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ERMATINGER AND BURNHAM FAMILY FONDS

AFC 131

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ERMATINGER AND BURNHAM FAMILY FONDS
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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1816-1870, [ca. 1890]-1921, 1967

Extent

56 cm of textual records
1 photograph
8 photocopied photographs

Biographical Sketch

The Ermatinger family is well-known in the history of pre-Confederation Canada; members of several generations of the Ermatinger family were involved with the fur trade, and others achieved notoriety as politicians, lawyers, and public servants.

The first Ermatinger known to have settled in North America was Lawrence Ermatinger (b. ca. 1736 in Schaffhausen, Switzerland), a merchant who settled in Montreal in the early 1760s. Ermatinger supplied goods to North American and British buyers, including fur traders and the British army. Lawrence Ermatinger married Jemima Oakes and had eight children.

Two of the Ermatinger sons were particularly prominent in North America. Frederick William Ermatinger (1769-1827) served as Sheriff of Montreal and was one of the Bank of Montreal's first directors. Charles Oakes Ermatinger (1776-1833) was a fur trader, initially working for the North West Company and then independently. Another Ermatinger son, Lawrence Edward Ermatinger, moved from Montreal to Italy, Spain, and England. Lawrence Edward Ermatinger is the father of Edward and Francis Ermatinger, brothers who came to North America as clerks for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Records from many members of the Ermatinger family survive in libraries and archives throughout Canada. The Ermatinger Old Stone House in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (built 1814) and the Francis Ermatinger House in Oregon City, Oregon (built 1845) are today museums dedicated to providing insight into North American pioneer life.

Scope and Content

This fonds contains documents created and collected by Edward Ermatinger and his son Charles Oakes Ermatinger of St. Thomas, Ontario.

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following sous-fonds:

- A. Edward Ermatinger
- B. Charles O. Ermatinger
- C. Burnham Family
- D. Ermatinger Family added material

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The majority of the documents were donated to the University of Western Ontario in April, 1947 by Mrs. Percy Ermatinger, daughter-in-law of Judge Charles Oakes Ermatinger. Other materials such as photocopies, family history notes, and newspaper clippings were donated by Gladys McNeice of Sault Ste. Marie in 1967.

Associated Material

The well-known Ermatinger family left a large number of personal and business documents, housed in various Canadian and American repositories. Records of family members, other than Edward Ermatinger and Judge Charles O. Ermatinger, are available at the following institutions:

Francis Ermatinger's journal of the Clallam expedition is available at the British Columbia Archives (call number A/B/20/V5).

Library and Archives Canada has an extensive collection of Ermatinger records, including:

1. The Ermatinger family estate fonds (reference number R7712-0-7-E)
2. The Ermatinger family fonds (reference number R7652-0-0-E)
3. The William Ermatinger fonds (reference number R4325-0-0-E)

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives at the Archives of Manitoba have records of activities in which members of the Ermatinger family were involved. For more information, please contact the Hudson's Bay Company Archives.

The Sault Ste. Marie Public Library has the Charles Oakes Ermatinger fonds (reference number 992.5). This fonds consists of two customs bonds signed by Hudson's Bay Company and Northwest Company fur trader Charles Oakes Ermatinger, Edward Ermatinger's uncle and builder of the Ermatinger Old Stone House, part of the Ermatinger-Clergue National Historic Site in Sault Ste. Marie.

Availability of Other Formats

Most of the documents in this fonds are available on microfiche at the Western Archives reading room under call numbers F66 and F67.

Conditions Governing Access

Access is restricted to microfiche copies when available. The remaining original documents in this fonds are accessible. For more information, please consult the responsible archivist.

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Sous-fonds A **Edward Ermatinger**

Dates

1818-1875, predominant 1830-1875

Extent

32 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Edward Ermatinger was born on the island of Elba, just off the coast of Italy, in February, 1797. The eldest son of Lawrence Edward Ermatinger, an assistant commissary general in the British army, Edward was raised in England along with his brother Francis (born 1798). According to Edward's autobiography, his father was often absent; Edward and Francis were well-educated, if sometimes ill treated by their caregivers.

