Colin Duquemin fonds

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Creator: Colin Duquemin
Extent: 48 cm of textual material (1.5 boxes)
100 maps
75 sketches
4 posters
1 photograph (black & white)

Abstract: Fonds consists of research material acquired and produced by Colin Duquemin. Topics covered vary and include the early history of Upper Canada, the War of 1812, the Rebellion of 1837, the Fenian raids, St. Johns, Ontario, and Freemasonry.

Materials: Fonds consists primarily of handwritten research notes and maps.

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Administrative History:

Colin Duquemin was born in 1932 in Guernsey, British Channel Islands, and came to Canada as a young adult. He attended McMaster University (B.A.), the University of Toronto (B.Ed.), the State University of New York at Buffalo (M.A.) and the University of London, London, England (M.Sc.). He began his career as a tea taster and tea buyer in Colombo, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), but later became a teacher. He spent most of his teaching career as a manager of the St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, north of Fonthill, Ontario, developing environmentally related programmes for elementary and secondary school students. He was also active in many local organizations, serving as Associate Director of the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Festival Board, Chairman of the St. Catharines Historical Museum Board, President of the Niagara Military Institute and President of the Canadian Canal Society. In addition to the numerous curriculum materials he authored, Colin wrote the Driver’s Guide Series, highlighting the many points of interest in the Niagara region, including the Welland Canal, battlefields of the War of 1812, and the Niagara Parkway. He also wrote A Guide to the Grand River Canal (1980) with Daniel Glenney, The Fur Trade in Rupert’s Land: Opening up the Canadian Northwest (1992), Stick to the Guns! A short history of the 10th field battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery (1996), Niagara Rebels: the Niagara Frontier Incidents in the Upper Canada Rebellion, 1837-1838 (2001), and edited and contributed to A Lodge of Friendship: the History of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, A.F. & A.M, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada, 1792-1992 (1991). He died in December 2012.

Scope and Content:

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Organization:

The records were arranged into three series:

Series I: Notes, n.d.
Sub-series A: Biographies
Sub-series B: Places & Events

Series II: Printed material, 1968, 1987
Sub-series A: Theses
Sub-series B: Manuscripts
   Sub-series A: Maps & Plans
   Sub-series B: Sketches
   Sub-series C: Posters

Inventory:

**Series I. Notes, n.d.**

**Sub-series A: Biographies, n.d.**


1.2-1.3 John Askin. Contains handwritten notes from the John Askin papers, volumes I & II, 1747-1820.

1.4 Joseph Brant.

1.5-1.6 Richard Cartwright.

1.7 Colonel John Clark. Includes an article/speech written by Colin Duquemin, *Colonel of The Regiment: They don’t breed ’em like that anymore! The influence of a man of character on the life of St. Catharines and Vicinity in the early 19th century*. Also contains some biographical information on Colin Duquemin.

1.8 John Darling.

1.9 Biographies E-H. Contains notes on George Forsyth and Francis Goring.


1.15 Merchants—Montreal. Contains notes on Thomas Aylwin, Lawrence Ermatinger and a list of other Montreal and Quebec merchants.


1.18 Merchants—Other. Contains lists of merchants in Canada and England.

1.19 Laura Secord.

1.20 Elizabeth Simcoe.

1.21 Biographies U-Z. Contains notes on Peter Van Alstine, John Warren and Thomas Welch.

Sub-series B: Places & Events, n.d.

O.1 Beaverdams. Contains information on the Beaverdams schoolhouse, residents, and a list of some men from the Beaverdams area who served in the War of 1812.

1.22 Fenian raids.

1.23 Fort Niagara.

1.24/O.2 Freemasonry. Includes rules for Masons and a fact sheet on medieval masons. (O.2)

1.25-1.26 History of the 10th Field Battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Includes information on the 7th Battery, CFA.

1.27 Railways. Contains notes on the International Railway Bridge at Fort Erie, the Black Creek train station, the St. Catharines street railway, the St. Catharines, Merritton, and Thorold street railway, and the Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines, and Thorold electric street railway.

1.28/O.3 Rebellion of 1837. Contains an article about Maria Wait and her efforts to have her husband (Benjamin Wait, a rebel) spared from the death penalty for his actions in the rebellion. Includes a proclamation regarding James Morreau (O.3)
1.29 St. Johns. Contains notes on the history of St. Johns, Short Hills. Also includes a copy of a paper presented by Colin Duquemin to the second Niagara Peninsula History Conference, April 12, 1980, and a black and white photograph of the old woolen factory store on Main Street, St. Johns.

1.30 St. Johns History #1. Contains handwritten and typewritten notes and drafts.


1.33 Street-Clark business of Niagara. Contains notes about Samuel Street and Thomas Clark and their business enterprises.

1.34/O.4 Upper Canada—settlement & development. Contains notes on the social and economic history of Upper Canada and some notes on the Loyalist settlement of Ontario. Also includes pages from a land registry book for the Township of Thorold and the Township of Pelham (O.4).

1.35 War of 1812.

1.36-1.37 Miscellaneous. Contains notes on old trails on the Niagara frontier, Navy Island and the first successors of the Griffon, the career of Capt. Daniel Dobbins, George Forsyth, the history of waterways and canal construction in New York State, the Niagara Frontier, early traders and trade routes, 1760-1782, the Windsor border region and merchant millers of the Humber valley.

**Series II: Printed material, 1968, 1987**

**Sub-series A: Theses, 1968**

2.1 Duquemin, Colin. *Sequent Occupance in the Lower Valley of the Twenty Mile Creek, Louth Township, Lincoln County, Ontario: 1800 to 1905*. A thesis submitted to the Faculty of the Graduate School of the State University of New York at Buffalo in partial Fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts, June 1968.

