Robert George Malcomson Papers
1790s-2009
(non-inclusive)
RG 200

Brock University Archives

Creator: Robert G. Malcomson

Extent: 3.5 m textual records
76 books (integrated into Special Collections)
7 CD-Rs
2 cassette tapes
530 negatives (counted by frame)
3 pamphlets
15 col. postcards
3 b&w postcards
607 col. photographs
2 b&w photographs
385 b&w reproductions
10 col. reproductions
13 slides
4 transparencies

Total: 10 boxes, 1 half box

Abstract: Collection of research materials, from various institutions, collected by Robert Malcomson pertaining to the War of 1812. The collection also includes books and photographs taken for research purposes.

Materials: Typed and handwritten materials; including photocopies of archival documents. Photographs and reproductions as well as CDs and cassettes.

Repository: Brock University Archives

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Acquisition Info.: Collection donated by Janet Malcomson on September 30, 2009.

Biographical History: Robert Malcomson was a life-long learner. He enthusiastically immersed himself in his research; an enthusiasm that is reflected in the speeches he gave, the books he wrote and the people he taught.

Malcomson began teaching elementary school students in 1969. He continued to inspire young minds in all subject areas from grades one through eight until 2002. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1976 and a Masters in Education in 1980 from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Beginning in the 1970s, Malcomson began publishing throughout North America and Britain on a broad topic base. In the 1980s he began a historical focus within his writings mainly concentrating on the War of 1812. This focus lead to an eventual specialization in the naval campaigns on the Great Lakes during the War of 1812. He published in numerous shipping magazines, scholarly journals as well as editing and authoring books.

Malcomson’s interest in the war extended beyond pen and paper, combining a teaching background along with a vast amount of subject knowledge, he could be found giving tours of the battlefield at Queenston Heights. These engaging and thought provoking tours brought his audiences back through time and entertained young and old alike. He was a consultant as well as participant for the 2006 television documentary Bloodlines: The Battle of Queenston Heights. He also presented to audiences at numerous historical society meetings as well as conferences.

Malcomson kept actively involved in many historical endeavours by sitting on the board of The Journal of the War of 1812 and The War of 1812 Magazine, being a member of The Company of
Military Historians and Collectors, and actively involved with the Friends of Fort George. He passionately worked on several committees relating to the upcoming bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812. Although he is not present to witness the celebrations, his invaluable input and contributions will not go unnoticed.

Among Malcomson’s numerous publications are:

A Very Brilliant Affair: the Battle of Queenston Heights, 2003
The Battle of Queenston Heights, 1995
Burying General Brock: a history of Brock’s monuments, 1996
The Encyclopedia of the War of 1812, assistant editor 2012
Historical Dictionary of the War of 1812, 2006
HMS Detroit, the Battle for Lake Erie, 1990
Lords of the Lake: the Naval War on Lake Ontario, 1812-1814, 1998
Picturing Isaac Brock, 2004
Sailors of 1814: Memoirs and Letters of Naval Officers on Lake Ontario, 1997 editor
Warships of the Great Lakes, 1754-1834, 2001

Scope and Content:

Materials related to military and naval operations of the 1812 era, research of the late Robert Malcomson, Canadian author and historian. Materials include photocopies of materials relating to the War of 1812, photographs and detailed research notes Malcomson made regarding his approach to research (mainly found in Series VIII). Materials were originally arranged in binders relating to an area of research or a certain publication. Articles were removed from the binders and placed in folders using original titles from the binders as series or sub-series titles. Articles within the binders were separated by tabs indicating what the article related to in the publication or topic of interest. In order to avoid repetition, the writing on the tab was used for folder titles, as each folder would be a part of the Series under which it was grouped. The tab names could be authors, events, accounts etc. of the War. Series and sub-series titles were derived from the original titles on the binders. Original intellectual order was retained, grouping similar subjects into Series and Sub-series. Dates recorded were the publication dates of the articles; however, if no publication date was present the date of retrieval was used if from an academic database (ex. JSTOR).
The black and white photos from various repositories are reproductions of paintings, microfilm etc. on photographic paper. The colour photographs from various repositories are actual photographs.

All books donated by Malcomson were integrated into the University’s Special Collections book collection. These volumes are noted at the end of the finding aid under separated materials.

