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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1855-1979

Extent

5 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

John Campbell, Sr. was born in 1823 in Tarbet or Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. Educated as a blacksmith, Campbell immigrated to Canada in 1848 and settled in London, Ontario. Several of his siblings also immigrated to Canada - brothers Robert, Daniel, Humphrey and Malcolm, as well as two sisters, settled in Southwestern Ontario, and his brother Colin settled in Manitoba. In 1851, John Campbell, Sr. married Agnes McNeil (born 1824) and they had five children:

John Campbell (1852 – 1859)

Sarah Campbell (1855 – 1934)

John Alexander Campbell (1859 – 1864)

Helen Campbell (1861-1865)

John A. Campbell (1864 – 1940)

John Campbell began work in London at a carriage making shop owned by Marcus Holmes. By 1855, he was engaged in his own carriage making business called, variously, London Carriage Factory or John Campbell and Son.

John Campbell, Sr. was active in local politics, serving as alderman on the London city council between 1865 and 1871 and again between 1876 and 1879. He was also elected mayor in 1872 and re-elected in 1881 and 1882.

John Campbell, Sr. died on November 7, 1901. His son, John Campbell Jr., continued the family business until 1923. Agnes Campbell died in 1914, Sarah Campbell in 1934, and John A. Campbell in 1940. The family is buried in section U of Woodland Cemetery in London, Ontario.

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of the personal records of the John Campbell family. Financial and administrative records, items of correspondence, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

Series 1: John Campbell family correspondence and other documents

To facilitate access, the John Campbell Family fonds was separated from the London Carriage Factory fonds, even though most of the records were donated together.

Finding Aids

File list is available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records were donated to the University of Western Ontario in 1966.

Related Materials

This fonds relates to the London Carriage Factory fonds held at the University of Western Ontario; for more information, please see finding aid AFC 68.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 John Campbell family correspondence and other documents

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Scope and Content

This series consists of correspondence and other documents relating to the personal lives of the John Campbell family. Included are letters to John Campbell Sr. and John Campbell Jr., to John Sr.'s brother Malcolm Campbell, and to Euphemia McArthur (listed as a lodger with the Campbell family in the 1901 census.) Tax records, newspaper clippings concerning carriages, an autograph book belonging to Catherine McInnes (John Jr.'s wife), and newspaper obituaries for John Campbell Sr. are also included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
John Campbell, Sr. obituaries – November 7, 1901	1901	B4412-1
Campbell family personal correspondence	1855-1950	B4412-2
Campbell family miscellaneous personal records	1882-1979	B4412-3
John A. Campbell municipal taxes	1939-1949	B4412-4
Campbell family personal correspondence	1870-1900	B4412-5