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Isaac Baldwin McQuesten fonds

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Isaac Baldwin McQuesten was born on November 26th, 1847, in Hamilton, Ontario, to Dr. Calvin McQuesten and Estimate Ruth Ester Baldwin. He married Mary Jane Baker in 1873 and they had seven children. McQuesten was educated at Dr. Tassie's school in Galt, and at Upper Canada College in Toronto. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in modern languages from the University of Toronto in 1869 and earned a Master of Arts in 1870. He studied (and later practiced) law in Hamilton with William Proudfoot, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Toronto. McQuesten was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada as a student-at-law in 1869 and was called to the Bar in 1873. In addition to his law practice, McQuesten was a trustee on the Hamilton Board of Education, a senator with the University of Toronto, and a director of the Literary and Scientific Associations Mechanics' Institute. His investments in textile mills in Hespeler were badly affected by the recession of the 1880s. McQuesten suffered from alcoholism and was bankrupt when he died in Hamilton on March 7th, 1888.

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The records in the fonds were acquired by the Archives in 1985.
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1873-1875
19 p. of textual records

Fonds consists of an article of clerkship agreement, an affidavit, and court certificates relating to the legal career of Isaac Baldwin McQuesten.

The records in the fonds have been arranged in chronological order.

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