

## Marcus Gunn's Diaries and Papers

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In order to improve access to more of the existing holdings of Western Archives copies of a number of preliminary finding aids are being made available. These preliminary finding aids, some of which were prepared many years ago, vary in degrees of completeness, detail and accuracy. Some provide only basic box listings of the contents of a fonds or a collection, while others provide additional background material. All are intended to be the starting point for access to the records and they should not be considered a definitive source of information on the full nature and contents of the fonds or collection.

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Note: Black History related names mentioned within Marcus Gunn materials are Able Bedford, Alfred Thomas Jones, Alexander Hamilton, and Aurelia Jones. Information provided by Mike Murphy.

### B4150 Transcripts and original diaries

#### File #   Title

- 1      Autobiographical and Meteorological Journal, 1798-1822 (transcript-2 copies)
- 2      Biography of Donald Marcus Gunn, written by father, Marcus Gunn, 1851 (transcript)
- 3      Journal of Meteorology - Diary 1 Jan 1830 – 31 Dec 1830 (original and transcripts, 1 complete, 2<sup>nd</sup> few pages) \*inside diary found letter March 5, 1852, to Brother from H. Alex Gunn
- 4      Diaries, 1844, 1846 (originals and transcripts, 1846 lacks pg1)
- 5      Diaries, 1847-1850 (originals)
- 6      Diary, 1847 (transcript)
- 7      Diary, 1 Jan – 6 Dec 1848 (transcript)
- 8      Diary, 25 Nov 1848 – 6 Feb 1849 (transcript, including index)
- 9      Diaries, 1849-1850 (transcript, includes index)
- 10     Diary, 1851: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 1851 (original only); also included in diary starting on page 123 is 'an account of the life of son Donald Marcus who died 25 Sept 1851 (approx. 8 ½ years old); Diary 1 Jan – Mar 14, 1851 (transcript \*not in folder)
- 11     Diary, 1851 – 21 Feb 1852; 1851 (transcript, 2 copies, 1 with index, 1 incomplete); 1 Jan - 21 Feb 1852 (transcript)

Accounts 1850-1852 (original) includes accts of letters, also papers, dispatches, correspondence, accounts, journal and business matters

- 12 Diary indexes, 1853-1877 v.18-25 (typed; incomplete set of duplicates/previous drafts)
- 13 Diaries Book III 22 April – 26 Aug 1850 (1 transcript and original diary; 1 Sept 1849-7 Apr 1850 (transcript); 10 Oct – 31 Dec 1850 (transcript)
- 14 Diary (Vol. XXXI, 1 Jan 1852 – 28 Feb 1853 (original and transcript, 2 copies)
- 15 Diaries, 1 Jan 1853 – 31 Dec 1853 (transcripts), 1854 in Marsh's Pocket Diary (original and transcript); 1855 – 7 June 1856 (transcript)
- 16 Diary 1856 (transcript and some duplicate pages)

B4151 Transcripts and original diaries

File # Title

- 1 Diaries, 1857 (transcript; dups of pgs 58-60); 26 Oct – 31 Dec 1858 (original and transcripts, 5 copies)
- 2 Diary, 1859-1861 (original) \*piece of wax seal
- 3 Diary, 1859-1861 (transcript)
- 4 Diary, 1862 (transcript, 3 copies)
- 5 Diary, 1863 (transcript, 3 copies, 1 incomplete or previous typed drafts)
- 6 Diary, 1864 (transcript, 3 copies)
- 7 Diary, 1865 (transcript, 3 copies)
- 8 Diary, 1 Jan – 28 Aug 1866 (transcript, 1 copy and a partial copy)
- 9 Diary, 4 Oct – 31 Dec 1869 (original and transcript)
- 10 Diary, 1870; 1874 (transcripts)
- 11 Diary, (daily journal 1869 on cover), 31 Dec 1869 – 23 Jan 1874 (original)
- 12 Diary excerpts/extracts, 1871-1877 (transcripts, 2 copies 1876)
- 13 Diary 1 Jan – 28 Apr 1878 (original and transcript, 2 copies)

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The contents of this box are mostly typed transcripts. Some folders have 2 or more copies.

- 1      Ledgers: Ledger Alpha 1828-35 (2 copies), Ledger & Business Journal 1833-36, Ledger 1841-46 (3 copies, pages 1&2 lacking from copy 3)
- 2      Day books: 19 June 16-Nov 1850 (2 copies), 1 April 1859-15 Aug 1866 (3 copies; label on folder 1859-1864, copy 3 notes to 1864 but continues until 1866)
- 3      Day books of Thomas J. Jones 1828-1836 and Charles J. Jones, 1837-1872 (4 copies)
- 4      Diary of James Henry Challoner, Lobo, C.W., 1853 (2 copies) \*note also copy of diary transcript in Seaborn fonds AFC 20-5 as done as part of Edwin Seaborn diary transcription project
- 5      Journal of Business Memoranda, 22 April – 26 Aug 1850; Summons re: First Division Court, John Wanless vs. Marcus Gunn, 7 May 1856 (3 copies); 12 May 1856 (2 copies), Petition June 11, 1857 (5 copies)
- 6      Correspondence, 1827-1846 (2 copies)
- 7      Correspondence, 1851-1869 (3 copies)
- 8      Account of correspondence: 1850-52 (3 copies) and index; 1859-66 (3 copies)
- 9      Thoughts on Theology - exhibited in a letter in reply to one from Dr. John Rolph then a member of the Canadian Government (3 copies)  
Item included in file:  
Discourse on 1 Cor. XIII 9 (original and 2 transcript copies)
- 10     Papers & Letters: 1829-1850 (4 copies, 2 incomplete); 1853-1878 (2 copies); undated Letter from Marcus Gunn to a correspondent in Thurso, Scotland (undated), 2<sup>nd</sup> copy pgs 1-3
- 11     Papers & Letters, undated – 1852 (originals) – to/from Marcus Gunn, from James Gunn
- 12     Papers & Letters, 1853-1910 (originals) – to/from Marcus Gunn, other family and correspondents
- 13     Procedure book of the spiritualistic Harmonial Association of London, C.W., 1862 (3 copies); Record of Spiritual Intercourse 1854 (3 copies)

