

<b>Title:</b>	Phelps Family Papers [photocopy]		
<b>Creator:</b>	Phelps, Oliver		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1828-1829, 1838, 1855, 1865	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 325
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>The Phelps Family Papers include seven items of correspondence and one handwritten chapter on the building of the Welland Canal. Five items of correspondence originate from Oliver Phelps, the other two from his son, Oliver Seymour. Also included are two estimates to canal work being conducted on the deep cut, an area between the villages of Port Robinson and Allanburg. Ont. All items are photocopies, with some transcriptions of correspondence. Originals are located in the Oliver Seymour Phelps Papers, St. Lawrence University Library.</p> <p>Oliver Phelps to Warren Phelps, 1838; includes transcription</p> <p>H.A. Bennett, Engineer to Oliver Phelps, 1828; includes transcription</p> <p>Oliver Phelps to Abigail Phelps, 1828; includes transcription</p> <p>A.[Alpheus] H.[Herbert] Shaw to Oliver Phelps, 1828; transcription only</p> <p>A.[Alpheus] H.[Herbert] Shaw to Oliver Phelps, 1829; transcription only</p> <p>Oliver Seymour Phelps to “Loved One’s at Home”, 1855; transcription only</p> <p>Oliver Seymour Phelps to Editor, [Birmingham]Daily Gazette, 1865; transcription only</p> <p>Chapter 1 – building of the Welland Canal, n.d.</p> <p>Deep cut estimate, August 1827</p> <p>Estimate on deep cut, October 1827</p> <p>Inventory of Oliver Seymour Phelps Papers at St. Lawrence University Library?</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	1 cm of textual records ; photocopies of originals with typewritten transcriptions.		

<b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>Oliver Phelps, son of Noah and Sarah (Adams) Phelps, was born in 1779 in Connecticut. In 1800 he married Abigail St. John, daughter of Lt. Samuel St. John and his wife Lois Hamilton. They had 9 daughters and 7 sons. Oliver Phelps came to Canada as a contractor on the first Welland Canal. In addition, he became a land owner and mill owner in partnership with William Hamilton Merritt. Oliver Phelps died in 1851 in Cayuga, Ontario along the Grand River.</p> <p>Some correspondence originates from a place called "Deep Cut", an earlier name for the village of Allanburg, Thorold Township, Welland County.</p> <p>Correspondents include:</p> <p>A.[Alfred] Barrett, Engineer on the Welland Canal.</p> <p>A.H. [Alpheus Herbert] Shaw was married to Oliver Phelps daughter Almira.</p> <p>Oliver Phelps, see bio above.</p> <p>Oliver Seymour Phelps (1816-1902) was the son of Oliver Phelps and Abigail St. John.</p>		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Items were made available through Dr. Patrice LeClerc, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.		
<b>Subject Headings:</b>	600 600 600 651 651	Phelps, Oliver, 1779-1851. Phelps, Oliver Seymour, 1816-1902. Phelps family. Welland Canal (Ont.)--History. Allanburg (Ont.)--History.	
<b>Added Entries:</b>	700 710	Phelps, Oliver Seymour, 1816- St. Lawrence University Library.	
<b>Related material held at other repositories:</b>	Originals located in the Oliver Seymour Phelps Papers, St. Lawrence University Library.		
<b>Described by:</b>	Edie Williams	<b>Date:</b>	February 2011