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Sous-fonds 3

John Harris Business Records

AFC 48-SF3

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AFC 48-SF3

John Harris Business Records.
1794-1850.

91.5 cm of textual records
7 volumes

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History

John Harris: John Harris was ordered into the British Royal Navy in 1803, after a brief service in the merchant marine. During his time in the navy, Harris rose to the rank of Master where he was responsible for maintaining, outfitting and navigating the ship and was required to note features of coastlines that had not been recorded. Harris was ordered to assist with the survey of the Great Lakes, under Commodore Edward Owen, in 1814. One of his first assignment was to survey the north shore of Lake Erie for a ship building site. John Harris retired on half-pay from the Navy in 1817 and moved to a farm near Long Point with his wife, Amelia Harris.

Harris was appointed to Treasurer of the London District in 1821. As Treasurer, Harris was responsible for tax collecting, overseeing public expenditure, issuing and receiving receipts for the sale of land, and other financial matters for the London District. Following the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837, Harris was appointed as a members of the Rebellion Losses Claims Commission. The Commission was established to review claims for losses suffered during the 1837 Rebellion in the London District and determine the compensation to be allotted.

John Harris remained active in the London political sphere until his death in 1850.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds contains official and business records from John Harris, including documents from Harris' time as Treasurer of the London District, and includes receipts, official correspondences, records of tax payments, accounts audited, as well as other documents related to the business of John Harris. The majority of this sous-fonds includes field notes from his time as a surveyor, and ledgers from his work on the Rebellion Losses Claims Commission.

Custodial History

Papers resided at Eldon House or with Harris family members until donated to Western University.

Languages

English

Restrictions

No restrictions.

Arrangement

The sous-fonds has been arranged into the following series:

Series 1 Official and Business Papers

Series 2 Rebellion Losses Claims

Series 3 Field Notes

Title Notes

Titles based on provenance of the fonds.

Series Descriptions

AFC 48-SF3-S1 Official and Business Papers.

1794-1850.

91.2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series includes materials related John Harris' business activities as Surveyor, Treasurer of the London District and member of the Rebellion Losses Claims Commission. Materials include letters, accounts, tax receipts, and other official business documents.

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F1 Harris, John 1794. -- 1794. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F2 Harris, John 1798. -- 1798. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-90/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F3 Harris, John 1802. -- 1802. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F4 Harris, John 1808. -- 1808. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/3

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F5 Harris, John 1809. -- 1809. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F6 Harris, John 1810. -- 1810. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/5

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F7 Harris, John 1812. -- 1812. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/6

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F8 Harris, John 1813. -- 1813. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/7

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F9 Harris, John 1814. -- 1814. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/8

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F10 Harris, John 1815. -- 1815. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/9

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F11 Harris, John 1816. -- 1816. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/10

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F12 Harris, John 1817. -- 1817. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/11

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F13 Harris, John 1818. -- 1818. -- .1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/12

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F14 Harris, John 1819. -- 1819. -- .1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/13

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F15 Harris, John 1820. -- 1820. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/14

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F16 Harris, John 1821. -- 1821. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/15

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F17 Harris, John 1822. -- 1822. -- 0.4 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/16

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F18 Delaware Township, Ontario. Commissioners Schedules of Taxes, 1822-1848. -- 1822-1848. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-82/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F19 Harris, John 1823. -- 1823. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/17

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F20 Harris, John 1824. -- 1824. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/18

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F21 Harris, John 1825. -- 1825. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/19

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F22 Harris, John 1826. -- 1826. -- 0.6 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/20 AFC 48-90/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F23 Harris, John 1827. -- 1827. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/21

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F24 Harris, John 1828. -- 1828. -- 2.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/22 AFC 48-82/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F25 Harris, John 1829 Jan. to July. -- 1829. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/23

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F26 Harris, John 1829 Aug. to Dec.. -- 1829. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/24

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F27 Harris, John 1830 Jan. to May. -- 1830. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/25

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F28 Harris, John 1830 June to Dec.. -- 1830. -- 2.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/26

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F29 Harris, John 1831 Jan. to March. -- 1831. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/27

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F30 Harris, John 1831 April, May. -- 1831. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/28

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F31 Harris, John 1831 June. -- 1831. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-83/29

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F32 Harris, John 1831 July to Sept. . -- 1831. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F33 Harris, John 1831 Oct. to Dec.. -- 1831. -- 1.8 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F34 Harris, John 1832 Jan. to July. -- 1832. -- 2.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/3 AFC 48-82/3

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F35 Harris, John 1832 Aug. to Dec.. -- 1832. -- 3 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F36 Harris, John 1832-1841. -- 1832-1841. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/5

