

<b>Title:</b>	Canada Post Office Documents, 1833, 1835, n.d.		
<b>Creator:</b>	Canada Post Office Department		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1833, 1835, n.d.	<b>Reference Number:</b>	RG 634
<b>Scope and Content:</b>	<p>One 9 ½ page booklet of typed instructions to a Deputy Post Master in Canada. The size is 28 cm x 17 cm.</p> <p>One 3 ½ page contract (typewritten including annotations) for transporting His Majesty’s Mails. The size is 31 cm. x 19 cm.</p> <p>Courier’s oath broadside. The size is 31 cm. x 19 ½ cm.</p> <p>Broadsheet sworn and signed at Queenston by Malcom Laing J.P. and Alexander Hamilton, Post Master 31 cm. x 19 cm.</p>		
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>1. <i>Instructions to a Deputy Post Master in Canada Upon His Appointment.</i> “Queenston” is written in as the place of employment. The booklet is loosely sewn together. Additional instructions are pasted after the third leaf and on the inside of the back wrapper. This copy is signed and annotated by T. A. Stayner who was the Deputy Postmaster General of British North America. The paper belonged to Alexander Hamilton “A. Hamilton Esq.” is handwritten in the upper right corner, n.d.</p> <p>2. A contract for transporting His Majesty’s Mails issued to Job Chubbock of Queenston, Ontario. This is signed and annotated by Alexander Hamilton, Post Master. The amount of 140 pounds is to be paid quarterly to Chubbock. Chubbock’s duties are outlined in detail as well as the fines to be levied to him on dereliction of his duties. There is a watermark of an oval with a woman in a chariot holding a trident and a flower. The paper is signed by Job Chubbock and Alexander Hamilton, March 13, 1833</p> <p>3. A Courier’s Oath broadside which was issued by T.A. Stayner, Deputy Postmaster General, British North America. It was sent from the General Post Office at Quebec to Thomas Kennedy. It is signed by Thomas Kennedy and Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster for Niagara. The document states that Kennedy is to convey His Majesty’s Mails of letters between St. Catharines and Niagara. The coat of arms of British North America is at the top of the page. It is signed by Thomas Kennedy and Alexander Hamilton, Dec. 9, 1835</p>		

	<p>4. A broadsheet sworn and signed at Queenston by Malcolm Laing, J.P. and Alexander Hamilton, Post Master. The Post Office at [Queenston?] in account with the General Post Office at Quebec. The cash transmitted is 91.42 ½ pounds. There is a watermark of an oval with a woman in a chariot holding a trident and a flower, Aug. 11, 1835</p>
<p><b>Physical Description/Condition:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Some of the pages are loose and there are a few tears at the edges of the pages which do not affect text.</li> <li>2. There is a stain at the top of page 3. This is from being glued into an album. It does not affect text.</li> <li>3. There is a stain at the top of the page. This is from being glued into an album. It does not affect text.</li> <li>4. There is a stain along the right side of the broadside. This is from being glued into an album. It does not affect text.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Biographical / Administrative Notes:</b></p>	<p>Alexander Hamilton was a businessman, militia officer, office holder, and judge. He was born on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1790 in Queenston, Ontario. He was the son of Robert Hamilton and Catherine Robertson, née Askin.</p> <p>He attended school at Queenston and Niagara and went to Scotland in 1795 for further education. He worked at his father's business for a short time after returning from Scotland, but the business failed. Hamilton was involved in the War of 1812, particularly with small raiding and reconnoitering parties. He became a captain under Major Thomas Merritt in the Niagara Light Dragoons on 1 May 1812 and later served under William Hamilton Merritt.</p> <p>After the War of 1812, Hamilton applied for posts in the Niagara District as they became vacant. In 1817, he received his first commission as a justice of the peace. He held posts between 1821 and 1839 as postmaster and deputy collector of customs at Queenston. He was also a surrogate court judge, and sheriff of the Niagara District. By 1833, he had recouped some of his fortune which allowed him to begin construction at Queenston of a mansion, Willowbank, which still stands.</p> <p>According to the Journal of the House of Assembly of 1836, Job Chubbock was fined 4 times for irregularity, delays and improper conduct regarding delivery of the mail.</p>

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