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CARADOC MILLS FONDS

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1839-1882, 1884-1892, 1896-1907

Extent

2 folders of textual records
13 volumes of textual records
3 flour bags

Administrative History

Joseph Clark, the founder of Caradoc Mills, was born in Cumberland, England in 1811. After immigrating to Canada in the 1830s, Clark established a mill in Southwold Township, Elgin County. He purchased property at range 1 south, lot 21 in Caradoc Township, Middlesex County in 1849; his newly-constructed mill was functional within a year.

Known variously as Clark's Mills and Caradoc Mills, Clark's operation included gristing, chopping, and carding. Joseph Clark retired in about 1884, leaving his son Edward to continue milling along with long-time worker, Robert Tupholme. Joseph Clark died in 1886, and the mill remained in the family until about 1907, when it was sold. The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1900 and was rebuilt on the original site. The mill changed hands several times, and was eventually torn down sometime in the 1950s.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains the business records of Caradoc Mills. Record books, financial documents, and samples of flour bags are included. The two earliest books relate to Clark's first mill in Southwold Township, Elgin County.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1: Milling records
- Series 2: Ledgers and indices
- Series 3: Daybooks
- Series 4: Chopping books
- Series 5: Notes and mortgages lists
- Series 6: Flour bags
- Series 7: Wheat gristing book

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Devereux in two accessions prior to 1985.

Related Material

This fonds was originally part of the Nagle and Clark Family fonds. Joseph Clark was the father of Emma Clark; Emma married John Nagle in 1884. A finding aid for the Nagle and Clark Family fonds is available. Please see AFC 112.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS**

Series 1 Milling records

Dates

1839-1860, 1888

Extent

2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains two of Joseph Clark's milling record books. Lists of work completed, time elapsed, and settlements in cash or trade are included. Entries are not made in any particular order.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Milling record [vol.]	1839-1857	AFC 113-1-1
Milling record [vol.]	1845-1860, 1888	AFC 113-1-2

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Series 2 Ledgers and indices

Dates

1843-1879, 1896-1897, 1900

Extent

1 folder of textual records
2 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains ledgers and ledger indices for John Clark's milling business. Ledgers from Clark's Mills and Caradoc Mills are included, detailing carding, chopping, and gristing. Two ledger indices included in this series refer to ledgers which are non-extant.

File and Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Woollen mill ledger with index [vol.]	1843-1879	AFC 113-1-3
Caradoc Mills ledger [vol.]	1896-1897	AFC 113-1-7
Two ledger indexes	1900	AFC 113-1-16

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Series 3 Daybooks

Dates

1884-1890, 1898-1906

Extent

4 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains daybooks from Caradoc Mills. Transactions for chopping and gristing are sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Daybook – Caradoc Mills [vol.]	1884-1887	AFC 113-1-4
Daybook – Caradoc Mills [vol.]	1887-1890	AFC 113-1-5
Daybook [vol.]	1898-1906	AFC 113-1-6
Sales by J.M. Clark – Caradoc Mills [vol.]	1901-1906	AFC 113-1-8

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Series 4 Chopping books

Dates

1899-1903, 1905-1907

Extent

4 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains Caradoc Mills' chopping books. Names of customers, numbers of bags of chop ordered, and payment (credit or cash) are included. Transactions are sorted by date.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Chopping book [vol.]	1899-1901	AFC 113-1-9
Chopping book [vol.]	1902	AFC 113-1-11
Chopping book – Caradoc Mills [vol.]	1903	AFC 113-1-12
Chopping book [vol.]	1905-1907	AFC 113-1-13

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Series 5 Notes and mortgages lists

Dates

1878-1882

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains lists of notes and mortgages held by Joseph Clark. Names and dates of debtors, as well as amounts of notes and mortgages and Clark's cash on hand are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Lists of notes and mortgages held	1878-1882	AFC 113-1-14

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Series 6 Flour bags

Dates

1892

Extent

3 flour bags

Scope and Content

This series contains three flour bags meant to contain flour milled at Caradoc Mills. One was branded as being sold by Ernest A. Meldorf of Mt. Brydges, Ontario.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Flour bags – Caradoc Mills	1892	AFC 113-1-15

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Series 7 Wheat gristing book

Dates

1900-1901

Extent

1 volume of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains Caradoc Mills' wheat gristing book. Names of customers, as well as details of the amount of wheat brought in and the amount of flour and bran created, is included.

Item List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Wheat gristing book [vol.]	1900-1901	AFC 113-1-10