

Title:	Warrant for widow's pension for Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders, 1815		
Creator:	Frederick Philips Robinson		
Dates of Material:	July 20, 1815	Reference Number:	RG 687
Scope and Content:	<p>One printed blank which is filled in with handwriting. It is from Sir Frederick Philips Robinson to John McGill, Receiver General of Upper Canada. Sir Robinson directs John McGill to pay 13 pounds, 12 shillings and two pence halfpenny in Halifax currency to Elizabeth Saunders. This would be a pension paid at the rate of 20 pounds per annum. The document is signed by F.P. Robinson and Edward MacMahon, Secretary.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	One 31 cm. x 19 ½ cm. sheet with slight stains. The page has previously been folded.		
Biographical / Administrative Notes:	<p>Elizabeth Saunders (nee McLaney) was born in 1780 or 1781. She had six children with Mattias Saunders who built ships for private citizens and the government . During the War of 1812, he was responsible for at least two ships which were: the Prince Regent and the Sir Isaac Brock. During the attack on the Town of York by Captain Dearborn, a powder magazine exploded and Saunders suffered irreparable damage to his legs and was killed. Elizabeth married, and had two daughters with Dr. John Toledo Elrod. He proved to be a terrible husband. He stole his wife's money and committed bigamy before fleeing Upper Canada.</p> <p>Source: Petrin, Guylaine. Women, Marriage and Property in Upper Canada. The Case of Elizabeth Saunders. Ontario History, 2013</p> <p>John McGill (1752-1834) was a Scottish born military officer and public official in Upper Canada. He was a member of the Executive Council of Upper Canada for York from 1796 to 1818, and he served in the Legislative Council of Upper Canada from 1797 to 1834. He was Inspector General of Upper Canada in 1801 and then he was appointed as the Auditor General of Land Patents for Upper Canada from 1813 to 1818. He died in Toronto, Ontario in 1834.</p> <p>Sir Frederick Philips Robinson (1763-1852) was a knight, Commander of the</p>		

	Most Honourable Military Order of Bath, Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces within the Province of Upper Canada and Provisional Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.		
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