

**Fay Fairbairn Collection,
1824, 1859-1861, 1865, 1867-1868, 1874-1875, 1890**

RG 85

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Creator: Fay Fairbairn

Extent: 4 shelved volumes
1 large format storage box

Abstract: This archive contains Auditors' Reports for the Township of Pelham, advertisements and publications.

Materials: Publications, newsprint.

Repository: Brock University Archives

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History: Pelham Township dates its first settlement back to the late 1700s. It borders the township of Louth to its north, Township of Thorold to its east, and the Township of Gainsborough to its west. Pelham stretches east to west for 5 ¼ miles and North and South for 9 ¼ miles. The area was and remains today good for various types of farming. One of the first recorded settlers to settle in the township was John Crow in 1784. Samuel Beckett arrived in Pelham from Philadelphia in 1793. He purchased a plot of land which contained a grist mill, he set up a saw-mill the following year. Numerous generations of Becketts lived within the Pelham area and contributing to the community as Samuel did. Amongst the fourth generation of Becketts, there was another Samuel who became auditor for the township and who's report is included in this collection.

Pelham flourished in the early years despite a devastating hurricane in 1792. By 1850 the price of the poorest piece of land was \$20 per acre and established fruit farms \$200 per acre, compared to the 15 pence per acre (or .30 cents) at the beginning of settlement. Today Pelham is made up of four parts, Fonthill, Ridgeville, Fenwick and North Pelham.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains Auditor's Reports from the Township of Pelham as well as advertisements and publications. The Reports have been catalogued and the advertisements and publications placed in a large format storage box. Item labeled F.1 (Folio 1) was encapsulated and placed in large format storage 6.6.5 in the Archives.

Organization: The records were arranged into three series:

Series I, Reports, 1860-1861, 1867, 1890

Series II, Advertisements, 1874-1875

Series III, Publications, 1824, 1859, 1865, 1867

Inventory: **Series I. Reports, 1860-1861, 1868, 1890**

- shelf Auditor's special and annual reports, Township of Pelham, 1860 (SPCL FC 3159 P4 Z84 1860).
- shelf Auditor's special and annual reports, Township of Pelham [Nicholson and J.W. Dunklee, Auditors], 1861 (SPCL FC 3159 P4 Z84 1861)
- shelf Auditor's special and annual reports, Township of Pelham *Samuel Beckett, Treasurer, in account with the Corporation of Pelham*, 1867 (SPCL FC 3159 P4 Z84 1867)
- shelf Auditor's special and annual reports, Township of Pelham , *D.J. Stone, Treasurer*, 1890 (SPCL FC 3159 P4 Z84 1890)

Series II. Advertisements, 1874-1875

- F.1 God save our Queen, St. Catharines Montebello Gardens, Gala, May 25, 1874 [*St. Catharines Montebello Gardens first Grand Fete and Gala*]
- O.1.1 William Hand, Manufacturer of Fire-works, Hamilton ON
Toronto Fall Show, Pyrotechnic Exhibit, September 1875

Series III. Publications, 1824, 1859, 1865, 1867

- O.1.2 *Mackenzie's Toronto Weekly Message* vol. XXVI no. 2257.
Toronto Saturday July 30, 1859 [reprint]
- O.1.3 *The Salisbury and Winchester Journal, and General Advertiser of Wilts, Hants, Dorset, and Somerset.* Vol. CIV. No. 4535. Monday, August 2, 1824
- O.1.4 *The New York Herald.* Whole no. 10, 456 (re-print). New York.
Saturday April 15, 1865 [reprint]
- O.1.4 *The Globe* vol. XXIV, no. 156 whole no. 5385. Toronto. Monday, July 1, 1867 [reprint; two copies]

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