

Title:	Niagara Falls Handbill Collection, 1838-1886, n.d. (non-inclusive)		
Creator:	Karl Schmutzler		
Dates of Material:	1838-1886, n.d. (non-inclusive)	Record Group Number:	RG 551
Summary of Contents:	<p>Collection of handbills regarding Niagara Falls from both Canada and the United States including:</p> <p>01.1</p> <p>Guide to the Whirlpool Rapids Park, Niagara Falls, Ontario 18 cm. x 12 ½ cm. newsprint. There is a piece missing from upper left hand corner which does not affect text, n.d.</p> <p>Burning Springs, Niagara Falls, Ontario with P.S. Clark listed as proprietor, 19 ½ x 13 cm. There is some wear on the sides of the paper which does not affect text. There is also slight staining, n.d.</p> <p>Poem by J.S. Buckingham entitled <i>To Niagara</i> written at the first sight of the falls on August 12, 1838, 22 cm. x 12 cm. This is slightly stained, 1838</p> <p>New Feature at Niagara – Clark Hill Islands (5 islands situated in the rapids of the Niagara River). These islands are currently known as Dufferin Islands, 22 ½ cm. x 15 ½ cm, n.d.</p> <p>General Scott Tower at Lundy’s Lane, Niagara Falls, Ontario with W. Fralick listed as proprietor, 21 cm. x 14 cm. newsprint – stained in the spots where it is glued to the cardboard backing, n.d.</p> <p>Cave of the Winds on Goat Island with Geo. W. Wright listed as manager, 35 cm. x 15 ½ cm. newsprint. A piece is missing from top which does not affect text, n.d.</p> <p>Ferry at the Falls, Niagara Falls, U.S.A. with Geo. W. Sims at the ferry on the American shore, 31 cm. x 18 cm., May 1851</p> <p>Maid of the Mist and Horse Car or Carriages to the Boat and Suspension Bridge. Capt. John D. Hamlin is captain of the Maid of the Mist. Clark Andrews is listed as clerk, 34 cm. x 11 cm. There is some slight staining and slight tear in left side of paper which does not affect text, 1851</p> <p>Cave of the Winds, Goat Island, U.S.A. This is touted as the only place on the globe where rainbows form an entire circle. Geo. W. Wright is listed as the lessee. 30 cm. x 14 cm. newsprint. There is a slight wearing away of the edges. This does not affect text, n.d.</p>		

	<p>Auction Sale notice concerning a brick and stone carpenter shop; a frame wheel-house building and a stone machine shop building all located on Cascade Street in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The Superintendent of the State Reservation at Niagara is listed as Thomas W. Welch. The names Thomas Dolphin – Suspension Bridge; W.A. Frazer – Suspension Bridge; Alice L. [illegible] – Niagara Falls and James C. [illegible] are written on the notice in blue pencil. There is a tear at the top of the notice and wear along the sides. Text is not affected. The item is slightly discoloured and mounted on cardboard, 28 cm x 20 cm, January 27, 1886</p> <p>State Reservation at Niagara Ordinances, Niagara Falls New York. The name at the foot of the ordinances is Leighton Williams, treasurer and secretary. The name Thomas V. Welch, superintendent is at the bottom. There is a slight tear in the document which does not affect the text and there is a slight bit of staining, 36 cm. x 22 ½ cm. July 1885</p> <p>Cave of the Winds on the American Side. This poster contains a poem by Mary S. Pond called <i>Cave of the Winds</i>, 35 cm. x 19 cm. The guides are listed as F.H. Johnson and Son. There is a portion of the poster missing from the upper left hand corner. This does affect the text. This newsprint article is mounted in a cardboard frame, 1860</p>
<p>Physical Description / Condition:</p>	<p>Most items are in good condition. The Cave of the Winds item from 1860 is the only item in which the text is affected.</p>
<p>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</p>	<p>According to legend, the Burning Springs were discovered by early natives in the Niagara Peninsula. Bridgewater Mills was built on the site of the spring. During the excavation of the factory; workmen uncovered the spring. Samuel Street and Thomas Clark recognized the potential of this as a tourist attraction so they built a wooden shelter over the spring. The spring was covered with a barrel with a pipe protruding from it. This became the first tourist attraction at Niagara.</p> <p>The Cave of the Winds was a cavern located behind the Bridal Veil Fall. It was originally named the Aeolus Cave. In 1920, a sudden rock fall from the ceiling killed 3 tourists. The cave was destroyed in 1955 as it was deemed dangerous.</p> <p>The captain of the Maid of the Mist was usually a farmer who owned the land where the ship docked. In 1846, the first steam powered Maid of the Mist was launched. By 1848, the first suspension bridge was built over the gorge and the main purpose of the Maid of the Mist was no longer to carry</p>

	<p>people who needed to travel, but now the focus was on people who wanted to view the Falls at close range.</p> <p>Source: http://www.niagarafrontier.com/burningsprings.html http://www.niagarafrontier.com/winds.html http://reservationsystems.com/niagara_daredevils/maid_of_the_mist.html</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
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