**Organization:**

The records were arranged into 10 (ten) series:

**Series I. General Research**
- Sub-series A. American; includes memoirs, documents, articles Penetanguishene
- Sub-series B. Biographies and Articles
- Sub-series C. Canal Publications
- Sub-series D. Native Matters
- Sub-series E. Penetanguishene
- Sub-series F. Prisoner of War Matters
- Sub-series G. Upper Canada
- Sub-series H. U.S. Government

**Series II. Land**
- Sub-series A. Beaverdams
- Sub-series B. Queenston Heights
- Sub-series C. British Army
- Sub-series D. United States Army

**Series III. Malcomson Publications**
- Sub-Series A. Historical Dictionary of the War of 1812
  - Sub-series i. The Gulf Coast and the Eastern Seaboard
  - Sub-series ii. Catch All
  - Sub-series iii. Causes
- Sub-Series B. Burying General Brock Research
- Sub-Series C. War of 1812 Research; includes Naval War of the Wars of 1812, Lake Ontario and Below, Lake Champlain, general articles
- Sub-Series D. Article: Longevity of Freshwater Warships
- Sub-Series E. Capital in Flames

**Series IV. Multimedia/Images**
- Sub-series A. Multimedia
  - Sub-series i. CDs and Cassettes
  - Sub-series ii. Photographs
  - Sub-series iii. Reproductions
  - Sub-series iv. Peter Rindlisbacher images
Series V. Prominent Individuals/Key Players
Sub-series A. Q.H. Tompkins
Sub-series B. Biography; individual, naval and military,
Barclay, Mulcaster, Bulger, Viger,
Sub-series C. Individuals

Series VI. Publications
Sub-series A. Haldimand Papers
Sub-series B. Cruikshank
Sub-series C. Newspapers
Sub-series D. Books, later lifer to the Recent Pipers

Series VII. Repositories
Sub-series A. Library and Archives Canada
    Sub-series i. RG8 (British and Military Records,
    Royal Navy and Provincial Marine 1779-1845)
    Sub-series ii. RG9 [War Diaries]
    Sub-series iii. RG5 [Upper Canada/Canada West]
    Sub-series iv. MG12 Adm. 1 Officers Letters
    Sub-series v. MG12 Adm. 106 Letters regarding
    yards.
    Sub-series vi. MG12 Adm. 51-52: Lake Ontario
    Logs – Salter
    Sub-series vii. MG 12 Adm. 1 Yeo. Letters
    Sub-series viii. MG 13 W.O. 17 1245-46, 1245-46,
    1514-1518
    Sub-series ix. MG24 [Dept. of Defense]
    Sub-series x. MG11, 1812-1813, 1893, 1896, 2001
Sub-series B. Public Records Office W.O. 12: 5416, 6044
Sub-series C. Ontario Archives
Sub-series D. Toronto Research Library
Sub-series E. The National Archives of the United States
Sub-series F. New York State

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Series VIII. Resource List (filing cabinet) update Sept. 2008
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 correspond with colour of folders. Original titles were
 retained. Information added by archivist appears in square
 brackets)

Sub-series A. Library and Archives Canada, LAC (red)
Sub-series B. United Kingdom National Archives, UKNA
    (purple)
Sub-series C. United States National Archives, USNA
    (blue)
Sub-series D. Library of Congress (orange)
Sub-series E. University of Virginia Library (orange)
Sub-series F. Clements Library (orange)
Sub-series G. Hertfordshire Record Office (orange)
Sub-series H. Royal Military College, Kingston (orange)
Sub-series I. Patrick Wilder Material (orange)
Sub-series J. Miscellaneous (orange)
Sub-series K. Syracuse University Library (orange)
Sub-series L. Geneva (New York) Historical Society (orange)
Sub-series M. Ontario County (New York) DRAIM, (orange)
Sub-series N. New York State Archives, NYSA (green)
Sub-series O. New York State Library, NYSL (green)
Sub-series P. Cherry Hill, Albany (grey)

Series IX. Sea
Sub-series A. U.S. Navy Officers
Sub-series B. USS Olympia etc.
Sub-series C. Warships
Sub-series D. Single Ship Actions
Sub-series E. Muster Tables
Sub-series F. Ships
Sub-series G. Navy
Sub-series H. Royal Navy; includes ships, articles, cruisers, Lyon
Sub-series I. Naval Matters

Series X: Microfilm - See Appendix A. (Second Accrual)

