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## **Wawanosh, Sands, Mern Family fonds**

**AFC 405**

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## AFC 405

Wawanosh, Sands, Mern fonds.

1807 (transcribed 18--), 1827 (copied 19--), 1835-1964.

70 cm of textual records, 21 volumes of textual records, 1 lock of hair, 6 drawings : charcoal and Chalk sketches, 23 photographs : tintypes, 14 photographs : cartes de visite, 17 photographs : cabinet cards, 15 photographs : b&w postcards, 433 photographs : b&w prints, 197 photographs : b&w negatives, 2 photographs : b&w slides, 3 photo albums (155 photographs : b&w prints)

## Biographical Sketch/Administrative History

Wawanosh, Sands, Mern family: The Wawanosh family was a prominent family of the Chippewas of Sarnia, Kettle Point and Stoney reserves (now known as the Aamjiwnaang First Nation) with several of its members serving as hereditary chiefs in the 19th century and one member, William Wawanosh, serving as the first elected chief.

Joshua Wawanosh (ca. 1781-1871) served as Chief from 1827 - 1844, 1848 - 1853 and 1868 - 1870. In 1827, he and several other Chiefs signed Treaty 29. He converted to Christianity when the Methodist missionary Rev. James Evans visited the district. Joshua Wawanosh and his wife Eliza had one daughter named Elizabeth and four sons - David, Joseph, Thomas and William - all of whom succeeded Joshua as chiefs. David, Joseph and Thomas all died of tuberculosis and in the cases of Joseph and Thomas, this meant their time as Chief was short lived.

David Wawanosh (d. 1867), Joshua's eldest son, served as the chief from 1853 until 1867. He and his wife Elizabeth had six children - Julia, Francis, Agnes, Florence, Minnie and David D. After David died of tuberculosis, his father again took on the role of chief.

William Wawanosh (ca. 1845-1907) was appointed Indian Interpreter in 1870 and served as chief from 1874-1877 and again in 1899-1901. He married Mary Helen Waldron, the daughter of a missionary and they had three children - Charles (known as Chas for short), Augusta and Edward. William changed his name from Wawanosh to Wells and this is the name that he passed down to his children. His son Charles became a clergyman and founded the Wells Academy in London, Ontario. Agnes Effie Sands Mern (1875-1966) was the only daughter of Julia Wawanosh Sands, (daughter of David Wawanosh) and Daniel Sands. She received musical and vocal training from Sarnia teachers at Our Lady of Mercy Vincent in Port Huron, Michigan; from Profs William A. Harvey and George D. MacComb in Detroit and Prof A. Straub of the Detroit Opera House. She wrote song lyrics, poetry and stories and organized and participated in a variety of cultural events, including concerts of music by well know First Nations musicians including Oskenton and David Russell Hill and His Onondaga Indian Concert Band. Along with the Indian Confederation of America, Agnes assembled a group of Native Americans to march in the Brooklyn Centennial parade. Throughout her life, Agnes was an active member of the church community, singing in the choir and teaching at the Devine St. Methodist Sunday School. She and her mother also ran a dress making business.

In 1933, Agnes married John Phillips Mern, a retired sailor from the US Navy. John had a son from a previous marriage but the couple did not have any children of their own. They lived in Marcy, New York as well as in the Wawanosh family homestead in Sarnia and travelled throughout Ontario and New York State. From 1936 to 1937 they briefly ran a convenience store in Sarnia called the Wawanosh Post where they sold gasoline and groceries. Agnes Sands Mern died in 1966 in Sarnia. For additional information about the family, please consult the Wawanosh family tree, which is attached as an appendix.

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## **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of records created and collected by Agnes Effie Sands Mern and other members of the Wawanosh family. Included are records relating to the life and work of various family members. In particular, the fonds contains records relating to the work of Joshua, David and William as chiefs of the Chippewas of Sarnia. Also included are the personal records of the family including correspondence, financial records, memorandum and account books and personal records relating to births, marriages and deaths. The records of most of the family members are intermingled, possibly a reflection of how Agnes Sands Mern kept them. Also included are the records of Agnes Effie Sands Mern (which make up the majority of the fonds) including her correspondence, financial records (including the records of the Wawanosh Post convenience store), records relating to her musical and artistic interest and records relating to her work in the Church and her activities organizing cultural events and concerts. Also included are the records of Agnes' husband John Phillips Mern such as his correspondence, financial records, notebooks and personal records relating to his son John P. Mern Jr.