Edward's grandfather, Lawrence Ermatinger, had immigrated to Montreal from Switzerland in the mid-1760s, and much of the family still resided in North America. Edward's uncle Frederick Ermatinger was Sheriff of Montreal, and his other uncle Charles Oakes Ermatinger was a prominent fur trader with the Hudson's Bay Company. Lawrence Edward Ermatinger arranged for his sons' employment as clerks with the Hudson's Bay Company, and Edward and Francis sailed from London in 1818 aboard the ship Prince of Wales.

Edward and Francis arrived at York Factory on August 14, 1818. Although Edward had initially signed a five year contract, he remained in the Hudson's Bay Company's employ until 1828. He worked at various sites in present-day Manitoba, including York Factory, Island Lake, Oxford House, and Red River; his travels took him as far west as Fort Vancouver, in the present-day state of Oregon. In 1828, Edward Ermatinger went back to England, returning to Canada the following year. He lived in Montreal for one year before choosing to settle in St. Thomas, Ontario in 1830.

In St. Thomas, Ermatinger opened a general store and managed the Bank of Upper Canada, the Commercial Bank, and the Bank of Montreal successively. Afterwards, he helped establish the Bank of the County of Elgin, where he was its president. He also served at St. Thomas' postmaster from 1842 to 1876. In 1844, Edward Ermatinger was elected a Conservative member of the Legislative Assembly for the County of Middlesex, which at the time also included the County of Elgin. He was defeated in the election of 1847.

Edward Ermatinger established the St. Thomas Standard, the first newspaper in the community, in 1844. He also wrote numerous letters to the editors of other local newspapers on religious and political topics, and was a weekly columnist for the Hamilton Spectator newspaper. Ermatinger produced short stories, poems, diaries, and a book entitled The Life of Colonel Talbot and the Talbot Settlement, originally published in 1859.

Edward Ermatinger was a devout member of the Church of England, and choir director of the St. Thomas Church choir. He married Achsah Burnham (born 1809), daughter of judge Zaccheus Burnham of Cobourg, Ontario. Edward and Achsah had seven children:

- Frances Elizabeth Ermatinger (1834-1857)
- Lawrence Edward Ermatinger (1836-1837)
- Maria Ermatinger Baldwin (1840-1863)
- Annie Jemima Ermatinger (1843-1917)
- Frederick William Ermatinger (1845-1845)
- Francis Edward Ermatinger (1847-1892)
- Charles Oakes Ermatinger (1851-1921)

Edward Ermatinger died on October 29, 1876. Achsah died on March 1, 1881. Edward and Achsah Ermatinger are buried in the churchyard of the Old St. Thomas Church (Anglican) in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds contains documents detailing the personal and business life of Edward Ermatinger. Personal and business correspondence, business and political documents, an autobiography, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

This sous-fonds has been arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Correspondence
- Series 2: Business documents
- Series 3: Miscellaneous writings and other documents

Related Material

Western Archives also has copies of Edward Ermatinger's book, "The Life of Colonel Talbot, and the Talbot Settlement" (call number F1059.5.P8E7), available in the archives reading room.

A copy of Edward Ermatinger's 1827-1828 York Factory express journal, edited by his son Charles O. Ermatinger, is available at The University of Western Ontario's D.B. Weldon Library (call number F1060.8.E67).

The newspaper founded by Edward Ermatinger, The St. Thomas Standard, is also available in the archives reading room on microfilm (call number AN5.S28S83).

Associated Material

Further correspondence received by Edward Ermatinger is available at the British Columbia Archives under call numbers MS-2716, A/B/40/M142, A/B/40/M156, and A/B/40/W89.

Library and Archives Canada's Ermatinger family fonds (reference number R7652-0-0-E) contain records relating to Edward Ermatinger.

Conditions Governing Access

Access is restricted to microfiche copies when available; a detailed inventory of microreproduced items is available in the Western Archives reading room. Some original documents in this fonds are accessible. For more information on accessing the originals, please consult the responsible archivist.