All series and sub-series are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Inventory:

Series I. General Research


1.1 Peter B. Porter Papers, Major Isaac Roach, Winfield Scott, Elihu Shepard, 1864, 1869, 1893, 1968
1.2 Memoirs Wilkinson, Winchester, Woolsey family papers, 1790s, 1808-1839, 1915


1.6 Militia Niagara, Daniel Miller, Myers Memoir, Norton-Niagara 1814, Pennsylvania soldiers diary, Charles Morris, 1880, 1900, 1906, 1945, 1950, 1965


1.10 A Canalboat Primer published by the Canal Museum, Syracuse NY, The Best from American Canals III published by the American Canal Society, 1 col. photo, 1 b&w photo.


1.19 Articles and Memoirs: marriage and death notices Ontario, settling Glengarry County, genealogies 1&2, 1895, 1898, 1980, 1989

2.1 Stagg-Madison, Hunt-Madison, Armstrong, 1836, 1908, 1999
2.4 Stagg – Mr. Madison’s War, Madison Futile War, Madison France, 1959, 1964, 1983

Series II. Land


2.8 Newspapers: Pennsylvania Republican, True American, Oracle of Dauphin, 1813-1814
2.10 Map outlining phases of the Battle of Beaverdams, Capt. Thomas Randall, Cummings re: escape and Fitzgibbon’s warning, Dr. Young, Casualties, Robinson, Inadequate supply of ammunition, Lt. Godwin, Lt. Murdoch, Lt. Mudd, Capt. Karney, position of British, 1813


2.17 Steppler – A Duty Troublesome Beyond Measure (thesis), 1975

2.18 War Office Records: Commissariat Department, The 41st Regiment, 1809-1815

2.19 Sutherland Biographies: James Dennis 49th Foot regiment, correspondence, His Majesty’s Gentlemen, the administration of the British Army in North America, Directory of Officers, 1768, 1777, 1812, 1829, 2000, n.d.

2.20 Sutherland Biographies: Directory of Officers, reference lists, 2000


3.1 Legacy of Historical Gleanings, VanRensselaer’s Queenston narrative, 1836, 1875


Series III. Malcomson Publications

Sub-Series A. Article: Longevity of Freshwater Warships 2001-2003


3.17 Times and Charts, 2006; includes sun times, capitulation,

3.18 British and Canadian Accounts, 1760-1840; includes Br. Anob., Beikie, claims, citizens, 2 other buildings burned, Powell, Playter,
S. Jarvis, Finan, Commins, Derby, Ridout, Ross, Sheaffe, Wilson, Strachan, truth


4.2 Graves, cemetery/McNeale, Scadding, Pike’s body, 1829, 1860, 1888, 1894, 1903, 2007

4.3 Monuments, Rouille Scadding, 1812 Daughter’s U.S.A., Mace, 1878, 1887, 1902, 1907


Sub-Series D. Historical Dictionary of the War of 1812


5.2 Archives of Ontario, untitled, n.d. CD-R
5.3 City of Toronto Archives, Fonds 1244, DSR# 070288, 2007, CD-R
5.4 Kingston Harbour July 1815, Sackett’s Harbour September 1815, n.d., CD-R
5.5 Library and Archives Canada, untitled #17911, n.d., CD-R
5.6 Maritime Museum Paris, Paris and Trincomalee, n.d., cassette
5.7 News Editorial, Al VanAlstine, August 31, 1989, cassette
5.8 Sample Marine Paintings by Peter Rindlisbacher, n.d., CD-R
5.10 Zebulon M. Pike image, Colorado Springs Museum, 2007, CD-R