Fonds also contains several sketches of members of the Wawanosh family as well as a large assortment of photographs. Photographs include portraits of family members, ministers and missionaries, friends and others as well as images depicting the daily life and travels of Agnes and John P. Mern. Photographs of John P. Mern consist of several albums documenting his time in the US navy and the childhood of his son. Several photographic processes are represented including tintypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, postcards and prints.

## **Custodial History**

The records of the Wawanosh family were kept by Agnes Effie Sands Mern until her death in 1966.

## **Languages**

Some records are in Ojibway.

## **Restrictions**

Open. Records are available for consultation without restriction.

## **Arrangement**

Fonds was previously processed and arrangement was imposed. Imposed arrangement was maintained except for arrangement of portraits and photographs.

## Series Descriptions

**AFC 405-S1 Chippewas of Sarnia band records.  
1807 (transcribed 18--), 1827 (copied 19--), 1835-1948.  
7 cm of textual records, 2 volumes of textual records**

### *Scope and Content*

Series consists of records created and acquired by Joshua, David and William Wawanosh in their roles as chiefs of the Chippewas of Sarnia band council. Records relate to governance, land, population, finances and government relations. Included are correspondence received by Joshua Wawanosh, David Wawanosh and others. Letters address council matters, land claims, the work of the missions and other topics. Correspondents include various missionaries, other chiefs, relatives and representatives of the department of Indian Affairs. Also included in the series are petitions, records relating to land claims, copies of treaties, an address to the Chippewa Nation by George Copway, minutes of the council of the Sarnia Reserve, census data, William Wawanosh's notebook and records of appointments to the position of Indian Interpreter. Reference materials such as copies of the Indian Act and a copy of a published land claim patent case are also included.

### *Languages*

Some letters are in Ojibway.

**AFC 405-S1-F1 [Correspondence - Joshua Wawanosh, David Wawanosh]. -- 1835 - 1858. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/1**

**AFC 405-S1-F2 [Correspondence - Joshua Wawanosh, David Wawanosh and others]. -- 1860 - 1869. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/2**

**AFC 405-S1-F3 [Correspondence, declarations and other records]. -- 1881-1924, 1942. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/3**

**AFC 405-S1-F4 [Petitions, land claims, map of lots sold, balance sheets and correspondence with the Indian Affairs Department and others]. -- 1856-1948. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/4**

**AFC 405-S1-F5 Treaty of Detroit [copy]. -- 1807 (transcribed 18--). -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/5**

**AFC 405-S1-F6 [Treaty between Chippewa Chiefs and King George IV - copy]. -- 1827 (photocopied 19--). -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/6**

**AFC 405-S1-F7 An address to the Chippewa Nation written by George Copway. -- 1837. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/7**

**AFC 405-S1-F8 [Petitions to Governor General Metcalf and replies]. -- 1840. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/8**

**AFC 405-S1-F9 Minutes of the Indian Council of the Sarnia Reserve. -- 1855-1858. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/9**

**AFC 405-S1-F10 Census. -- 1855, 1865-1866. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/10**

**AFC 405-S1-F11 [Census - information about individuals, lots they occupy and their possessions]. -- 1869. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/11**

**AFC 405-S1-F12 [William Wawanosh notebook - accounts, copies of correspondence, clippings and notes on Council business]. -- 1869-1878. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/12**

AFC 405-S1-F13 Power of attorney [appointing William Wawanosh and William Fisher as Indian interpreters]. -- 1870. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/13

AFC 405-S1-F14 Tecumseh Lodge no. 150 British Templars [minutes]. -- 1872. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/14

AFC 405-S1-F15 The Indian Act. -- 1876, 1906. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/15

AFC 405-S1-F16 Ann Francis vs. Peter J. Francis, William Francis and Frank Francis [State of Michigan supreme court land patent case]. -- 1903. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/16



**AFC 405-S2 Correspondence.**

**1840 - 1950.**

**2 cm of textual records, 1 lock of hair**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of the personal correspondence of various members of the Wawanosh family including Joshua Wawanosh, David Wawanosh, Elizabeth Wawanosh, Julia Wawanosh Sands, David Sands, Agnes Sands and others. The correspondence in this series are of a personal nature and address topics such as health and events in the lives of family members.

