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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1845 - 1895

Extent

4 cm of textual records

1 sketchbook

69 watercolours

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Vesey Agmondisham Brown was a physician and amateur artist. Brown was born in Limerick, Ireland on 3 June 1824, the third of six children, to John-Southwell Brown and Margaret-Anne Vesey. Brown attended the Medical School of Trinity College at the University of Dublin in 1844 before completing training at the Royal College of Surgeons in London, England in October, 1848. He was appointed to the British Army as Assistant Surgeon in 1849 and was attached to the reserve battalion of the Twenty-third Regiment of Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers), which was ordered to London, Ontario in May, 1850. He became licensed to practise “physic, surgery and midwifery” in the Province of Canada a year later.

When the Twenty-third Regiment moved to Toronto in May of 1852, Brown remained in London and served as the physician in charge of enrolled pensioners. By 1856 he was also serving as physician to the Great Western Railway Company. He married Mary Jane Massingberd, daughter of Anglican Reverend Hompesch (sometimes Edward) Massingberd in that same year. They resided on Kent Street. For the majority of his medical career he worked as a general practitioner and surgeon out of the family’s London home. Brown died in London on September 4, 1895 at the age of 71.

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of Vesey Brown’s medical education and military certificates and personal correspondence, as well as material relating to Brown and Massingberd family property in London and Morpeth, Ontario.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series:

- Series 1 Medical Career Records
- Series 2 Military Career Records
- Series 3 Real Estate and Property Records
- Series 4 Watercolours and Drawings

Language of the Material

The language of the material is English.

Finding Aids

File and item lists available.

Conditions governing Access

There are no restrictions on access.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The material was donated to Western Archives by a family member in 1978.

THE VESEY A. BROWN FONDS

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1

Medical Career Records

Dates

1845 – 1871, predominately 1845 - 1848

Extent

4 cm of textual material

Scope and Content

This series consists of material related to Dr. Brown's education and career as a physician in Ireland, Great Britain and Canada and includes medical course certificates and letters of reference.

File List

File	Date	Box/Folder
City of Dublin Hospital, medical course certificate	1845	AFC 260 – 1 / 1
University of Dublin, Medical School of Trinity College, medical course certificates [14 certificates]	1845-1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 1
University of Dublin, Trinity College, reference letter	1845	AFC 260 – 1 / 2
Sir Patrick Dinn's Hospital, Dublin, Compounding Dept.	1846	AFC 260 – 1 / 3
School of Physic in Ireland, medical course certificates [6 certificates]	1846-1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 2
King's and Queen's College of Physicians [Royal College of Physicians], Ireland, certificate	1847	AFC 260 – 1 / 4
Apothecaries Hall, practical pharmacy certificate	1848	AFC 260 – 1 / 5
Apothecaries Hall, School of Medicine, Ireland, medical course certificate	1848	AFC 260 – 1 / 6
Doctor Steevens's [i.e. Steevens'] Hospital, certificates [6 certificates]	1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 3
Letter of recommendation	1848	AFC 260 – 1 / 7

Meath Hospital and County of Dublin Infirmary, medical course certificates [3 certificates]	1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 4
Royal College of Surgeons of England certificates	1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 5
Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland [2 certificates]	1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 6
School of Anatomy, Medicine and Surgery, medical course certificate	1848	AFC 260 - 1 / 8
Western Lying-In Hospital and Dispensary, Dublin, certificate	1848	AFC 260 – 2 / 7
License to Practise [sic] Medicine	1853	AFC 260 – 1 / 9
On abscess in the abdominal parietes / By V.A. Brown	1859	AFC 260 – 1 / 10
Clippings [photocopied 197-]	1871	AFC 260 – 1 / 11

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Series 2

Military Career Records

Date

1849 - 1881

Extent

2 cm of textual material

Scope and Content

Series contains textual material relating to Brown's military career.

File List

File	Dates	Box/File
Appointments to the British Army	1849, 1851	AFC 260 – 1 / 12
Appointment to the Active Militia, Canada	1881	AFC 260 – 1 / 13

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Series 3

Real Estate and Property Records

Extent

2 cm of textual material

Scope and Content

Series includes material relating to Brown's London property on Kent and Talbot Streets along with material regarding his farm in Morpeth, Ontario.

File List

File	Dates	Box/File
Bill of Complaint on Three Mortgages, Moffatt v. Ruddle	1852	AFC 260 – 1 / 14
Conveyance, George Moffatt to Hompesch Massingberd	1854	AFC 260 – 1 / 15
Land Deeds	1855, 1874, 1878	AFC 260 – 1 / 16
House Specification and Tenders, 133 Kent Street, London [1861?]		AFC 260 – 1 / 17
Letter to Mrs. Jamieson's heirs or representatives	1867	AFC 260 – 1 / 18
Cash Book, Massingberd Estate	1887	AFC 260 – 1 / 19
Statement of Building Acct. Terrace, Talbot Street, London	1888	AFC 260 – 1 / 20
Building specifications, Kent Street, London	1889	AFC 260 – 1 / 21

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Series 4

Watercolours and Drawings

Extent

69 watercolours
1 sketchbook

Scope and Content

Series includes watercolours and pencil drawings of Elgin and Middlesex Counties.

