



WESTERN ARCHIVES

FINDING AID FOR

Six Nations of the Grand River fonds

AFC 406

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1828-1834, 1837, 1843, 1873.

1 volume of textual records, 4 items of textual records

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History

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Scope and Content

Fonds consists of a letter book kept by John Brant during his time serving as resident superintendent of the Six Nations of the Grand River. In it, he recorded outgoing correspondence as well as proceedings of general councils of the Six Nations. James Winnett recorded council proceedings in the letter book following Brant's death for the years 1833 and 1834. The letter book contains an index.

Also included are four loose letters that were found in the letter book dating to after the death of Brant. Letters touch on subjects such as the survey of drowned lands, navigation of the Grand River, Six Nations Chiefs waiting on the Governor General and the settlement of claims in Brantford.

Custodial History

The letterbook and letters were purchased from London Public Libraries and Museum Board in October 1979.

General Notes

Physical material has been repatriated to the Six Nations of the Grand River. Digitized files are available at <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item-set/5746>. Also on microfilm M743.

Series Descriptions

AFC 406-F1 [Letter book with proceedings of council meetings]. -- 1828-1834. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5747>

AFC 406-F2 [Letter L. Burwell to James Winnett re: surveys of drowned lands]. -- March 18, 1833. -- 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5749>

AFC 406-F3 [Letter to James Winnett re: navigation of Grand River]. -- October 2, 1837. -- 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5751>

AFC 406-F4 [Letter re: Six Nations Chiefs waiting on Gov. Gen., Kingston]. -- September 22, 1843. -- 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5753>

AFC 406-F5 [Letter L. Vankoughnet to Hon. D. Laird, Supt. Gen. of Indian Affairs re: settlement of claims of Brantford]. -- December 31, 1873. -- 1 item of textual records. -- Box Number <https://verne.lib.uwo.ca/s/wl-digitized-collections/item/5755>