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Series 1 Correspondence

Dates

1819-1874

Extent

22 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence received from Edward Ermatinger. Letters from family, friends, and business contacts from a variety of contexts, are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 1.1: Family correspondence

Sub-series 1.2: Personal correspondence

Sub-series 1.3: Business correspondence

Conditions Governing Access

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Sub-series 1.1 Family correspondence

Dates

1819-1874

Extent

10 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains letters sent to Edward Ermatinger by various members of his family. Letters from his father Lawrence, his brother Edward, his wife Achsah, and other family members are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Lawrence E. Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1819-1830	B5574-1
Charles O. Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1821-1833	B5574-25
Francis Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1823-1830	B5574-20
Family correspondence to Edward Ermatinger	1830-1874	B5574-24
Francis Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1831-1840	B5574-21
Family correspondence to Edward Ermatinger	1838-1866	B5574-30
Francis Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1841-1850	B5574-22
Francis Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1851-1858	B5574-23
Frank Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger [and others]	1863-1868	B5574-19
Achsah (Burnham) Ermatinger to Edward Ermatinger	1865-1870	B5574-28

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Sub-series 1.2 Personal correspondence

Dates

1821-1833, 1845-1870, photocopied and transcribed [ca. 1965]

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains various letters received from friends and acquaintances of Edward Ermatinger. Letters from Sir John Rose, George Percival Ridout, and others are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Edward Ermatinger – miscellaneous letters received	1845-1870	B5574-5
Photocopied material - letters to Edward Ermatinger	1821-1833 [photocopied and transcribed ca. 1965]	B5574-8

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Sub-series 1.3 Business correspondence

Dates

1829-1838

Extent

12 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains business letters received by Edward Ermatinger in his capacity as general store merchant, postmaster, and banker. Letters from various wholesale merchants, primarily in Montreal, as well as the Bank of Upper Canada, are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Edward Ermatinger – miscellaneous business letters	1829-1838	B5574-2
John Torrance to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1831-1833	B5574-11
Bank of Upper Canada to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1832-1834	B5574-12
Gillespie, Moffatt & Co. to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1832-1836	B5574-16
John McFarlane to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1833-1834	B5574-14
Port Stanley agents to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1833-1835	B5574-15
Gillespie, Jamieson & Co. to Edward Ermatinger	1833-1834	B5574-33
Robert Grant to Edward Ermatinger – business correspondence	1834	B5574-13

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Series 2 Business documents

Dates

1818, 1830-1872

Extent

5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains details of business transactions completed by Edward Ermatinger. Documents relating to his employment with the Hudson's Bay Company, his general store and banking businesses in St. Thomas, his political life, and business transacted within his personal life are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 2.1: Store and banking business documents

Sub-series 2.2: Political business documents

Sub-series 2.3: Family business documents

Sub-series 2.4: Copy of Hudson's Bay Company contract

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Sub-series 2.1 Store and banking documents

Dates

1831-1872

Extent

3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains the some general store and bank documents for businesses owned and operated by Edward Ermatinger. Ermatinger's store liquor license, mortgage documents, agreements, receipts for goods, and an account book are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Edward Ermatinger – business documents	1831-1865	B5574-3
Edward Ermatinger account book	1860-1872	B5574-10

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Sub-series 2.2 Political business documents

Dates

1832-1847

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains records from Edward Ermatinger's political life and interests. Edward Ermatinger's election certificate of 1844, invitations, committee reports, and a draft speech are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Edward Ermatinger – miscellaneous politics papers	1832-1847	B5574-6

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Sub-series 2.3 Family business documents

Dates

1830, 1833-1849

Extent

3 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains business documents for Edward Ermatinger's family-related transactions. Documents relating to the estate of Edward Ermatinger's father, Lawrence Edward Ermatinger, include a property list, receipts, and details of final arrangements. Receipts for shares in the British America Fire & Life Assurance Company, held by Edward Ermatinger for his brother Francis, as well as documents relating to the purchase of a pew in St. Thomas' Old St. Thomas Church, are also included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Documents re: death of Lawrence Edward Ermatinger	1830	B5574-4
Receipts for shares	1834-1835	B5574-26
Papers re: Church of England at St. Thomas	1833-1849	B5574-32

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Sub-series 2.4 Copy of Hudson's Bay Company contract

Dates

[photocopied ca. 1965 (originally created 1818)]

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains a copy of Edward Ermatinger's five-year contract as a clerk with the Hudson's Bay Company.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Hudson's Bay Company contract [copy]	photocopied [ca. 1965] (originally created 1818)	B5574-35

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Series 3 Miscellaneous writings and other documents

Dates

1831-1833, 1841-1868, 1875 [photocopied 1985]

Extent

5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains Edward Ermatinger's writings and miscellaneous documents. An autobiography, letters to the editors of various local newspapers, and circulars are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous documents	1831-1833, 1846	B5574-27
Edward Ermatinger – manuscripts, letters etc.	1841-1868	B5574-7
Autobiography of Edward Ermatinger – original + 2 photocopies	1875 [photocopied 1985]	B5574-9

