilton, Ontario, in which McLean was raised, a photograph of what is believed to be the 9th Division Court in Hamilton, a firm relocation announcement card, a newspaper clipping regarding Wallace Nesbitt, and a notary public certificate issued to John Joseph Hunt. The originals of these records range in date from 1911 to 1976. The fonds also includes a transcript of a series of interviews with McLean held between May and June of 2007.

**Provenance**

In the Spring of 2007, Christopher Cosgriffe, the grandson of Mary Constance McLean, contacted the Law Society to suggest that someone interview his grandmother about her legal career. Allison Kirk-Montgomery, on behalf of the Law Society, met with Mary Constance McLean on several occasions to interview her for an oral history. In late May of 2007, McLean loaned the records in this fonds to the Law Society of Upper Canada Archives so copies could be produced. Staff of the Archives photocopied and scanned the records.

**Restrictions**

No restrictions on access.

See the accession file of 2008.021 for the release form.

**Title Notes**

Title based on contents of the fonds.

2007018-001 Announcement card for relocation of offices of McLean & McLean. -- [Reproduced 2007]. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a printout of a digital image of a card announcing the relocation of the offices of James M. McLean and M.C. McLean in Hamilton, and their association with John Hunt Nolan and Dermot P. Nolan. The original card is dated May 17, 1976.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

2007018-01P Photograph of house at 6 Stinston Street, Hamilton, Ontario. -- [Reproduced 2007]. -- 1 photograph (tiff) : col.



*Scope and Content*

Item is a digital image of a photograph of the Hunt family house located at 6 Stinston Street, Hamilton. The original photograph is believed to date from 1911. The image depicts members of the Hunt family standing on the front porch. Depicted are John Joseph Hunt, Mrs. O'Brien (Mrs. Hunt's mother), Mrs. Hunt, and Mary Constance McLean (nee Hunt) as a baby in her mother's arms.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the image.

2007018-002 Commission appointing John Joseph Hunt to be a notary public in the Province of Ontario. -- [Photocopied 2007]. -- 4 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a photocopy of a certificate appointing John Joseph Hunt a notary public in Ontario. The original certificate is dated 10 August 1915.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of the item.

2007018-02P Photograph of 9th Division Court, Hamilton. -- [Reproduced 2007]. -  
- 1 photograph (tiff) : col.



*Scope and Content*

Item is a digital image of a photograph of the interior of what is believed to be the 9th Division Court in Hamilton, Ontario. The original photograph is believed to date from 1911. Two men and a woman are standing behind a large desk. Two men are in an office at the back of the room. A sign above the door to the office reads

"W.A.H. Duff" [William Alexander Hamilton Duff]. The photograph belonged to John Joseph Hunt, who was a clerk at the Division Court before he was called to the Bar.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the image.

2007018-003 Newspaper clipping regarding Wallace Nesbitt. -- [Reproduced 2007]. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a printout of a digital image of a clipping from an unidentified newspaper relating to Wallace Nesbitt, K.C. The original clipping is believed to date from either 1928 or 1929, the years Nesbitt served as President of the Canadian Bar Association.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the item.

2007018-004 Osgoode Hall student's handbook and directory: 1932-1933. -- [Photocopied 2007]. -- 116 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a photocopy of the Osgoode Hall Law School students' handbook and directory for the term 1932-1933. The booklet is believed to have been published in 1932. The booklet contains several annotations, presumably in Mary Constance McLean's handwriting.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2007018-005 Osgoode Hall student's handbook and directory: 1933-1934. -- [Photocopied 2007]. -- 116 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a photocopy of the Osgoode Hall Law School students' handbook and directory for the term 1933-1934. The booklet is believed to have been published in 1933. The booklet contains several annotations, presumably in Mary Constance McLean's handwriting.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2007018-006 Examinations. -- [Reproduced 2007]. -- 12 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of photocopies of four Law Society of Upper Canada examinations maintained by Mary Constance McLean. Included are: Easter examinations - 1933, Companies - second year; Christmas examinations - 1933, Bankruptcy - third year; Easter examinations - 1934, Evidence - third year; Easter examinations - 1934, Wills and Administration - third year.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

2008021-001 Interviews with Mary Constance Hunt McLean, B.A., LL.B.. -- 2007. -- 134 p., 2199 KB of textual records

*Scope and Content*

Item is a transcript of a series of four interviews with Mary Constance McLean held between May and June of 2007. Allison Kirk-Montgomery, a freelance researcher who had assisted with the Treasurer's Oral History Project, carried out the interviews for the Law Society.

In the interviews, McLean recalls her personal life and legal career, and touches upon those of her father, J.J. Hunt, K.C., and her husband, James Montalieu McLean.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

2008030-001 Memoir of Mary Constance Hunt McLean, B.A., LL.B.. -- 2007. -- 140 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a bound transcript of a series of four interviews with Mary Constance McLean, held between May and June of 2007. Allison Kirk-Montgomery, a freelance researcher who had assisted with the Treasurer's Oral History Project, conducted the interviews on behalf of the Law Society.

In the interviews, McLean recalls her personal life and legal career, and touches upon those of her father, John Joseph Hunt (1876-1945), and her husband, James Montalieu McLean (1909-1989).

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from title page.