

Title:	Lt. Col. John Clark Papers, 1838-1851 [photocopy]		
Creator:	Clark, John, 1787-1862		
Dates of Material:	1838-1851	Record Group Number:	RG 62
Summary of Contents:	<p>236 photocopied pages, 36 x 22 cm ; includes the correspondence, diary and reports of Lt. Col. John Clark of the 5th Lincoln Militia. Originals are located at the City of Niagara Falls Museums, Niagara Falls, Ont.</p> <p>The fonds includes correspondence, reports, and accounts related to the activities of the 5th Regiment, Lincoln Militia. It also includes the personal recollection of Lt. Col. John Clark's experiences at the Battle of Queenston Heights, October 1812 and the 1838 rebellion. At the news of insurrection in Toronto, Lt. Col. Clark lead a group of men ready and willing to protect their country. After an aborted attempt to cross Lake Ontario by ship during severe weather, the troops were requested to return home, but to stand ready should their services be required.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	Photocopied pages in good condition. Pages are numbered sequentially on the verso.		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>Lt. Col. John Clark (1787-1862) was born in Kingston, Upper Canada. In 1801 Clark became a private in the 1st regiment of the Lincoln Militia, serving under Ralfe Clench. By June 1812 he was promoted to lieutenant by Maj. Gen. Sir Isaac Brock. During the War of 1812 he served as lieutenant and adjutant for the Lincoln Militia flank company on the Niagara frontier under Col. William Claus, and was present at the surrender of the enemy at the battle of Queenston Heights. By 1838 the Lincoln Militia was being re-organized and Lt. Col John Clark was requested to lead the 5th Regiment, made up of men from both Grantham and Louth townships in Lincoln County. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1851?. Around this same time Clark bought from William May Jr. a house in Grantham Township. He was to call his home Walnut Dale Farm. John Clark also served as the customs collector for Port Dalhousie, and as a secretary in the Welland Canal Company. One hundred years later efforts by a local heritage group to save John Clark's home failed, when the house was hit by arsonists. By this time the house had become known as the May-Clark-Seiler House. See RG 195 Anne Taylor Fonds for more information regarding the efforts of the heritage group to save this home. Clark died in 1862 at the age of 79 years and is buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery. John Clark's daughter Catherine (mentioned in the diary portion of the papers) was married to William Morgan Eccles.</p>		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:			
Subject Headings:	610	Great Britain. -- Army. -- Lincoln County Militia.	
	650	Queenston Heights, Battle of, Ont., 1812.	
	650	Canada -- History -- Rebellion, 1837-1838 -- Sources.	
	651	Lincoln (Ont. : County) -- Militia.	
	651	Lincoln (Ont. : County) -- History -- Sources.	
	651	Grantham (Ont. : Township) -- History.	
	651	Louth (Ont. : Township) -- History.	
	651	Port Dalhousie (Ont.) -- History.	
Added Entries:	710	City of Niagara Falls Museums.	
Related material held at other repositories:	Location of originals: City of Niagara Falls Museums, Niagara Falls, Ont.		
Described by:	Edie Williams	Date:	November 2010