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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Dates

1855-1919

Extent

5 cm of textual records

16 volumes

Administrative History

John Campbell, Sr. was born in 1823 in Tarbet or Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. Educated as a blacksmith, Campbell immigrated to Canada in 1848 and settled in London, Ontario. John Campbell began work in London at a carriage making shop owned by Marcus Holmes. By 1855, he was engaged in his own carriage making business called, variously, London Carriage Factory or J. Campbell and Son.

The factory building was initially located at what is now the corner of Richmond and Albert Streets. In 1865, Campbell expanded his business and moved to 75-85 King Street. London Carriage Factory was, by this time, producing award-winning carriages and light buggies and exporting them worldwide.

The business was expanded further in the 1880s, and a carriage building shop was opened on Portage Street in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The paint shop of the London factory suffered a major fire in March, 1901, but insurance allowed it to be rebuilt. After John, Sr.'s death in 1901, his son John Campbell, Jr. continued the family business, adding automobile repair services in 1918. The business and factory were sold in 1923, though John Campbell, Jr. continued to maintain an office at 75 King Street for the subsequent year.

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of the business records of the London Carriage Factory/John Campbell and Sons. Financial and administrative records, items of correspondence, and other documents are included.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into the following series and sub-series:

Series 1: London Carriage Factory financial records

Sub-series 1.1: London Carriage Factory ledgers

Sub-series 1.2: London Carriage Factory cash book

Sub-series 1.3: London Carriage Factory day books

Sub-series 1.4: London Carriage Factory receipts

Series 2: London Carriage Factory miscellaneous documents
Series 3: London Carriage Factory letter books

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

Finding Aids

File and item lists are available.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Most of the records were donated to the University of Western Ontario by the Campbell family in 1966. A second small donation, consisting of 2 photographic prints and an illustrated catalogue of carriages, was made by Mr. James A. Harris in October, 1988.

Related Materials

This fonds relates to the John Campbell Family fonds held at the University of Western Ontario Archives; for more information, please see finding aid AFC 71.

Conditions Governing Access

No restrictions on access.

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS and FILE LISTS

Series 1 London Carriage Factory financial records

Dates

1855-1919

Extent

12 volumes

Scope and Content

This series contains financial documents relating to London Carriage Factory. Ledgers, cash books, and day books for the factory's London operation predominate, and one ledger from the Winnipeg operation is included.

Arrangement

This series is arranged into the following sub-series:

Sub-series 1.1: London Carriage Factory ledgers

Sub-series 1.2: London Carriage Factory cash book

Sub-series 1.3: London Carriage Factory day books

Sub-series 1.4: London Carriage Factory receipts

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Sub-series 1.1 London Carriage Factory ledgers

Dates

1874-1919

Extent

7 volumes

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains ledgers relating to London Carriage Factory. While ledgers for the factory's London operation predominate, one ledger from the Winnipeg operation is included. Accounts by personal or business name, as well as wages by employee, are recorded.

Item List

| Title | Dates | Box |
|---|-----------|-------|
| London Carriage Factory ledger, 1874-1887 [vol.] | 1874-1887 | B4413 |
| London Carriage Factory (J. Campbell) ledger accounts, John Campbell, 45 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg [vol.] | 1885-1889 | B4412 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) ledger 1887 – 1896, and wage accounts 1890-1, pp. 690 to end of book [vol.] | 1887-1896 | B4413 |
| London Carriage Factory ledger, 1890-1894 [vol.] | 1890-1894 | X1537 |
| London Carriage Factory, Ont. Campbell, John and Son. London, Ontario. Ledger, 1893-1901 [vol.] | 1893-1901 | X1538 |
| London Carriage Factory ledger, 1901-1909 [vol.] | 1901-1909 | X1539 |
| London Carriage Factory ledger, 1910-1919 [vol.] | 1910-1919 | X1536 |

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Sub-series 1.2 London Carriage Factory cash book

Dates

1883-1889

Extent

1 volume

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains a cash book relating to London Carriage Factory. Amounts of money, spent and received, are recorded.

Item List

| Title | Dates | Box |
|--|-----------|-------|
| London Carriage Factory cash book [vol.] | 1883-1889 | B4412 |

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Sub-series 1.3 London Carriage Factory day books

Dates

1855-1858, 1890-1915

Extent

4 volumes

Scope and Content

This sub-series contains day books relating to London Carriage Factory. These books chronologically record the business' daily receipts and expenditures.

Item List

| Title | Dates | Box |
|--|--------------|------------|
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) day book Aug. 16, 1855 – Dec. 4, 1858 [vol.] | 1855-1858 | B4412 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) day book January 1890 – March 1900 [vol.] | 1890-1900 | B4412 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) day book May 1900 – March 1907 [vol.] | 1900-1907 | B4412 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) day book April 1907 – June 1915 [vol.] | 1907-1915 | B4412 |

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Sub-series 1.4 London Carriage Factory receipts

Dates

1858-1881

Extent

1 folder of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains receipts relating to the London Carriage Factory.

File List

| Title | Dates | Box/File |
|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| London Carriage - receipts | 1858-1881 | B4412-6 |

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Series 2 London Carriage Factory miscellaneous documents

Dates

1855-1910

Extent

2 folders of textual records

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence and other documents relating to the London Carriage Factory. Prize tags and apprenticeship indentures are included.

Note

Four photographs from this series have been transferred to the regional photograph collection. Please consult the Archives' reference desk for more information.

File List

| Title | Dates | Box/File |
|---|--------------|-----------------|
| London Carriage Factory – miscellaneous records | 1874-1910 | B4412-7 |
| Apprenticeship indentures | 1855-1875 | B4412-8 |

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Series 3 London Carriage Factory letter books

Dates

1908-1914

Extent

4 volumes

Scope and Content

This series contains letter books of correspondence written by John Campbell, Jr. while he was the owner and manager of the London Carriage Factory.

Item List

| Title | Dates | Box |
|--|--------------|------------|
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) letter book June 1908 – August 1909 [vol.] | 1908-1909 | B4413 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) letter book Nov. 1909 – Nov. 1910 [vol.] | 1909-1910 | B4413 |
| John Campbell (London Carriage Factory) letter book, Dec. 1910 – April 1912 [vol.] | 1910-1912 | B4413 |
| London Carriage Factory (John Campbell) letter book April 1912 – April 1914 [vol.] | 1912-1914 | B4413 |