**AFC 405-S2-F1 [Correspondence - Joshua Wawanosh, David Wawanosh, Julia Sands and David Sands]. -- 1840-1898. -- 1 file of textual records ; 1 lock of hair. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/17**

**AFC 405-S2-F2 [Correspondence - Elizabeth Wawanosh, Julia Sands, Agnes Sands and others]. -- 1901-1909. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/18**

**AFC 405-S2-F3 [Correspondence - Julia Sands, Agnes Sands]. -- 1910-1931. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/19**

**AFC 405-S2-F4 [Correspondence - Phillip George]. -- 1932-1950. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/20**

**AFC 405-S3 Financial records.  
1856-1931.**

**7 cm of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of the financial records of the Wawanosh family including receipts, statements of loans, articles of agreement, mortgage records, leases, notices, account statements, insurance policies and correspondence about financial matters. Also included is information about a payment made to Elizabeth Wawanosh by members of the Pottawottommie tribe of a portion of money received from the US government.

**AFC 405-S3-F1 [Receipts, statements of loans, articles of agreement, mortgage and correspondence]. -- 1856-1889. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/21**

**AFC 405-S3-F2 [Receipts, statements of loans, taxes and accounts, contracts, mortgage and correspondence]. -- 1890-1899. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/22**

**AFC 405-S3-F3 [Receipts, agreements, lease, notices, mortgage, account statements and correspondence]. -- 1900-1909. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/23**

**AFC 405-S3-F4 [Receipts, agreements, correspondence, insurance policies, lease agreements, articles of agreement, notices of assessment. -- 1910-1931. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/24**

**AFC 405-S3-F5 [Agreements and correspondence re: payment to Mrs. D.B. Wawanosh by members of the Pottawottommie]. -- 1898. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/25**

**AFC 405-S4 Account and memoranda books.**

**1876-1879, 1891-1930.**

**9 volumes of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of account and memorandum books kept by several members of the Wawanosh family including Elizabeth Wawanosh, Daniel Sands, Julia Sands and Agnes Sands. They contain information about financial transactions and short notes. One notebook kept by Julia and Agnes Sands also contains information relating to their dressmaking business such as dates of appointments, measurements and costs of supplies.

**AFC 405-S4-F1 [Elizabeth Wawanosh account book]. -- 1891, 1903-1905. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/26**

**AFC 405-S4-F2 [Julia and Agnes Sands memorandum and account books]. -- 1899-1921. -- 6 volumes of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/27**

**AFC 405-S4-F3 [Julia and Agnes Sands notebook]. -- 1916-1930. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/28**

**AFC 405-S4-F4 [Daniel Sands account and notebook]. -- 1876-1879. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/29**

**AFC 405-S5 Personal records.  
1853-1952.**

**4 cm of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of personal records collected by members of the Wawanosh family relating to births, deaths and marriages. Included are notices for births and deaths, obituaries, wills, and marriage certificates. Also included are notes, a recipe and marriage certificates, death notices and obituaries for non-family members.

**AFC 405-S5-F1 [Birth notices, death notices and obituaries]. -- 1887, 1895, 1905, 1907, 1952. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/30**

**AFC 405-S5-F2 [Wills - Joshua Wawanosh, William Wawanosh and Daniel Sands]. -- 1867, 1879, 1880. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/31**

**AFC 405-S5-F3 [Marriage certificates and notices]. -- 1853, 1876. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/32**

**AFC 405-S5-F4 [Agnes Sands Mern biographical notes, will, marriage announcement and records relating to the funeral of Julia Sands]. -- 1887-1951. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/33**

**AFC 405-S5-F5 [Recipes, notes and invitations]. -- 1876, 1888. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/34**

**AFC 405-S5-F6 [Invitations, marriage certificates, death notices and obituaries - non-family including A. Kiyoshik]. -- 1896-1955. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/35**

**AFC 405-S6 Agnes Sands Mern records.**

**1891-1964.**

**43 cm of textual records, 4 volumes of textual records, 3 photographs : b&w prints**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of records created and acquired by Agnes Sands Mern. Included are correspondence; financial records; song lyrics, stories and essays that she wrote; a record of music lessons that she took; and an assortment of records collected by Agnes that relate to her work organizing events, participating in Church activities and general interests.

**AFC 405-S6-SS1 Correspondence.**

**1891-1964.**

**17 cm of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of correspondence received by Agnes from friends, family and her husband John P. Mern before they married. Some of the early letters are addressed to both Agnes and her mother Julia. Also included are postcards, announcements and greeting cards received by Agnes.