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Sous-fonds B Charles O. Ermatinger

Dates

1869, [ca. 1890]-1921

Extent

30 cm of textual records

1 photograph

8 photocopied photographs

Biographical Sketch

Charles Oakes Ermatinger (variously written Charles O.Z. Ermatinger and Charles Oaks Ermatinger) was born on February 5, 1851 in St. Thomas, Ontario. The youngest child of Edward and Achsah (née Burnham) Ermatinger, Charles was educated in St. Thomas and at Galt Grammar School. After articling with H.F. Ellis and D.B. Read, Charles Ermatinger was called to the bar in 1873. He practiced law in St. Thomas, and from 1883 to 1886 represented East Elgin as a Member of Provincial Parliament. A member of the Conservative Party, Ermatinger ran unsuccessfully in the riding of East Elgin during the 1887 federal election.

Charles Ermatinger was named Queen's Counsel in 1885, and appointed Junior Judge for Elgin County in January, 1890. Borrowing from his father's earlier history of the Talbot Settlement, Charles wrote *The Talbot regime: or, the first half-century of the Talbot Settlement*, published in 1904. He also served as Elgin County Historical Society president and wrote many short articles on Canadian history.

In 1873, Charles Oakes Ermatinger married Charlotte (née Richardson) Dickson, daughter of Judge Hugh Richardson, justice of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.

Charles and Charlotte had two children:

 Blanche Muriel Ermatinger (b. 1875)

 Charles Percy Ermatinger (b. 1879)

Charles Oakes Ermatinger died on December 16, 1921; his wife Charlotte died in January, 1916. Charles and Charlotte Ermatinger are buried at the Old St. Thomas Church (Anglican) in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds contains documents relating to the personal life of Judge Charles Oakes Ermatinger. Correspondence, published and unpublished writings, and photographs are included. Some Elgin county voters lists, collected by Judge Ermatinger and used to house some of his manuscripts, are also included.

Arrangement

This sous-fonds is arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Correspondence
- Series 2: Writings and publications
- Series 3: Voters lists
- Series 4: Photographs

Related Material

Western Archives has a copy of Judge Ermatinger's book, "The Talbot Regime: or, The First Half Century of the Talbot Settlement" (call number F1059.5.P8E68), available in the archives reading room. A smaller book, "St. Thomas, Canada: A Souvenir of the "Railroad City"" (call number F1059.5.S19E75) is also available.

Charles O. Ermatinger's book, "Canadian Franchise and Election Laws" (call number JL194.E7) is available in the Western Archives special collections.

Books to which Charles O. Ermatinger contributed, including "Historical Sketches of the County of Elgin" (call number F1059.E4E4 v.1), and "1803-1903: Record of the Celebration of the Centenary of the Talbot Settlement" (call number F1059.E4E4 v.3) are also available in the archives reading room.

Conditions Governing Access

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Series 1 Correspondence

Dates

1901-1921

Extent

4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains general correspondence received and sent by Judge Charles O. Ermatinger. Letters regarding the care and custody of his family's personal papers predominate. Letters written on behalf of the Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute to the United States Capitol Building and Grounds superintendent regarding a statue of Tecumseh are also included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Miscellaneous correspondence	1901-1909	B5575-14
British Columbia provincial archives to C.O. Ermatinger	1901-1913	B5575-10
Miscellaneous correspondence	1910-1920	B5575-15
Miscellaneous correspondence	1912-1921	B5575-12
Correspondence re: statue of Tecumseh	1915-1919	B5575-13

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Series 2 Writings and publications

Dates

1869, [ca. 1890]-1915, 1919-1921

Extent

27 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains articles and the draft of a book written by Judge Charles O. Ermatinger. Other writings, including clippings, extracts of other works, and other research, are included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in the following sub-series:

Sub-series 2.1: Drafts and published short articles

Sub-series 2.2: Clippings, extracts, and other research

Sub-series 2.3: The second half-century of the Talbot settlement drafts

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Sub-series 2.1 Short articles