**Sub-series B: Manuscripts, 1987**


O.5 Geological maps. Includes a map of the quaternary geology of the Niagara area, southern Ontario, 1971, and a soil survey map of the County of Welland, Province of Ontario, 1935.

O.6 Historical. Includes a map of the generalized route of the Marquis of Hastings, March-July 1839 (2001); the Fenian fight at Fort Erie, June 2, 1866 (1996); the “Patriot Army”, Landing and Route Inland, 1838 (2001); the “Patriot Army”, Advance on St. Johns, June 20, 1838 (2001); the Battle of Lundy’s Lane, July 25, 1814 (1995); the Siege of Fort Erie, 1814 (1995), the Battle of Chippawa, July 5, 1814—phase #1 (1995); the Battle of Chippawa, July 5, 1814—phase #2; Major engagements on the Niagara frontier, 1812-1814 (1995); and the Battle of Queenston Heights, October 13, 1812 (1995). Also contains a series of 18 original maps from Colin Duquemin’s book “Stick to the Guns!: a short history of the 10th Field Battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, St. Catharines, Ontario”.

O.7 Niagara/Southern Ontario. Contains copies of maps of Niagara townships (n.d.); cities in the Niagara region (n.d.); a map titled the Return from Port Colborne (n.d.); The Routes to Port Weller (n.d.); The Routes From Niagara-on-the-Lake (n.d.); the Routes to Queenston Heights (n.d.); the Return from Fort Erie (n.d.); a map of the water flow in the Niagara whirlpool (1997); a map of the St. Davids buried gorge (1997); The Routes to Historic Fort Erie (n.d.); Points of interest along the Niagara River (n.d.); A historical reference map of Welland and Lincoln Counties (n.d.); Niagara Peninsula: Counties and Townships, 1838 (2001); Niagara Peninsula Communities, 1838 (2001); and Communities Outside Niagara, 1838 (2001).


O.11  Tasmania (also known as Van Dieman’s Land). Includes copies of maps of Tasmania as well as copies of plans of Ashgrove Estate, the Property of Peter Roberts in Tasmania, 1840, 2000, 2001, n.d..

**Sub-series B: Sketches, n.d..**

2.4  Sketches include the John Street grist mill, the ship *Matilda*, various scenes of pioneer life, the Battle of Chippawa, July 5, 1814, sketches by Michael White (including a map titled *the King’s Goods: From the Royal Arsenal to Montreal*), and sketches of Joseph Brant.

**Sub-series C: Posters, 1984, 1989, n.d..**

O.12  Includes a poster of Isaac Brock “Isaac Brock wants you”, Brock University, n.d.; *Isaac Brock Wishes you the best of the Holiday Season*, Brock University, n.d.; and a poster commemorating Ontario’s Bicentennial, 1784-1984, featuring Jessups Corps, the Kings Loyal Americans, the Indian Ally Red Loyalists, Butler’s Rangers, the Royal Highland Emigrants, the Kings Royal Regiment of New York and the Queen’s Rangers. There is also an unlabeled poster featuring an aerial photograph of Niagara, Niagara Region, 1989.

**Related Materials:**


Duquemin, C. K. *Some observations on the church lot, St. Catharines, and Mrs. Simcoe's rendition of twelve mile creek*. Ontario: s.n., 199?. **SPCL FC 3155.67 Y37 1990z**


Duquemin, C. K. *Winter carnivals in the Short Hills*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1988. SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.4


Duquemin, C. K. *The Niagara invasion of 1838: Banditti and Finnegans, the Niagara invasions of ’38 and ’66*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1989. SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.15

Duquemin, C. K. *Our men in the War of 1812-1814*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1989. SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.120-121


Duquemin, C. K. *Prepare for war!* St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1989. SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.149-150


Duquemin, C. K. *Sketch-mapping & field sketching in the valley of the twelve mile creek*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1989. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.9**


Duquemin, C. K. *The woods in autumn*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1989. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.75-76**


Duquemin, C. K. *Civilian life at Newark, 1811*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1990. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.176-177**


Duquemin, C. K. *Compass orienteering course*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1990. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.27**


Duquemin, C. K. *Route orienteering (variation)*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1990. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.26**

Duquemin, C. K. *Schools of the three "R's"*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1990. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.32**


Duquemin, C. K. *The geography of the Niagara escarpment, east*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1991.  SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.94

Duquemin, C. K. *The geology of the Niagara escarpment, west*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1991.  SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.95


Duquemin, C. K. *The Methodists: (the transfer of Methodism to Niagara)*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1991.  SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.64


Duquemin, C. K. *Prepare for war!*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1991. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.149-150**


Duquemin, C. K. *Sketch-mapping & field sketching along "the twenty"*. St. Johns West, Ont.: St. Johns Outdoor Studies Centre, 1991. **SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.77**


*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.68*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.71-74*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 Z627 1992*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.145-146, 174-175*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.180*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.181*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.115-116*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.188*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.119*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.118*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.117*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.157*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.13*

*SPCL FC 3159 S2 A23 no.42*


Turner, W. B. & Duquemin, C. K. *The military in the Niagara peninsula: Field trip guide: Embracing the war of 1812 battlefield sites (Fort George - Queenston - Beaver Dams - Lundy's Lane - Chippawa - Fort Erie) and the Niagara invasions of 1838 and 1866 (the Rebellion of 1837-1838 - the Fenian raid of 1866)*. St. Catharines, Ont.: Brock University, 1986. *SPCL FC 3140.5 M556 1986*

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**Removed materials:**


