

<b>Title:</b>	Fenian Raid Medal, 1866, [ issued in 1899]		
<b>Creator:</b>	Canadian Government		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1866, [issued in 1899]	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 590
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	One silver Fenian Raid Medal measuring 36 mm. in diameter. The medal is attached to a ribbon which bears a silver bar. This medal was presented to Corporal James Robertson of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>The medal is in excellent condition though it is slightly tarnished. On the front is a picture of Queen Victoria wearing the Order of the Garter with the words “Victoria Regina Et Imperatrix” (Victoria, Queen and Empress). The designer’s initials (T.B) are engraved below the bust.</p> <p>The reverse side has the old Canadian ensign surrounded by a wreath of maple leaves. The word “Canada” is shown above the flag. On the rim of the medal the words “Cpl. J. Robertson, 19<sup>th</sup> Bn.” are engraved. The medal attaches to a 3 cm. ribbon by a plain, straight, swiveling suspender. The bar on this suspender says “Fenian Raid 1866”. The ribbon has equal vertical stripes of red, white and red. The white stripe is somewhat yellowed and frayed.</p>		
<b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>This medal was instituted in 1899 and granted to officers and men who were part of the regular and colonial forces who took part in defending the Canadian frontier during the Fenian raids of 1866 and 1870. This medal was also given to men who took part in the 1970 Red River Expedition. The criteria for receiving one of these medals was: that the man would have had to have been on active service in the field or detailed for a specific duty or served as a guard against enemy attack. There were 11,220 medals with one bar engraved with “Fenian Raid 1866” issued.</p> <p>Corporal James Robertson was a 19<sup>th</sup> Battalion volunteer. He was born in Scotland in 1839 to De Forrest Gordon and Annie C. Gilchrist. He made his living as a cabinet maker and was also employed in interior finishing. He</p>		

	died on October 31, 1923 in St. Catharines, Ontario. He was survived by his daughter, Mrs. John Cahill.		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Donated by Patricia Waters, Oct. 31, 2016 Patricia Waters is a member of the Cahill Family.		
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