Dates

1869, [ca. 1890], [ca. 1900]-1902, 1915

Extent

8 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains several short articles, some in their original published form with and without corrections, by Judge Charles O. Ermatinger. Works on Canadian history, teaching, politics, golf, and Ermatinger's travels in the Bahamas are included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Publication – The New Dominion Monthly – Sketches in Ontario	1869	B5575-7
Draft – Dominion of Canada	[ca. 1890]	B5575-2
Draft – Notes on teaching	[ca. 1890]	B5575-6
Draft – The united empire and the United States – their mission in the world	[ca. 1900]	B5575-1
Draft – The Columbia under Hudson's Bay rule	[ca. 1900]	B5575-4
Corrections – The home of the six nations	1901	B5575-5
Draft – Historic Niagara's golf links	1902	B5575-8
Scrapbook – Wonders of Bahamas – notes from Nassau	1915	B5575-3

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Sub-series 2.2 Clippings, extracts, and research

Dates

1899-1914

Extent

3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains notes, clippings, and extracts written by Judge Charles O. Ermatinger. Clippings, notes, and extracts regarding local history predominate. An early list of the Ermatinger family personal papers, with some notes as to where they may have been donated, is also included.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Handwritten extracts from other authors	[copied ca. 1900]	B5575-9
Miscellaneous notes and clippings	1899-1914	B5575-11

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Sub-series 2.3 The second half century of the Talbot Settlement documents

Dates

[ca. 1910], [ca. 1915], 1919-1921

Extent

16 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains handwritten drafts of, and correspondence and other documents regarding, Judge Charles O. Ermatinger’s unpublished work, *The Second Half Century of the Talbot Settlement*. Several revisions of the work are included, both in handwritten and typed form.

Note

The handwritten drafts in this sub-series are written on the back pages of Elgin County voters lists. All of the voters lists are still legible, and are listed below in Sous-fonds B, Series 3.

The extent of this sub-series, while listed again in Series 3, will only be counted once in the over-all extent total for this sous-fonds.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Chapters 1 to 8 inclusive – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-17
Chapters 9 to 18 inclusive – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-18
Chapters 19 to 23 inclusive – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-19
Chapters 24, 25, and 26 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-20
Chapters 27, 28, and 29 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-21
Chapters 30, 31, and 32 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-22

Title	Dates	Box/File
Chapters 33, 34, and 35 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-23
Appendices – handwritten draft	[ca. 1910]	B5575-24
Chapters 1 to 11 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-29
Chapters 12 to 20 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-25
Chapters 21 to 27 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-26
Chapters 28 to 33 – handwritten draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-28
Chapters 1 to 18 – typed draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-27
Chapters 1 to 19, 24 – typed draft	[ca. 1915]	B5575-30
Subscription flyer	[ca. 1915]	B5575-31
Correspondence re: the second half century of the Talbot settlement	1919-1921	B5575-16

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Series 3 Voters lists

Dates

1902-1913

Extent

16 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains published voters lists for various townships in Elgin County, collected by Judge Ermatinger. Lists for Aldborough, Bayham, Dunwich, Malahide, and Southwold townships are included, some with more than one copy.

Note

The voters lists in this sub-series have parts of Judge Ermatinger's manuscript for his unpublished work, *The Second Half Century of the Talbot Settlement*, written on the pages' backs. A list of the manuscripts is listed above in Sous-fonds B, Series 2, Sub-series 2.3.

The extent of this sub-series, while listed previously in Sub-series 2.3, will only be counted once in the over-all extent total for this sous-fonds.

File List

Title	Dates	Box/File
Bayham township – 1902	1902	B5575-24
Southwold township - 1903	1903	B5575-20
Aldborough township – 1905	1905	B5575-25
Dunwich township – 1905	1905	B5575-23
Southwold township – 1905	1905	B5575-21
Southwold township – 1905	1905	B5575-22

Title	Dates	Box/File
Aldbrough township – 1907	1907	B5575-29
Aldbrough township – 1907	1907	B5575-18
Dunwich township – 1907	1907	B5575-17
Malahide township – 1910	1910	B5575-26
Malahide township – 1910	1910	B5575-28
Dunwich township – 1913	1913	B5575-19

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Series 4 Photographs

Dates

[photocopied ca. 1985 (originally created ca. 1900)]

Extent

1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 11 cm
8 photocopied photographs

Scope and Content

This series contains photographs collected by Charles O. Ermatinger. Landscape scenes of Fort Niagara and Fort George, as well as an interior shot of Malahide Castle (used by Charles O. Ermatinger in his book *The Talbot Regime*), are included.