5.11 “The Bee” and unidentified negatives, n.d., 84 negatives
5.12 Belfast Article photos, n.d., 12 col. photos, 26 negatives
5.13 British Uniforms Re-enactors, 1999, n.d., 64 col. photos, 24 negatives, 4 postcards
5.14 Brown, n.d., 24 col. photos
5.15 Burying General Brock, n.d., 37 col. photos, 33 negatives, 1 slide, 5 col. postcards
5.16 Canal Museum, Syracuse, 1996, 2002, n.d., 17 col. photos, 1 b&w postcard, 1 pamphlet, 27 negatives
5.17 Cutty Sark, n.d., 9 col. photos, 36 negatives
5.18 Edwin Fox, Picton NZ., 1995, 9 col. photos
5.19 George Downey Grave, n.d., 10 col. Photos
5.20 La Albuera, February 2003, 26 col. Photos
5.21 Niagara, 1998, 12 col. photos, 62 negatives
5.22 Olympia, 1899, n.d., 31 col. photos, 63 negatives, 1 b&w photo
5.23 Ordnance, n.d., 33 col. photos
5.24 Penetang (not used in 1996), 1999, n.d., 44 col. photos, 8 negatives, 1 pamphlet
5.25 Philadelphia – Dickens, July 1995, 17 col. photos, 34 negatives
5.26 Rose, n.d., 11 col. photos, 1 col. slide
5.27 Ships, graves, Generals, monuments, n.d., 62 col. photos, 2 col. postcards, 2 b&w postcards
5.28 Ships Miscellaneous, n.d., 14 col. photos, 4 col. Postcards
5.29 St. Lawrence Series photo leftovers, 2003, 34 col. photos, 54 negatives
5.30 Ticonderoga and Cherry Hill, n.d., 11 col. photos, 20 negatives
5.31 Trincomalee, n.d., 34 col. photos
5.32 Unidentified photographs, n.d., 15 col. photos
5.33 United States Soldiers Uniforms, n.d., 18 col. photos
5.34 U.S. and BNA 1763, n.d., 1 col. slide
Sub-series C. Reproductions, n.d.

5.38  Anne S.K. Brown Military Collection, Brown University Library, n.d., 2 b&w photos
5.39  Archives of Ontario, n.d., 6 b&w photos
5.40  British Library Reproductions, n.d., 3 b&w photos
5.41  Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, n.d., 10 b&w photos
5.42  Burton Historic Collections, Detroit Public Library, n.d., 2 b&w photos
5.43  Clements Library, University of Michigan, n.d., 11 b&w photos, 1 slide
5.44  Geneva Historic Society, n.d., 1 b&w photo
5.45  Historical Cherry Hill, Albany NY, n.d., 1 b&w photo, 1 col. photo
5.46  Mariners Museum, Newport News, VA., n.d., 6 b&w photos, 8 slides
5.47  McCord Museum of Canadian History, Montreal, n.d., 1 b&w photo
5.48-5.49 National Archives of Canada, n.d., 118 b&w photos
5.50  Royal Ontario Museum Collection, n.d., 15 b&w photos
5.51-5.52 Toronto Reference Library, n.d., 106 b&w photos
5.53  Uncertain origins or copies of current reproductions, n.d., 38 b&w photos, 9 col. photos, 1 slide
5.54  United States National Archives, n.d., 10 b&w photos, 4 transparencies
5.55  United States Naval Academy Museum, Annapolis, MD, n.d., 14 b&w photos
5.56  United States Naval Historical Centre, n.d., 41 b&w photos
5.56b Images of Peter Rindlisbacher artwork, n.d., 24 colour photos and prints

Series V. Prominent Individuals/Key Players


5.58  Bulger, Viger, 1813, 1865, 1995

5.61 Strachan: includes letter books of John Strachan [OA F 983-2 MS reel 10], Anti-Jacobin Review, Kingsford – The History of Canada [vol. 8 of 10], 1808-1815, 1946

**Sub-series C. Q.H. Tompkins, 1809, 1811-1812, 1902, 1898, 1968**

6.2 Tompkins biography, Tompkins Papers, brigades, 1898, 1968
6.3 Tompkins Papers vols. 2-3, 1809, 1811-1812, 1902

**Series VI. Publications (newspapers etc.)**


6.5 Part One: Cruise of the U.S. Brig Argus, Mahan – Guerriere Court Martial, Mahan – Macedonian Court Martial, 1905, 1917

**Sub-series B. Cruikshank, 1812-1813, 1907, 1921, 1940, n.d.**

6.8 Cruikshank 4: includes research, biography, 1812, 1921, 1940, n.d.
6.9 Cruikshank 5: weather, Yeo, Askin re: York, Beikie – special permission, 1813, n.d.
6.10 Cruikshank 6: includes Bentley, Powell, York, The Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier, 1813, n.d.
6.11 Cruikshank 8: The Documentary History of the Campaign upon the Niagara Frontier Part IV 1813, 1907
Sub-series C. Haldimand Papers, 1758-1784, 1977