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File #   Title

- 1      Diary transcripts 1835-1846 (original and transcript), 1848-1849;1850, April-Aug, Oct-Dec (transcript, 2 copies Apr-Aug, 1 copy lacks pg1, 1 copy Oct-Dec)
- 2      Diary transcripts 1852 (2 copies), 1853 (multiple copies of segments)
- 3      Diary transcripts 1854 (incomplete), 1855 (2 copies)
- 4      Diary transcripts 1856 (J-Je, 2 copies; Je-De 2 copies, 1 incomplete)
- 5      Diary transcripts 1857 (2 copies)
- 6      Diary transcripts 1866 (2 copies, 1 incomplete)
- 7      Diary transcripts 1870 (2 copies) \*\*1 tiny fragment of original mss page
- 8      Diary transcripts 1871, 1872 (2 copies)
- 9      Diary transcripts 1873 (3 copies)
- 10     Diary extracts, 1872,1874-1877 (1875, 1877 2 copies)
- 11     Fragmented copy of diary, 1859-1861 (transcript)
- 12     Fragments: accounts, poetry, etc. includes ephemera ball invitations(1849-50), 1821-1875 (originals)
- 13     Poetry and Verses
- 14     Book and Pamphlet mss. C.1851-1857 (originals) re: Marcus and James Gunn, John C. Gunn (note \*writing in pale ink) includes:  
  
An address to the public introducing a letter to the Rev. Mr. Pollard, with reference to his recent attacks upon the Universalists & Unitarians of London, C.W., by M. Gunn, 1853 (3 copies, published and 1 typed transcript)  
  
Gunn family obituaries  
  
Constitution and Catalogue of Library of the Franklin Typographical Society of Boston, 1850  
  
Memoranda of Acc'ts Outstanding, July 1851-June 2,1857  
  
Acc't book used in Edinburgh, Thurso & Pictou, 1840, 1841 & to October 1842  
  
Acc't of Expenses, 18 May 1841 – 31 Dec 1846 (section of 1847 in larger book)  
  
Propositions', writing (spiritual), other text follows  
  
Cosmographic Review or thoughts on the extent and prospects of human knowledge with respect to the Phenomena of the Universe by Marcus Gunn (inner cover is broadside for Universal Geography lecture by M. Gunn at Pictou, 1835)

- Observations on various modern topics of interest and public concernment, 1855-1861  
 \*inside cover is a prospectus for subscribers for "a review of the present, extent and prospects of Human Knowledge in physical and abstract phenomena (used for text of Observations pg 35-36 \*see another loose copy is File 15)
- 15 Notes and memoranda (letters to government/newspapers) on Spiritualism and Theology etc. (originals) c1850-1872; includes:
- Thoughts on Theology by Marcus Gunn exhibited in a letter in reply to one from Doctor John Rolph then a member of the Canadian Government
- Record of Intercourse with the members of our Family who passed from this life the first condition of existence, correspondence, 1850s
- Phrenological Character of ? as given by Prof. C.S. Powers, Feb. 19, 1862
- 16 Broad­sides, 1848-1859 (originals) etc., includes:
- Farm for lease, Township of Williams, (Mdx County) ca.1855 (very poor condition)
- Sale of household furniture of Alexander Gunn, South Calder, May 1856
- Gunn office closure notice, St. Thomas?
- Prospectus of the Western Liberal newspaper (Amherstburg) c1850 \*actually published in St. Thomas
- Prospectus for St. Thomas Observer (edited by Marcus Gunn), 1848.
- Proclamation of Robert Owen will be explained at Congress of the Reformers of the World, St. Martin's Hall, Long Acre, London, April 1856
- Address to the Citizens of the Southern Townships of the London District to subscribe for re-appearance of the Observer, St. Thomas, 1849 (and photocopy, slightly different print)
- 17 Misc. legal documents, affidavit, petition, indentures, 1844-1870 (originals)
- 18 Scrapbook, with newspaper clippings, notes and poetry, extracts from books (likely female creator but unknown), first page dated 1851

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- 1 Newspaper articles/issues: St. Thomas (photocopies), 1848-1850: St. Thomas Observer and Western Liberal
- Broad­sides (originals), includes:
- New Boot & Shoe Shop, Port Stanley, 1850 (by M. Gunn, printer)
- An Exposition of the law practice of Canada, by way of a memorial to the Legislative Assembly...May 1850