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F1 [Agnes Sands correspondence]. -- 1897-1916. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/36**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F2 [Agnes Sands correspondence]. -- 1917-1924. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/37**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F3 [Agnes Sands correspondence]. -- 1925-1928. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/38**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F4 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1930-1939. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/39**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F5 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- January-June 1940. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/40**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F6 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- July-December 1940. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/41**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F7 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1941-1942. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-1/42**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F8 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1943-1944. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/1**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F9 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1945-1949. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/2**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F10 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1950-1954. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/3**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F11 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- 1955-1964. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/4**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F12 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/5**

**AFC 405-S6-SS1-F13 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence]. -- [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/6**

AFC 405-S6-SS1-F14 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence - announcements]. -- 1908-1915. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/7

AFC 405-S6-SS1-F15 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence - greeting cards]. -- 1891-1957. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/8

AFC 405-S6-SS1-F16 [Agnes Sands Mern correspondence - greeting cards]. -- [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/9

AFC 405-S6-SS2 Financial records.

1902-1964.

7cm of textual records, 4 volumes of textual records

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of the financial records of Agnes Sands Mern. Included are receipts, balances, money orders, correspondence concerning financial matters, loan statements, tax statements, insurance policy records and ephemera. Also included are Wawanosh Post financial records such as permits, agreements, correspondence, purchase receipts and several cashbooks.

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F1 [Agnes Sands receipts, balances, money orders and correspondence re: financial transactions]. -- 1902-1914. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/10

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F2 [Agnes Sands receipts, balances, money orders and correspondence re: financial transactions]. -- 1915-1936. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/11

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F3 [Wawanosh Post financial records, permits, agreements and correspondence]. -- 1936-1937. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/12

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F4 [Wawanosh Post purchase receipts]. -- 1937. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/13

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F5 [Wawanosh Post cash book]. -- 1937. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/14

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F6 [Wawanosh Post cash book]. -- 1937. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/15

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F7 [Wawanosh Post cash book]. -- 1937. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/16

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F8 [Wawanosh Post cash book]. -- 1937. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/17

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F9 [Agnes Sands Mern receipts, loan statements and correspondence re: financial matters]. -- 1937-1939. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/18

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F10 [Agnes Sands Mern receipts, tax statements, insurance policy and correspondence re: financial matters]. -- 1940-1952. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/19

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F11 [Agnes Sands Mern receipts, tax statements, correspondence re: financial matters and subpoenas]. -- 1953-1964. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/20

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F12 [Miscellaneous receipts and ephemera]. -- 1926-1939. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/21

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F13 [Miscellaneous receipts, statements and ephemera]. -- 1940-1961. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/22

AFC 405-S6-SS2-F14 [Agnes Sands Mern account and memoranda books]. -- 1930-1958. - 9 volumes of textual records; 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/23

AFC 405-S6-SS3 Poetry, stories and music.

[19--], 1910-1931, 1943.

4 cm of textual records

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of records relating to Agnes' artistic endeavors. Included are poetry, essays and stories that Agnes authored, a record of piano lessons that she took, sheet music and lyrics that she wrote.

AFC 405-S6-SS3-F1 [Agnes Sands Mern poetry and other writings]. -- [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/24

AFC 405-S6-SS3-F2 [Agnes Sands Mern stories and essays]. -- [19--], 1943. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/25

AFC 405-S6-SS3-F3 [Record of music lessons taken]. -- 1911-1931. -- 5 volumes of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/26

AFC 405-S6-SS3-F4 [Sheet music and song lyrics]. -- 1910, [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/27

AFC 405-S6-SS4 Events, church work and collected ephemera.

1906-1964.

15 cm of textual records, 3 photographs : b&w prints

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of records relating to Agnes' work organizing a variety of cultural events and participating in the Church community as a Sunday school teacher and member of the choir. Included are programs, event flyers, notes, newspaper clippings and correspondence relating to events, including the Brooklyn Centennial parade and various concerts and fairs. Also included are attendance sheets and notes about Sunday school classes that she taught and a variety of ephemera collected by Agnes including church bulletins, membership cards, newspaper clippings and recipes. Some of the newspaper clippings and recipes are pasted into scrapbooks.