6.12 Papers 21801, 21803-21805


6.14 Quebec Mercury, 1810


6.16 United States Newspapers: The War a periodical (3 volumes), 1813

Series VII. Repositories

Sub-series A. Library and Archives Canada

Sub-series i. MG11, 1812-1813, 1893, 1896, 2001

6.17 Includes MG11, CO42, 151-157, correspondence, return of the right division of the Army of Upper Canada, Yeo’s orders, 1813

7.1 Includes MG11, CO42, vols. 158-172, 354, correspondence, court martial’s, transcribed letters, maps, list of charts, plans etc., Sheaffe’s letters


7.3 MG11 Q CO42 summary, vols. 146-150, correspondence, York as Citadel, move Kingston to York, avoid disturbing the United States, cost concerns, Prevost re: fortifications, Quebec: key to the whole, defensive policy, Army bill, Quebec prices 1812, Bathurst supports Prevost’s policy, S restrictions, 1812-1813

Sub-series ii. MG12 Adm. 1 Officers Letters, 1813-1817

7.4 Barclay, Miscellaneous, Mulcaster, Popham, Pring, 1813-1817
Sub-series iii. MG 12 Adm. 1 Yeo. Letters 1811-1818, 1820

7.5 Montreal Gazette, Adm. 1 vol. 2736, Wolfe to Warren re. Mulcaster being, Melville East end of Long Island, Portsmouth, Sloane Street, correspondence

7.6 Tigress Scorpion Prize, list of Officers appointed to the ship building on Lake Ontario, correspondence 1812-1818, 1820

Sub-series iv. MG12 Adm. 51-52: Lake Ontario Logs – Salter, 1814-1815

7.7 P. Charlotte, Star, Niagara, Prince Regent, D. Salter, 1814-1815


7.8 Yards Canada letters B1001 Adm. 106 V. 1997, appointment of Edgecombe as Purser, plans to build at Kingston, contracts stopped by peace, peace effects on building, wages, Shipwright’s sent home, June 1815 squadron, death of Strickland, 1814-1816, 1999, 2003


7.11 1517-1518, General monthly returns of Officers January-June, list of deaths, description of service, general monthly return of Sergeants, trumpeters, drummers, 1813

7.12 1517-1518, General monthly return of Sergeants, trumpeters, drummers, Officers, 1813


Sub-series viii. RG5, 1806, 1808-1809, 1813-1814
7.14 A1 volume 5 Mfm. C4503: 1806, 1809; includes Bowes to Grant, Green to Officers commanding Ft. George and Kingston, Warren to Halton, Fish to Halton

7.15 A1 volume 9: 1808-1809; includes Civil Secretary’s correspondence, Upper Canada

7.16 A1 volume 16/17 Mfm. C4508: 1813-1814; includes Powell as Clerk of assice request, J.B.R. to Rottenburg re: suspects, McNabb re: Wm. B. Peters, George Cutter (Calver) re: John Lyons, beheaded or sent to Greenburgh, Wm. Forrest re: Lyon, Duncan Cameron re: Thrall, Sanders re: Patterson, Wilson re: Lyon, Knot re: Lyon, lack of power, N. Hastings, Bentley, P.O.W. names, Lynde’s complaint, praise for Vincent, Derenzy and Selby land grant


8.1 Volumes 115-119, 1812; includes correspondence, forms, inventory listings, personnel listings – including rank, 115D (MR C2681), 116 (MR C2681), 117, 118 (MR 2682, 199 pg. 60 (MR C2682)

8.2 Volumes 1201, 1203: 1812-1813; includes Garrison’s Orders and Proceedings Fort Niagara (RG8 vol. 1201, MR3519), Ridout’s Orderly Book (RG8 vol. 1203, MR C3519)

8.3-8.5 Volumes 690, 692-694a, 695, (673-674, 677-682, 688s MR 3171), 702, 721-727 MR 3172: 1800-1846; includes U.S. War of 1812, Canadian Troops, DeMeuron Regiment, DeWatteville Regiment, Royal artillery, Royal Marine and Navy

8.6-8.7 Volume 694A (Mfm. 3233) General Entry Book for Prisoners

8.8 C-series 1168: 1812-1813; includes T. Coffin, Powell, Hughes

8.9 C-series 1170 (Mfm. C3502): 1813; includes women and children, balloting, Montreal, William Dunbar, DeRot replaces Sheaffe, York, Hughes to Montreal, DeRot takes command, U.C. militia uniforms