Notes

1. Titles are based on captions provided by the artist. Titles in square brackets have been provided by the archivist.

File List

File	Dates	Box/File
Sketch book	1874	AFC 260 – 3 / 1
L[ondon] F[ield] Battery Camp, Port Stanley 1875 Verso: Cottage Port Stanley, June 1892 [watercolour]	1875, 1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 2
View at Water Works Hill looking down the River Thames, June 1890 [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1890	AFC 260 – 3 / 3
Kensington Bridge over Thames River, London June, 1891	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 4
View at Port Stanley, July 8, 1891 [watercolour]	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 5
Orchard Beech [sic] Port Stanley, July 12, 1891	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 6

[watercolour; sketch on verso]		
View at Port Stanley, August 8, 1891 [watercolour]	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 7
Bechers Island, River Thames W. B., August 12, 1891 [watercolour]	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 8
View at the Cove, August 16, 1891 [watercolour]	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 9
Lyndhurst Heights, St. Thomas, Brigade Camp, September 1-12, 1891	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 10
Canada S.R. [southern railway] Bridge, St. Thomas, September 12, 1891 [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1891	AFC 260 – 3 / 11
View at Port Stanley Looking East, March 19, 1892 [watercolour; painting on verso]	1892 or 1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 12
View at Port Stanley Looking East, March 22, 1892 [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 13
View at Port Stanley as ???? looking towards Lake Erie March 31, 1892	1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 14
Distant View of London from Water Works Hill, May, 1892 [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 15
Port Stanley Bridge from East Pier, August 8, 1892 [watercolour]	1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 16
Kinney Mill, Byron, West London 1892 [watercolour]	1892	AFC 260 – 3 / 17
Barracks Military School London, July, 1893; Calvary Halls, 139 th Camp, 1893 [watercolour and pencil]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 18
New [First] Presbyterian Church, London, August 1893 [watercolour and pencil]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 19
Victoria Bridge London, November 19, 1893 [watercolour and pencil]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 20
Wilson's Hill E[ast] Pier, Port Stanley in 1893, November 1893 [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 21
Port Stanley, East Pier in 1840 [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 22

On the Medway near London [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 23
Victoria Bridge London, 1893 [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 24
View near Port Stanley, October?, 1893	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 25
[View of mill] [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 26
View South of Victoria Park [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 27
View of ruins of an Old Mill near Port Stanley [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 28
View on S[outh] Branch of R[iver] Thames near Vauxhall Bridge [watercolour]	1893	AFC 260 – 3 / 29
Part of Jail London, Ontario [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 30
Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, August, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 31
Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, August, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 32
View Thameson Valley near Port Stanley, August 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 33
View at Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, August 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 34
View at Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, August 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 35
View at Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, September, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 36
View at Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, September, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 37
View at Thameson Hill near Port Stanley, September, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 38
View of Port Stanley looking West from Hill above Episcopal Church, August, 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 39

View on Road to Byron near Water Works, London, September 1894 [watercolour]	1894	AFC 260 – 3 / 40
A View on River Thames near London Ontario, 1895 [watercolour; sketch on verso]	1895	AFC 260 – 3 / 41
View at Port Stanley Looking East, 1895 [watercolour]	1895	AFC 260 – 3 / 42
[View of Lake Erie] [watercolour]	1895	AFC 260 – 3 / 43
View on Thameson Hill Road Near Port Stanley, March, 1895 [watercolour]	1895	AFC 260 – 3 / 44
[Bird and birdhouse] [watercolour sketch]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 45
[Bridge] [watercolour] [sketches on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 - 3 / 46
[Bridge] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 47
[Bridge] [watercolour] [sketch on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 48
[Bridge] [watercolour] [sketch on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 49
[Forest and church] [pencil sketch]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 50
[Landscape, Elgin County] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 51
[Landscape, Elgin County] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 52
[Landscape, Elgin County] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 53
[Landscape, Elgin County] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 54
[Landscape, Elgin County] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 55
[Landscape with church] [watercolour, pencil] [pencil sketch on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 56
[Landscape with military barracks] [watercolour] [watercolour on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 57
[Lighthouse, Port Stanley][pencil sketch]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 58
Port Stanley in 1845	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 59

[Port Stanley][pencil sketch]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 60
St. Paul's Cathedral from Barracks, London, 1852	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 61
[View of river] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 62
[View of Lake Erie] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 63
[View of Lake Erie] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 64
[View of Lake Erie] [watercolour][pencil sketch on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 65
[View of Lake Erie and lighthouse] [watercolour] [watercolour and annotations on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 66
[View of Lake Erie and lighthouse] [watercolour] [watercolour on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 67
[View of Lake Erie with lighthouse] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 68
[View of Lake Erie and beach] [watercolour]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 69
[View of railway bridge and valley] [watercolour] [pencil sketch on verso]	[189-?]	AFC 260 – 3 / 70