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F1 [Correspondence, programmes and newspaper clippings re: concerts, fairs and Brooklyn centennial parade]. -- 1911-1951. -- 1 file of textual records ; 3 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/28

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F2 [Sunday school, choir and records relating to work with other organizations]. -- 1911-1943. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-2/29

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F3 [Central United Church bulletins] . -- 1929-1964. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/1

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F4 [Church bulletins, membership cards and ephemera]. -- 1906-1958. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/2

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F5 [Misionary society talks and correspondence]. -- 1936, [19--]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/3

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F6 [Scrapbook - newspaper clippings and recipes]. -- [19--]. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/4

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F7 [Scrapbook pages and newspaper clippings]. -- 1915-1916, 1920-1927, 1934, 1938, 1946-1950 . -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/5

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F8 [Notebooks, autograph book, sketch book and "The Queen's Pictures"]. -- [19--], 1931. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/6

AFC 405-S6-SS4-F9 [Indian Confederation of America statement of purpose and newspaper clipping]. -- 1934. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/7



**AFC 405-S7 John Phillips Mern records.  
1912-1940.**

**4 cm of textual records, 3 volumes of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of records created and acquired by Agnes' husband John P. Mern. Included are correspondence, financial records, notebooks, licenses, membership cards and business cards. Also included are personal records pertaining to his divorce from his first wife and the child custody case as well as records of his son John Mern Jr. including a vaccination certificate, school notebooks and report cards.

**AFC 405-S7-F1 [John P. Mern correspondence]. -- 1912-1940. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/8**

**AFC 405-S7-F2 [John P. Mern financial records]. -- 1930-1939. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/9**

**AFC 405-S7-F3 [John P. Mern notebooks]. -- [ca. 1933]-1940. -- 3 volumes of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/10**

**AFC 405-S7-F4 [John P. Mern licenses, membership cards and business cards]. -- 1926 - 1940. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/11**

**AFC 405-S7-F5 [John P. Mern personal records re: divorce and child custody]. -- 1921, 1927 -1928. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/12**

**AFC 405-S7-F6 [John Mern Jr. personal records - vaccinations, education and school notebooks]. -- 1928-1938. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/13**

**AFC 405-S8 Books, pamphlets and miscellaneous items.**

**[ca. 1838], 1865-1939.**

**3 cm of textual records, 3 volumes of textual records**

*Scope and Content*

Series consists of books, pamphlets and miscellaneous items collected by members of the Wawanosh family. Included are the gospel of St. Matthew in Ojibway, "The Way we do Good" - a book acquired by E. Wawanosh on a trip to England and "The queen's album of Bradford" containing a dedication to William Edward Wells on the occasion of his 13th birthday. Also included are pamphlets relating to art exhibits, the Wells Academy and a union membership for John Sylvester as well as stocks for the Mother Lode Mining Company.

*Languages*

Gospel of St. Matthew is in Ojibway.

**AFC 405-S8-F1 The gospel of St. Matthew [Ojibway]. -- [ca. 1838]. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/14**

**AFC 405-S8-F2 Abbott, Jacob. The way we do good. Halifax: Milner and Sowerby. -- 1865. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/15**

**AFC 405-S8-F3 The queen's album of Bradford [with dedication to William Edward Wells]. -- 1876. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/16**

**AFC 405-S8-F4 [Pamphlets relating to art exhibits, Wells academy and union membership for John Sylvester]. -- 1927, 1933, 1939. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/17**

**AFC 405-S8-F5 [Mother Lode Mining Company stocks and map]. -- 1907. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-3/18**

## AFC 405-S9 Portraits and photographs.

[ca. 1858-1960].

**6 drawings : charcoal and chalk sketches, 23 photographs : tintypes, 14 photographs : b&w cartes de visite, 17 photographs : b&w cabinet cards, 15 photographs : b&w postcards, 430 photographs : b&w prints, 197 photographs : b&w negatives, 2 photographs : b&w slides, 3 photo albums (155 photographs : b&w prints)**

### *Scope and Content*

Series consists of portraits of the Wawanosh family (both sketches and photographs) and photographs received by various members of the family. Included are portraits of family members, ministers and missionaries, friends and other (sometimes unidentified) individuals whose relation to the family is unclear. Also included are photographs depicting the life of Agnes and John Phillips Mern. Included are images of their life in Marcy, New York, their travels through New York State and Ontario and their life in Sarnia - specifically pictures of life at the Wawanosh homestead and the Wawanosh Post. Also included are personal photographs of J. P. Mern of his time in the navy, his time serving during WWI and his son. A variety of photographic processes are represented in the series, including tintypes, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, postcards and prints.