8.10 C-series 1219, 1220, 1708: 1813; includes Sheaffe’s claim for losses, Prevost to York June 23, 1813, York – insufficiency, stores of Quebec, carriages in store

8.11 C-Series vols., 678-680: 1812-1813, capitalism, Account by T. Ridout, Maclean’s account, Rottenburg to Prevost, restore public goods, boats to get uniforms, Sheaffe 30 April/May 8, Hughes, Prevost not capable, G. Powell re. 2nd visit

8.12 C-series vols. 688s: 1812-1813, York Chewitt re: lack of arms 18 July 1812, Lynde, 4 June – public stores, Derenzy, John Lyon
scalps in the still house, 14 Aug. protect the province, 1814 remove papers order, UC militia staff, militia clothing
8.14 C-series vol. 84, 189: 1813; includes British Military claims, Arms etc. lost, clothing lost, Glengarry, Powell P.M. compensation, Plucknett
8.15 C-series vol. 228-230: 1813; includes Powell as surgeon, Sheaffe re: Powell’s charge of indifference, Sheaffe’s removal, Wm. Lee, Provincial Marine 1813 proposal, Q.M. dept., engineers, Barrack Dept.
8.16 C-Series vols. 372-373 (mfm. 2932): 1805, 1813
8.18 C-series I volume 737-743; includes list of Officers serving under Owen, correspondence, 1816-1817, 1821
8.19 C-series I volume 1168-1172; includes correspondence, index, Adj. General’s Office Quebec 20th January 1814 General Order, 1811-1814, 1996
8.20 C-Series I volume 1701-1710, list of who served for local Niagara militias, abstract of a statement of the Province of Upper Canada. Reports, return of troops, distribution of the forces in Canada, Proposed route for his Excellency the Governor in Chief, correspondence, 1808, 1812-1814, 1818, 2001
8.21 C-series vol. 722, 728-729, Commander Sullivan, Commander James, HMS Cyane Quebec, Correspondence, dimensions of Schooner Frigate, 1798-1842
8.22 C-Series vol. 729-733, orders for Yeo, list of Officers, correspondence, Kempt, 1813-1814, 1993

Sub-series x. RG9, 1812-1814

8.23 Volume 18, 1812-1814; includes IB7 (Mfm T10384) Militia and defence, distribution of pay
9.1 Volume 16/20; includes IB7 militia and defense, Button, Caval, Wilmot, Robinson, Richardson, Willson
9.2 Volume 16/18, 1813-1814; includes IB7 (Mfm T10 383) militia and defence, Lyons – militia, Hamilton, J. Robinson
9.3 Volume 16/18, 1813; includes IB7 2nd York Officers, Jarvis, John Lyon

9.4-9.5 National Archives of the United States: includes [RG 45 M125] Captains to Secretary of Navy vols. 25-41, 1812-1815


9.7 National Archives of the United States: includes RG107 MG 221-222 correspondence of the Secretary of War, Boerstler, Dearborn, 1811-1813

9.8-9.9 National Archives of the United States: includes RG107 MG 221-222, Pike re: smuggling, Stoddard, RG 94 Letters received by the Officer of Adj. General, 1801-1870


9.11 National Archives of the United States RG45, vol. 9-11, 15, 17, 21-22, Letters received by the Secretary of the Navy from commissioned Officers 1802-1884, 1812-1813, 2008-2009

9.12 National Archives of the United States RG45, Letters received by the Secretary of the Navy from Commanders 1804-1886, Records of Court Martial and Courts of Inquiry of the Navy Department 1799-1867, 1813-1815, 1955


Sub-series D. Ontario Archives, 1801-1853

9.14 Ridout, Isaac Wilson diaries 1811-1845 [OA MS 199(5)], Court sessions, Ely Playter fonds 1801-1853 [OA MU 5901-MU5902]

Sub-series E. Public Records Office W.O. 12: 5416, 6044: 1812

9.15 Pay list of the 41st Regiment of Foot June-September 1812, Sergeant, Corporal, Private, Musicians

9.16 Pay list of the 49th Regiment of Foot June-September 1812, Sergeant, Corporals, Privates, Ft. George
**Sub-series F. Toronto Research Library, 1810-1815**

9.17 York Upper Canada Papers relating to the Capitulation, Mrs. Powell’s letters, May 3rd meeting of magistrates, 1810-1815