Note

Eight photographs were removed from this file and photocopied; the originals have been transferred to the regional photograph collection. Please consult the Archives' reference desk for more information.

File/Item List

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Photographs	[ca. 1900], photocopied [ca. 1985]	B5575-33

ERMATINGER AND BURNHAM FAMILY FONDS
AFC 131
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BURNHAM FAMILY
SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Sous-fonds C Burnham Family

Dates

1816-1866

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Biographical Sketch

Zaccheus Burnham was born on February 20, 1777 to Asa and Elizabeth (née Cutler) Burnham in the state of New Hampshire. Burnham moved to Upper Canada in 1797, and married Elizabeth Choate (b. 1780 in New Hampshire) on February 1, 1801. The couple settled near Cobourg, Ontario and had six children, five of whom are known:

- Elizabeth Burnham (b. 1802)
- Rev. Mark Burnham (b. 1804)
- Achsah Burnham Ermatinger (b. 1809)
- Maria Burnham (b. 1812)
- Asa Burnham (b. 1814)

A prominent landowner, Burnham was also active in the Northumberland Militia, joining in 1801 and being made Captain in 1810 and Colonel before 1829. He served during the War of 1812 and in the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837. Zaccheus Burnham was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1811 and Newcastle District treasurer in 1815. Politically, Burnham served as member for Northumberland and Durham in the House of Assembly between 1817 and 1820, and as member of the Upper Canada Legislative Council for the town of Cobourg between 1831 and 1841. He was appointed Judge of the Newcastle District Court in July 1839.

Zaccheus Burnham died on February 25, 1857. He is buried, along with his wife Elizabeth, in St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery in Cobourg, Ontario.

Scope and Content

This series contains documents relating to the Zaccheus Burnham family, father-in-law of Edward Ermatinger. Genealogical records, a letter, and administrative documents are included.

Associated Material

A copy of Zaccheus Burnham's letters of probate of last will and testament are available at the Trent University Archives (76-1004).

Arrangement

This sous-fonds is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Burnham family documents

Conditions Governing Access

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Scope and Content

This series contains records of Judge Zaccheus Barnham and his family from the Cobourg, Ontario area. A letter tracing the Burnham lineage, a document appointing Zaccheus Burnham Judge of Newcastle District, and a letter regarding Burnham family lands are included. An appointment for an Eliakim Barnham, from the same area, is also included.

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ERMATINGER FAMILY
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Sous-fonds D Ermatinger Family added material

Dates

[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1767-1874, 1950, 1967)]

Extent

4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains added material relating to the Ermatinger family's history and personal papers. Narratives, notes, and clippings regarding the Ermatinger family in Montreal and Sault Ste. Marie, as well as correspondence concerning the copying and donation of the family's papers, are included.

Related Material

A copy of Gladys McNeice's book, "The Ermatinger Family of Sault Ste. Marie" (call number CS90.E694 1984) is available in the Western Archives reading room.

Correspondence addressed to Dr. James H. Coyne, Elgin County Registrar and local historian, from the Public Archives of Canada and the Oregon Historical Society concerning the Ermatinger family papers, is available at Western Archives in box B4026.

Associated Material

The Gladys H. McNeice fonds at Algoma University's Arthur A. Wishart Library (fonds number F2000) document her extensive research on the Ermatinger family, particularly on the family members in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Arrangement

This sous-fonds is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Added genealogical and historical documents

Conditions Governing Access

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**ERMATINGER AND BURNHAM FAMILY FONDS
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Series 1 Added genealogical and historical documents

Dates

[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1767-1874, 1950, 1967)]

Extent

4 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains original and reproduced documents relating to various branches of the Ermatinger family. Records of the family in Montreal and Sault Ste. Marie, including narratives of Ermatinger interactions with Aboriginal peoples, are included.

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Photocopied documents re: family in Montreal	[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1767-1874)]	B5574-31
Photocopies and newspaper clippings – Charles Oakes Ermatinger of Sault Ste. Marie	[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1850, 1967)]	B5574-18
Ermatinger genealogy photocopies	[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1950)]	B5574-34
Copy of writings on the Ermatinger old stone house, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario by Mrs. Alex (Gladys) McNeice	[photocopied 1967 (originally created 1967)]	B5575-32