### AFC 405-S9-SS1 Wawanosh family portraits.

[ca. 1858-1917].

6 drawings : charcoal and chalk sketches, 10 photographs : tintypes, 11 photographs : b&w prints, 1 photograph : b&w carte de visite, 2 photographs : b&w cabinet cards, 2 photographs : b&w negatives, 2 photographs : b&w slides

### *Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of portraits of various members of the Wawanosh family including Eliza Wawanosh, David Wawanosh, William Wawanosh, Elizabeth Wawanosh Riley, Florence Wawanosh, Julia Wawanosh Sands, Daniel Sands and Agnes Effie Sands Mern. Included are original sketches, a carte de visite, cabinet cards, tintypes and prints as well as negatives and slides that are reproductions of the originals.

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F1 Julia M. Wawanosh - 18 mths - daughter of Elizabeth and Chief David B. Wawanosh. -- [ca. 1858]. -- 1 drawing : chalk sketch, mounted on linen. -- Box Number AFC 405-5/1**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F2 "My Daddy" Daniel Dennis Sands. -- [ca. 1880]. -- 1 drawing : charcoal sketch. -- Box Number AFC 405-5/2**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F3 Grandma (Eliza) Mrs. Joshua Wawanosh. -- [188-?]. -- 1 drawing : charcoal sketch, mounted on linen. -- Box Number AFC 405-5/3**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F4 Miss Wawanosh. -- [ca. 1890]. -- 1 drawing : charcoal sketch. -- Box Number AFC 405-5/4**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F5 Florence Wawanosh. -- [189-?]. -- 1 drawing : charcoal sketch. -- Box Number AFC 405-5/5**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F6 Great grandmother Wawanosh (Mrs. Joshua Wawanosh). -- [188-?]. -- 3 photographs : 1 b&w carte de visite, 1 b&w negative, 1 b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/1**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F7 Chief David B. Wawanosh. -- [186-?]. -- 2 photographs : 1 tintype, 1 b&w negative. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/2**

**AFC 405-S9-SS1-F8 #2 Wawanosh [unidentified woman - Elizabeth Wawanosh Riley?]. -- [18--]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/3**

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F9 Mrs. Elizabeth Wawanosh Riley. -- [18--]. -- 1 drawing. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/4

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F10 Chief William Wawanosh. -- 1869. -- 2 photographs : 1 b&w cabinet card, 1 slide. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/5

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F11 #3 William Wawanosh and wife. -- [187-?]. -- 2 photographs : 1 tintype and 1 slide. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/6

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F12 Mrs. Julia Wawanosh Sands. -- [18--]. -- 3 photographs : b&w prints, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/7

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F13 Julia Wawanosh Sands. -- [187-?]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/8

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F14 D.D. Sands . -- [187-?]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/9

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F15 [Unidentified man - D. Sands?]. -- [187-?]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/10

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F16 [Unidentified man - D. Sands?]. -- [187-?]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/11

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F17 Florence Wawanosh. -- [189-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. - Box Number AFC 405-4/12

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F18 Little Agnes Effie Wawanosh Sands. -- [188-?]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/13

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F19 Little Agnes [Wawanosh Sands and her mother?]. -- [188-?]. -- 2 photographs : tintypes. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/14

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F20 Little Agnes [Wawanosh Sands]. -- [189-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/15

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F21 Agnes Effie Wawanosh Sands. -- [ca. 1917]. -- 2 photographs : b&w prints; 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/16

AFC 405-S9-SS1-F22 Agnes Wawanosh Sands while in the Central United Church Choir and J.P. Mern]. -- [191-?]. -- 4 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/17

**AFC 405-S9-SS2 Wells family portraits.**

**[188-][192-], 1945.**

**20 photographs : b&w prints, 1 photograph : carte de visite, 5 photographs : cabinet cards**

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of portraits of members of the Wells family - descendants of William Wawanosh. Included are portraits of William Wawanosh Wells' children Charles, Augusta and Edward as well as Edward's children Harold, Cora, Grace and Helen and others. The early portraits were posed and taken professionally in studios whereas some of the later photographs are more candid and do not appear to have been taken professionally. Portraits of William Wawanosh can be found with the Wawanosh family portraits Series 9 Sub-series 1.