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**Sub-series A. Library and Archives Canada, LAC [red, 1812-1815, 1990, 1995, 1999]**

10.1 Fir Frigates for Canada, British House of Lords Papers, [extracts of the House of Lords Accounts and Papers, vol. 45 sessional papers 94, 1814]

10.2 Wingfield: MG24, F18 memoir, MG12 Adm. 51 vol. 2355, Wingfield’s captain’s log in Surprize, [Admiralty Accounts Generals department logbooks, NAC reel B465, Captain’s Log Adm 51 vol. 2355 (no. 9-11) 1813-1815, 1990]

10.3 Fort George Garrison Book, partial RG8, I, 1203, ½ A, [Mfm. C3519, 1812]

10.4 War Claims, RG 19 E5 (a) vol. 3733, [Department of Finance – Upper Canada: War of 1812 losses claims, 1812]

10.5 [RN Musters, 1813-1814, 1995, 1999; includes ADM 37 vol. 5000 Muster Book for Lake Ontario, correspondence, master table of His Majesty’s naval establishment on Lake Ontario ADM 37 vol. 5002, 5642, 5128, 5245, 5377, 5636, 5629]


10.6 Cruizer and officer material, [Laugharne’s ships, Lieutenant’s records of examination, Agincourt, “PRO log/research” (logs Malcomson’s daily research) NMM Cruisers and Officers, National Maritime Museum, Royal Observatory Greenwich, correspondence, 2003, 2005, n.d.]

10.7 8th Foot data, [research notes, Muster book and pay list, Casualty Roll, 1813, 2003, n.d.]

10.8 49th Foot data, [research notes, pay list, York muster, casualty roll, 2003, n.d.]

10.9 104th Foot data, [research notes, n.d.]
| 10.13 | British Casualties – Canadian Summary Report, [British Casualties Suffered at Several Actions During the War of 1812, 1994] |


| 10.14 | General Information, [research notes, n.d.] |
| 10.16 | Miscellaneous Returns, RG94, M-617, [1813, n.d.] |
| 10.18 | Adjutant General’s received letters from miscellaneous officers, RG94, M-566, [research notes, 1812, 2002-2003] |
| 10.19 | Eaton’s Compilations, RG94, M-1832, [returns of the killed and wounded of American troops 1790-1848, 1813, n.d.] |
| 10.21 | 1st United States Artillery, [muster roll, pay roll, 1812-1813] |
| 10.22 | 3rd United States Artillery, [muster roll, pay roll, 1812-1813] |
| 10.23 | United States Light Artillery, [muster roll, pay roll, research notes, 1812-1813, n.d.] |
| 10.24 | United States Light Dragoons, [muster roll, 1813] |
| 10.25 | 1st Rifles, [muster roll, pay roll, 1812] |
| 10.26 | 6th Infantry, [correspondence, muster roll, 1812] |
| 10.27 | 13th United States Infantry [pay roll, muster roll, research notes, 1812-1813, n.d.] |
| 10.28 | 14th United States Infantry [muster roll, pay roll, boxes341, 341a, 341c, 341d, 342, Rec. of the Off. of the Adj. General, 1813-1814] |
| 10.29 | 16th Infantry [muster rolls, 1812-1813] |
| 10.30 | 21st Infantry [pay roll, muster roll, 1813] |
| 10.31 | 15th Infantry [pay roll, muster roll, 1813] |

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| 10.33 | Trowbridge Papers [1855-1856, n.d.] |

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10.51 Solomon VR letters [research notes, correspondence, 1812, n.d.]
11.1 General Orders [correspondence, general orders, orders of march and crossing, 1812]
11.2 Regular Returns – Fort Niagara [morning report, weekly return, 1812]
11.3 Militia Returns – Wadsworth [report of troops, inspection return, morning report, 1812, n.d.]
11.4 Military Returns – Oswego [muster roll, return of sick, inspection return, 1812, n.d.]
11.5 Courts Martial [John Ryan, Rathbone, 1812, n.d.]

Series IX. Sea
Sub-series A. Muster Tables, 1813-1814

11.6 WASP USNA T829 Roll 136 Muster table of the United States Vessel of War the “WASP” between August 1813 and April 1814, muster table for the “Hornet” 1813

11.7 Muster Table of the United States Vessel of War The Peacock, 1814


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