

<b>Title:</b>	Robert Duncan fonds, 1918-1936, n.d.		
<b>Creator:</b>	Robert Duncan		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1918-1936, n.d.	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 660
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>Fonds consists mostly of letters to Robert Duncan of Toronto, many about the military history in the Niagara Region. Most of the letters are from Robert Geary and W.L. Calver. There are 21 letters, dated from 1918 to 1936. Other materials include handwritten and typewritten notes concerning military history.</p> <p><b>1.1</b> Correspondence, 1918-1936, n.d. Contains 21 letters to Robert Duncan of Toronto. Most of the letters are from Robert Geary and W.L. Calver. Some of the letters include photographs or rubbings of military uniform buttons. The letter dated September 16, 1931 contains three photographs of buttons from Fort George, Niagara-on-the-Lake. They include the Volunteer Rifles, Upper Canada Militia, and Officers and Men of the Canadian Regiment. The letter dated October 29, 1931 contains four rubbings of buttons from Gen. Brock's Regiment (49<sup>th</sup>) and a rubbing labelled "perhaps French period". The letter dated December 20, 1931 contains two rubbings of Private's buttons of the LLM (Lincoln Local Militia). The letter dated January 1, 1932, contains a photograph of a Private's button of the Royal Canadian Volunteers, 1<sup>st</sup> Batt., and two rubbings of a Private's button and Officer's button of the Royal Canadian Volunteers. The letter dated December 27, 1932 contains a photograph of an unidentified Canadian button bearing the letter "D". The letter dated December 11, 1936 contains two rubbings of buttons and a sketch of a belt buckle. One button is labelled "Officer's button, French period, Canada", the other is labelled "Br. Officers marine button".</p> <p><b>1.2</b> Notes, n.d. Contains handwritten and typewritten notes concerning military history. This includes a memoir of the War of 1812 titled "Memoirs of the Old Heroic Days"; a history of the DeWatteville Regiment; a history of the Queen's Rangers (1<sup>st</sup> American Regiment); a lineage of Canadian Militia Regiments; an incomplete history of British Regiments; and a typewritten history of the McNab family.</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>21 letters  24 pages of handwritten notes  1 page of typewritten notes</p>		

<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>R.W. (Robert William) Geary (1859-1933) was president of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society from 1909-1933. He was known as an expert in the War of 1812, and particularly the Battle of Lundy's Lane. He wrote <i>A Memorial of the Hundredth Anniversary of the War of 1812-1814</i>.</p> <p>W.L. (William Louis) Calver (1859-1940) was a historian and archaeologist from New York. He was Chairman of the Field Exploration Committee of the New York Historical Society. With Reginald Bolton, he wrote <i>History written with pick and shovel: military buttons, belt-plates, and other relics excavated from Colonial Revolutionary and War of 1812 camp sites by the Field Exploration Committee of the New York Historical Society</i>.</p>		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Material was received from the collection of Bob Band in 2018.		
<b>Described by:</b>	Chantal Cameron	<b>Date:</b>	July 2018