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F1 Rev. Chas Press Wawanosh Wells. -- 1945. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted, 25cm x 35cm. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/18

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F2 Rev. Chas Press Wawanosh Wells. -- [188-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/19

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F3 Miss Augusta Wawanosh Wells. -- [189-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card, double sided. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/20

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F4 Augusta Wells. -- [189-?]. -- 3 photographs : b&w prints, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/21

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F5 Augusta Wells and Florence Wawanosh. -- [189-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/22

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F6 Edward Wells. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/23

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F7 Eddie Wawanosh on his visit to England with the Affleck family, York, England. -- 1 photograph : b&w carte de visite. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/24

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F8 Cora Wells - sister of Harold Wells & daughter of Mary and Edward W. Wells. -- 1903. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted . -- Box Number AFC 405-4/25

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F9 Harold Wells, son of Edward Wells. -- [191-]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/26

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F10 Harold Wells, son of Edward Wells. -- [191-]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/27

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F11 Grace Wells, daughter of Eddie Wells. -- [189-]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/28

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F12 Grace and Helen Wells. -- [ca. 1898]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/29

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F13 Cousin Helen. -- [191-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/30

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F14 James Savage, married Grace Wells April 17, 1919. -- [1919?]. -- 2 photographs : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/31

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F15 Mrs. Ed Wells, Grace (Mrs. J. Savage), Patricia Savage. -- 1920. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/32

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F16 Marie Wells, London, Ontario. -- [192-?]. -- 2 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/33

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F17 Edna Wells, wife of Harold and baby June Wells. -- [192-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/34

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F18 Harold Wells, wife, June. -- [192-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/35

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F19 [Children of Harold Wells - Haroldie, Melvin, Winona]. -- [192-?]. -- 3 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/36

AFC 405-S9-SS2-F20 Charlie Wells Jr.. -- [192-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/37

AFC 405-S9-SS3 Portraits of missionaries, clergymen and their families.  
[18--], 1907.

4 photographs : cartes de visite, 3 photographs : cabinet cards, 1 photograph : b&w print, 2 photographs : tintypes

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of photographs of missionaries, clergymen and their families. Included is a portrait of Reverend Wilson, the first Anglican missionary on the Sarnia Reserve Mission.

Included are cartes de visite, cabinet cards, tintypes and a print.

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F1 Rev. Stinson. -- [18--]. -- 1 photograph : b&w carte de visite. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/38**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F2 Rev. Allen Salt. -- [18--]. -- 2 photographs : b&w cartes de visite. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/39**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F3 Rev. Wilson - first Anglican missionary on Sarnia Reserve Mission. -- [186-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w cabinet card. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/40**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F4 Mrs. Wilson wife of Rev. Wilson. -- [186-?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w carte de visite. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/41**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F5 Rev. James Cloud. -- [ca. 1887]. -- 2 photographs : b&w cabinet cards. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/42**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F6 Malpass Cloud. -- [18--]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/43**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F7 Agnes Cloud. -- [18--]. -- 1 photograph : tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/44**

**AFC 405-S9-SS3-F8 Rev. Baird. -- 1907. -- 1 photograph : b&w print, mounted. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/45**

**AFC 405-S9-SS4 Miscellaneous portraits.**

**[ca. 1850-1960].**

**11 photographs : tintypes, 8 photographs : b&w cartes de visite, 7 photographs : b&w cabinet cards, 15 photographs : b&w postcards, 83 photographs : b&w prints**

***Scope and Content***

Sub-series consists of portraits of various individuals received by members of the Wawanosh family of friends, neighbours, relatives and others. Included are both identified and unidentified portraits. In cases where individuals are identified, their relationship to the Wawanosh family is not always clear. Also included are portraits of Arthur Kiyoshik, a deep-sea diver, whose death is referred to in the correspondence of Agnes Sands Mern.

