

# Esther Summers Newspaper Collection

1816-2003, n.d. (non-inclusive)

RG 596

- Creator:** Esther Summers
- Extent:** 1 oversize file [in oversize drawer]
- Abstract:** The textual materials in this file consist of newspapers which were collected by Esther Summers.
- Materials:** Newspapers
- Repository:** Brock University Archives
- Processed by:** Anne Adams
- Finding Aid:** Anne Adams
- Last updated:** May 2017
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**Acquisition Info.:**

On her 90th birthday in 2003, Esther donated this bundle of newspapers to the Mackenzie Printery and Newspaper Museum. It was decided that the newspapers would be stored in the Special Collections and Archives at Brock University. Some of the samples would be on display at the Queenston Museum.

**Administrative History:**

Esther Summers was born in Earlton, Ontario on June 3, 1913. In the early 1930s she was a full-time teacher in Thorold, and from 1950 to 1969, she worked as a supply teacher. She served as the official historian of the city of Thorold since 1983. One of her main interests was Laura Secord and she contributed a vast amount of knowledge and research to the study of Secord. She was involved in the writing of over 30 books about

Second and also about the War of 1812. Mrs. Summers was active in with the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, DeCew Falls Women's Institute, the Beaverdams Church, the Mayholme Foundation and the Ontario Genealogical Society. She was involved in reorganizing the Thorold and Beaverdams Society, the Pelham Historical Society and the St. Catharines Museum.

Mrs. Summers was awarded a Bicentennial Medal in 1984; a Canada 125 Medal in 1992; a Senior Citizen of the Year award from the Thorold Chamber of Commerce in 1995; the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in 1998; the Ontario Heritage Foundation Award in 2001 and the Heritage Niagara award for the preservation of the history of Niagara. The Esther Summers Award of Excellence was created in 2006 by Heritage Niagara. This award is presented to students in both Niagara school boards who demonstrate a good knowledge of local history.

Mrs. Summers died on December 26, 2013 at the age of 100.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection primarily includes newspapers from various communities in the Niagara Region, although other newspapers are included. Not all newspapers are complete.

**Organization:** Newspapers are listed in chronological order

**Inventory:**

Original list of newspapers, n.d.

Article about the donation of the collection to the Mackenzie Printery and Newspaper Museum from the *St. Catharines Standard*, 2003

Niles Weekly Register, Baltimore, Saturday, April 20, 1816 [photocopy]

The Colonial Advocate, Thursday, April 15, 1830 – [reprint]

*The Niagara Chronicle*, Thursday, August 13, 1840

*Frank Leslie's New York Journal*, January 1855

*Frank Leslie's Gazette Advertiser*, October 1855

*Frank Leslie's Gazette of Fashions and the Beau Monde*, n.d.

*Frank Leslie's Gazette of Fashions and the Beau Monde*, n.d.

Prospectus of *Frank Leslie's New York Journal*, n.d.

Thorold classified ads, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Wednesday, February 24, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Wednesday, June 2, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Wednesday, July 7, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Wednesday, July 21, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Thursday, October 7, 1858

*Thorold Gazette*, Thursday, October 14, 1858

*Mackenzie's Toronto Weekly Message*, Saturday, July 16, 1859

*Weekly Thorold Chronicle and Welland County Advertiser*, Wednesday, August 8, 1860

Thorold classified ads, 1860

*Thorold True Patriot and Welland and Lincoln Reformer*, September 10, 1869

*Thorold Post and Niagara District Intelligencer*, Friday, February 23, 1877

*Thorold Post*, Friday, February 19, 1886

*Toronto Evening News*, Thursday, March 4, 1886

*Niagara Falls Journal*, Friday, February 17, 1899

*The Christian Guardian*, January 20, 1904

*Niagara Falls Gazette*, Wednesday, May 4, 1904

*Thorold Post*, Friday, May 12, 1905 (photocopy)

*Thorold Post*, February 9, 1906

*Thorold Post*, Friday, July 5, 1907

*Thorold Post*, July 26, 1910

*The Semi-Weekly Post*, Tuesday, October 19, 1915

*The Welland Telegraph*, Friday, February 4, 1916

*Jack Canuck*, Toronto, March 3, 1917

*The Semi-Weekly Post*, Tuesday, November 1, 1921

*Welland Tribune and Telegraph*, Tuesday, June 28, 1927

*The New Outlook*, March 14, 1934 [packaged with the *Christian Guardian* of 1904]