Alexander Hamilton/Early Canada Postal Collection


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11 postal ink stampers
3 wax seal stamps
1 mail bag
1 ink blotter (fabric)

Abstract: Much of the collection consists of Alexander Hamilton’s correspondence and records during the time that he was Postmaster at Queenston. Some of his business correspondence and records are also included. Documents related to his role as Surrogate Court Judge and Sheriff of the Niagara District are included here. The remaining material is unrelated and consists mostly of land documents, legal documents, and correspondence.

Materials: Postal materials include correspondence, postal covers, mail books, mail bills, invoices, receipts, legal documents, postal ink stamps, and wax seal stamps. Other materials include land documents, land diagrams, legal documents, correspondence, postcards, receipts, account books and newspapers.

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Alexander Hamilton was born in Queenston, Ontario, in 1790. He was the son of Robert Hamilton and Catherine Robertson (Askin). Robert Hamilton (1753-1809) was a successful businessman and office holder who established a store in Queenston around 1785. Alexander attended school in Queenston and Niagara before being sent to further his education in Scotland. Upon his return to Queenston he worked in his father’s business. When his father died in 1809, his major business enterprise of retailing, forwarding, and portaging around Niagara Falls was left to Alexander and his brother George. Their oldest brother Robert (1787-1856) was excluded from the business in the will, being viewed as rebellious and irresponsible by their father. Although the business had been very successful, the brother’s inexperience, a changing economy, and a delay in settling the assets of Robert’s estate caused the business to decline. Alexander’s business activities were interrupted by the War of 1812. During the War, he served as a Captain in the Niagara Light Dragoons, and in the Provincial Light Dragoons. He was present at many of the major military engagements in the Niagara Peninsula, including the retreat from Fort George in 1813.

After the War, Hamilton resumed his business activities. Burdened by debts incurred by him and his brothers, he tried to revitalize a milling business he owned with Charles Askin in Canboro Township. Unfortunately, this drove him further into debt and the business failed in 1817. His prospects improved in the winter of 1817-1818 when he was approached by William Smith about a business venture portaging the North West Company’s goods at Niagara. The Montreal firms of the North West Company were willing to lend money for the purchase of facilities. Competition was intense, with multiple companies seeking this business. The venture failed in 1821, when the North West Company amalgamated with the Hudson’s Bay Company and their route was no longer used for shipments. Hamilton and Smith were left with debts
from the business, and Hamilton was forced to use the remainder of his money from his father’s estate, as well as his land, to pay the debt.

Hamilton sought out public offices, becoming a Justice of the Peace in 1817. He acquired several other posts between 1821 and 1839, including Postmaster and Deputy Collector of Customs at Queenston, Surrogate Court Judge, and Sheriff of the Niagara District. The Post Office at Queenston became the first distributing post office in Upper Canada in 1802. Mail from a packet steamer was loaded onto several wagons and taken to the post office to be sorted, distributed, and forwarded. At one point, 18 clerks were employed to carry out this work. In 1820, Deputy Postmaster General Daniel Sutherland decided that the best way to route mail to and from the United States on the Niagara Frontier and west would be through Queenston. This would enable faster postal service to and from the packet ships at New York from overseas. Later that year, Sutherland appointed Hamilton postmaster of Queenston.

These public offices allowed Hamilton to restore his finances. Around 1833, he began construction of a mansion at Queenston, known as Willowbank. The mansion still remains, overlooking the village of Queenston and the Niagara River, and serves as an example of Classical Revivalism architecture. Alexander Hamilton died in Queenston in 1839.

**Daniel Sutherland**

Daniel Sutherland was the Deputy Postmaster General in Quebec (the Post Office headquarters for Upper and Lower Canada) from 1816 to 1827. Prior to this post, he served as Postmaster of Montreal and as Military Postmaster during the War of 1812. While serving as Deputy Postmaster General, Sutherland had to balance the demands of colonists for expansion with the British Government’s desire for fiscal restraint. Significant expansion of the postal system occurred during Sutherland’s administration. In 1816 there were 10 offices in Lower Canada and 9 in Upper Canada. By 1827 when he retired, there were 49 in Lower Canada and 65 in Upper Canada.

A contentious issue which Sutherland was confronted with as Deputy Postmaster concerned the different systems of collecting British and American postage. The British system required that postage be pre-paid by the sender, whereas the American system required that postage be paid by the recipient. Merchants in Lower Canada were unhappy with this situation and complained bitterly about it. Sutherland preferred the American system, which proved to be lucrative for him. He took a 20 percent commission on all postal revenues collected for the American Post Office and unsuccessfully tried to persuade the British Post Office to adopt such a system. Many merchants chose to use illegal private couriers to take correspondence for American recipients to American towns for mailing, thereby avoiding the British postage. Sutherland largely ignored this practice, although he did attempt to curb the use of steamboat captains as mail carriers within the British colonies in place of official mail carriers.
He encountered financial difficulties when some of his deputies failed to regulate their accounts, leaving him responsible for the debts. In 1827 he resigned as Deputy Postmaster General, and was replaced by his son-in-law, Thomas Allen Stayner.