**AFC 405-S9-SS4-F1 [Unidentified tintypes]. -- [187-?]. -- 10 photographs : tintypes. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/46**

**AFC 405-S9-SS4-F2 [Miscellaneous portraits]. -- [18--?]. -- 60 photographs : 29 b&w prints, 15 b&w postcards, 7 cabinet cards, 8 cartes de visite, 1 tintype. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/47, AFC 405-4/48**

**AFC 405-S9-SS4-F3 [Miscellaneous portraits and photographs]. -- [19--?]. -- 50 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/49**

**AFC 405-S9-SS4-F4 Arthur Kiyoshik - deep sea diver. -- [19--]. -- 4 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/50**

**AFC 405-S9-SS5 Agnes and John Mern photographs.**

**1902-1940, 1948.**

**278 photographs : b&w prints, 195 photographs : b&w negatives**

***Scope and Content***

Series consists of photographs documenting the life, work and travels of Agnes Sands Mern and her husband John P. Mern. Included are various pictures of the two posing for photos in various locations. Also included are photographs of the Wawanosh Post convenience store and photographs of the couple's life and travels in New York State and Ontario. Photographs of the Wawanosh homestead in Sarnia include images of families of the Sarnia Reserve, renovations being done on the house, people posing outside and the view of the St. Clair River as seen from

the house. In addition to prints, this series contains negatives for many of the photographs.

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F1 [Agnes Sands Mern in Native dress in front of a house]. -- [193-?]. -- 12 photographs : 4 b&w prints, 8 b&w negatives. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/51

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F2 [Agnes and John Mern in Native dress]. -- [193-?]. -- 6 photographs : 4 b&w prints, 2 b&w negatives. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/52

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F3 [Scenes of New York - Coney Island, Brooklyn, Manhattan]. -- [193-?]. -- 25 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/53

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F4 [New York state scenes - postcards]. -- [193-?]. -- 4 photographs : b&w post cards. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/54

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F5 [Scenes of Marcy, New York - hospital staff and fire department, highway, powerhouse, school, Mern house]. -- [ca. 1939]. -- 34 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/55

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F6 [Mern family burial plot]. -- [19--]. -- 1 photograph : b&w print . -- Box Number AFC 405-4/56

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F7 [Wawanosh family homestead and Wawanosh Post]. -- [ca. 1935 -1937]. -- 56 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/57

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F8 [Sarnia Reserve families]. -- [18--], 1940-1948. -- 12 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/58

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F9 [Ontario trip - Niagara Falls and Wolfe Island]. -- Jun-31. -- 3 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/59

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F10 [Miami trip]. -- 1937. -- 4 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/60

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F11 Ottawa - Good Friday [house covered in snow]. -- 1940. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/61

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F12 [Corey's cottage - Huron beach]. -- 1940. -- 17 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/62

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F13 Lake Huron [beach]. -- 1948. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/63

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F14 [Adriatic coast]. -- [19--]. -- 2 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/64

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F15 [Photographs of John and Agnes Mern]. -- 1902-1940. -- 31 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/65

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F16 [Miscellaneous photographs]. -- [19--]. -- 79 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/66

AFC 405-S9-SS5-F17 [Negatives of photographs of life of Agnes and John P. Mern]. -- [ca. 1930-1949]. -- 185 photographs : b&w negatives. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/67

**AFC 405-S9-SS6 John Phillips Mern photographs.**

**1914-1917, 1928-1932, [194-?].**

**3 photo albums (155 photographs : b&w prints), 37 photographs : b&w prints**

*Scope and Content*

Sub-series consists of the photographs created and acquired by John P. Mern documenting aspects of his life including his time spent serving in the US navy, his time during the First World War, his relationship with Agnes and his relationship with his son. Included are various photo

albums as well as loose photographs.

AFC 405-S9-SS6-F1 WWI [John P. Mern photographs - navy]. -- 1914-1917. -- 15 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/68

AFC 405-S9-SS6-F2 [John P. Mern album - portraits, American cities and the navy]. -- [ca. 1914-1917]. -- 1 photo album (108 photographs : b&w prints; 1 newspaper clipping). -- Box Number AFC 405-4/69

AFC 405-S9-SS6-F3 [John P. Mern album - photos of J. P. Mern Jr.]. -- [192-]. -- 1 photoalbum (17 photographs : b&w prints). -- Box Number AFC 405-4/70

AFC 405-S9-SS6-F4 [John P. Mern album - diving, portraits of J. P. Mern Jr., ships, Agnes posing with Mrs. Tomkin]. -- [19--]. -- 1 photo album (30 photographs : b&w prints). -- Box Number AFC 405-4/71

AFC 405-S9-SS6-F5 [John Mern Jr. photographs]. -- 1928-1932, [194-?]. -- 22 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 405-4/72



# Appendix I

## Wawanosh Family Tree AFC 405- Wawanosh Family Fonds