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F37 Harris, John 1833 Jan. to April. -- 1833. -- 4 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/6

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F38 Harris, John 1833 May to Aug.. -- 1833. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/7

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F39 Harris, John 1833 Sept. to Dec.. -- 1833. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/8

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F40 Harris, John 1834 Jan. to April. -- 1834. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/9 AFC 48-90/3

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F41 Harris, John 1834 May to Aug. . -- 1834. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/10

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F42 Harris, John 1834 Sept. to Dec.. -- 1834. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/11

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F43 Harris, John 1835 Jan. to April. -- 1835. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/12

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F44 Harris, John 1835 May to Aug.. -- 1835. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/13

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F45 Harris, John 1835 Sept. to Dec.. -- 1835. -- 0.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-84/14

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F46 Harris, John 1836. -- 1836. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F47 Harris, John 1837 Jan. to June. -- 1837. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F48 Harris, John 1837 July to Dec.. -- 1837. -- 1.8 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/3 AFC 48-90/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F49 Harris, John 1838 Jan. to June. -- 1838. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F50 Harris, John 1838 July to Dec.. -- 1838. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/5 AFC 48-90/5

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F51 Harris, John 1839 Jan. to June. -- 1839. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/6

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F52 Harris, John 1839 July to Dec.. -- 1839. -- 1.8 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/7 AFC 48-90/6

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F53 Harris, John 1840 Jan. to June. -- 1840. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/8

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F54 Harris, John 1840 July to December . -- 1840. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/9 AFC 48-90/7

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F55 Harris, John 1841 Jan. to June. -- 1841. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/10

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F56 Harris, John 1841 July to Dec.. -- 1841. -- 0.8 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/11

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F57 Harris, John 1842 Jan. to April. -- 1842. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/12

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F58 Harris, John 1842 May to Aug.. -- 1842. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/13

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F59 Harris, John 1842 Sept. to Dec.. -- 1842. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/14 AFC 48-82/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F60 Harris, John 1843 Jan. to June. -- 1843. -- 2.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/15 AFC 48-82/5

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F61 Harris, John 1843 July to Dec.. -- 1843. -- 3 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/16

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F62 Harris, John 1844. -- 1844. -- 3 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-85/17

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F63 Harris, John 1845. -- 1845. -- 1.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/1

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F64 Harris, John 1846 Jan. to Oct.. -- 1840-1846. -- 3.4 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/2

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F65 Harris, John 1846 Oct. to Dec.. -- 1846. -- 1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/3 AFC 48-90/8

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F66 Harris, John 1847. -- 1847. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/4

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F67 Harris, John 1848. -- 1848. -- 2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/5

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F68 Harris, John 1849. -- 1849. -- 0.8 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/6

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F69 Harris, John 1850. -- 1850. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/7

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F70 For Explanation from J.H. -- 1849-1850. -- 0.1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/8

AFC 48-SF3-S1-F71 Undated John Harris Business Records. -- n.d.. -- 3.5 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-86/9

AFC 48-SF3-S2 Rebellion Losses Claims.

1837-1845.

6 volumes

Scope and Content

Series contains several books documenting Harris's work regarding with the Rebellion Losses Claims Commission. The volumes outline requests for compensation along with the reason for the requested compensation, and the allotted amount they received. These volumes cover the London and Brock Districts.

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F1 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 1 London District]. -- 1845. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-72/1

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F2 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 2 Western District]. -- 1845. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-73/1

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F3 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 3 Brock District]. -- 1837-1845?. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-74/1

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F4 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 4 Brock District]. -- 1837-1845?. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-75/1

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F5 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 5 London District]. -- 1837-1845?. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-76/1

AFC 48-SF3-S2-F6 Rebellion Losses Claims Receipts or requests for claim against crown [Volume 6 London District]. -- 1837-1845?. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-77/1

AFC 48-SF3-S3 Field Notes.

1815-1819.

0.3 cm of textual records, 1 volume

Scope and Content

Series contains materials documenting Harris's time as a surveyor, including a certificate of proficiency and navigational notes.

AFC 48-SF3-S3-F1 Field Notes of John Harris, c. 1815. -- 1815. -- 0.2 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-78/1

AFC 48-SF3-S3-F2 Certificate of Proficiency for John Harris re: Land Surveying. -- 13 April 1819. -- .1 cm of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 48-78/2

AFC 48-SF3-S3-F3 Navigational Pilot Notebook of John Harris, Royal Navy. -- 18[?]. -- 1 volume. -- Box Number AFC 48-78/3