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## William Hamilton Ponton fonds

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## Summary

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## **William Hamilton Ponton fonds. -- 1828-1867. -- 1.5 cm of textual records**

### **Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History**

William Hamilton Ponton was born in Scotland, the son of Mungo Ponton, surgeon, and Grace Ponton. He married Selina P. Hanwell on November 8th, 1870. William Ponton apprenticed from 1828 to 1831 with George Cameron, a solicitor from Inverness, Scotland. Ponton immigrated to Canada shortly after the apprenticeship was completed. He was living in the Town of York (Toronto) in 1831, and from 1841 onwards, appears to have been based in Belleville, Victoria District, later Hastings County. He was admitted as a student-at-law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1850, and was called to the Bar in 1856. Ponton was appointed a court clerk, court register, and electoral returning officer.

### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of records relating to the personal life and legal career of William Hamilton Ponton. Records includes an indenture for an apprenticeship with a Scottish solicitor, commissions within the District of Victoria and the County of Hastings, court admission certificates, letters, an oath taken by Judge William Smart, and a bill of lading for the ship 'Freedom'.

### **Restrictions**

No restrictions on access.

### **Arrangement**

Records in the fonds is arranged chronologically.

### **Title Notes**

Title based on content of the fonds.

985256-001 Indenture between George Cameron and William Ponton. -- 1828-1831. -- 4 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is an indenture for a four-year apprenticeship between William Ponton and solicitor George Cameron, both of Inverness, Scotland. The discharge of the indenture is written on the last page.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title on verso of the item.

985256-002 Note regarding power of attorney. -- 10 Oct. 1831. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a note that details the process where William Hamilton Ponton of the Town of York, fulfilled the power of attorney for the late Miss Ann Nisbet of Hamilton.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on content of the item.

985256-003 Appointment as Clerk of the Victoria District Court. -- 1839. -- 2 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of a commission signed by Lieutenant Governor Sir George Arthur confirming the appointment of William H. Ponton as Clerk of the District Court of Victoria (approximately what is now the county of Hastings). File also contains a letter to W.H. Ponton from Government House, Toronto, introducing the commission.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

985256-004 Commission to receive bails and affidavits. -- 2 Mar. 1841. -- 1 p. ; 34 x 41 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a commission granting William Ponton the right to receive bails and affidavits within the Victoria District (approximately what is now the county of Hastings), Province of Canada.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on content of the item.

985256-005 Appointment as Clerk of First Division Court. -- 19 Jan. 1846. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a letter to William H. Ponton confirming his appointment as Clerk of the First Division Court for the District of Victoria.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on content of the item.

985256-006 Commission of appointment as Clerk of Bankrupt Court. -- Aug. 1846. -- 2 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of a commission signed by Lieutenant Governor Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, to confirm the appointment of W.H. Ponton, of Belleville, as Clerk of the Bankrupt Court for District of Victoria (approximately what is now the county of Hastings), Province of Canada. File also contains a letter to William Ponton, from secretary D. Daly, Montréal, introducing the commission.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on content of the file.

985256-007 Commission. Wm. Hamilton Ponton to be a public notary in that part of the Province formerly Upper Canada. -- 3 Sept. 1849. -- 1 p. : seal ; 35 x 41 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a commission granted by James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, to confirm the appointment of William Hamilton Ponton, of Belleville, a public notary "in that part of the Province of Canada formerly constituting Upper Canada".

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of item.

985256-008 Commission appointing William H. Ponton the Register of the County of Hastings. -- May 1854. -- 3 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of a commission confirming the appointment of William Hamilton Ponton as Register for the County of Hastings "in that part of our said province called Upper Canada". File also consists of two letters to W.H. Ponton from E.H.[?] Meredith, Assistant Secretary, Secretary's Office, Quebec.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from contents of the file.

985256-009 Commission to Wm. Hamilton Ponton - Returning Officer Electoral, Division of Trent. -- 1 Sept. 1856. -- 1 p. : seal ; 33 x 42 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a commission signed by Sir Edmund Walker Head appointing William H. Ponton the Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of Trent.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title on verso of item.

985256-010 Court admission certificates. -- 15 Nov. 1856. -- 2 p.

*Scope and Content*

File consists of certificates admitting W.H. Ponton to practice as an attorney of the Court of Queen's Bench for Upper Canada and as an attorney of the Court of Common Pleas for Upper Canada.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title based on contents of the file.

985256-011 Surrogate Court: oath of office. -- 4 Sept. 1858. -- 1 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is an oath of office taken by William Smart to fulfill his duties as judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Hastings. The oath was sworn before W.H. Ponton.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of the item.

985256-012 Bill of lading: G. Hanwell, Captain C. Schaderstram. -- 24 Sept. 1861. -- 2 p.

*Scope and Content*

Item is a bill of lading for the ship 'Freedom', captained by Charles Schaderstram, anchored in Liverpool with cargo of six hundred bales of cotton and wool on transit to St. Petersburg.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of the item.

985256-013 Deed. Canada Company to W.H. Ponton. -- 2 Apr. 1867. -- 1 p. : seal ; 30 x 36 cm

*Scope and Content*

Item is a deed confirming the purchase of two hundred acres of land in the Township of Madoc, County of Hastings, by William H. Ponton from the Canada Company for two hundred pounds.

*Restrictions*

No restrictions on access.

*Title Notes*

Title taken from verso of the item.