**Thomas Allen Stayner**

Thomas Stayner was Deputy Postmaster General of Upper and Lower Canada from 1827 to 1851. Prior to this position he was Postmaster of the Quebec Post Office. In the years preceding his appointment to Deputy Postmaster General, the Houses of Assembly of Upper and Lower Canada had been challenging London’s control over their postal system. This intensified during Stayner’s tenure. Shortly after taking office, he added more post offices and couriers in recently settled areas, but was criticized by the British Postmaster General. It was felt that Stayner had acted without the approval of his superior, and that the expenditure was too great.

He was also criticized by the Canadian Provincial Assemblies for fixing the rates on Canadian newspapers. Stayner was allowed to keep the revenue from this source, which gave him a salary almost as large as the Governor General. The Commissions of Inquiry of the Assemblies recommended that provincial post offices be established under their control. This would allow the profits to be paid to Canada instead of England. In 1844 this recommendation was adopted. Stayner was unable to keep newspaper revenue and was instead granted an annual income of £2500. Around the same time, the central post office was moved to Montreal and governors acquired the power to establish rates and appoint postmasters.

Further criticism came from businessmen and newspapers who blamed him for high rates and slow service. It became increasingly difficult for Stayner to appease both the British Minister and the Canadian Houses of Assembly. In 1851, the Assembly of the Province of Canada was given complete control of postal services. Stayner retired that same year. Under his administration, hundreds of post offices had been opened and the speed of service improved.

**Alexander Hamilton and the General Post Office at Quebec**

Hamilton’s time as Postmaster at Queenston was not uneventful or without its problems. When he was first appointed to the position, Queenston was the main distributing post office for American mail coming across the Niagara River. He arranged procedures and fees with the Postmaster at Lewiston, rather than the Deputy Postmaster General (Sutherland). Sutherland was aware of this arrangement and even encouraged it. Occasionally, Hamilton would apply to Sutherland to cover losses incurred for overdue postage not paid by interior post offices, or for the return of undelivered American mail. When Stayner took over the post from Sutherland, he began to question Hamilton’s handling of the American mail. He
requested that Hamilton consult with him instead of American postal authorities. In return, Stayner would provide Hamilton with the usual commission on undelivered American mail. Hamilton was unhappy with this arrangement and insisted on maintaining the same postal charges that had been established with the American authorities. Stayner responded by arranging with American postal officials that mail be sent to the Niagara Post Office for distribution instead of Queenston.

In response, Hamilton began a campaign to reinstate Queenston as the distributing post office for American mail. He presented Stayner with a petition signed by prominent citizens, wrote to the Lieutenant Governor for assistance, and appealed to the Assembly. He also continued to receive mail from Lewiston, and added commissions for collecting American postage from offices in the interior to his quarterly accounts to Stayner. In 1830, this decision was reversed when it became clear that the service from the Queenston Post Office was superior, and those using the service would not be satisfied until Queenston was reinstated as the cross-border post office.

Another source of conflict between Hamilton and Stayner was the large amount of American postage owed by Hamilton to the General Post Office. In 1834, Hamilton owed over £900 for American postage, one-third of which was due by postmasters in the interior. By 1836, the amount owing was around £2000. Stayner was obliged to remit the money for American postage to the United States post office and pressured Hamilton to settle the account. Hamilton claimed that he was not responsible for collecting overdue accounts from post offices in the interior. In 1836, Stayner turned over this matter to Charles Berczy, the post office surveyor in charge of operations for Upper Canada. It was arranged that the interior postmasters were to make payments directly to Stayner instead of Hamilton. Hamilton was directed to deposit his receipts into Stayner’s account at the Bank of Upper Canada, and Hamilton was required to provide mortgage security to the post office on lands with a value of at least £800. Hamilton worked to use any assets he could to help pay the debt, and worked with Stayner to collect money owing from the interior post offices.

Hamilton had been borrowing a great deal of money as well. He succeeded in completing and furnishing his home, Willowbank, and seemed to have satisfied Stayner with his efforts to settle his accounts for overdue American postage. A payment plan was negotiated with the General Post Office in 1837, but when Hamilton failed to make required payments, Stayner again pressured Hamilton to pay the debt. In the last quarterly account filed by Hamilton before his death, American postage owing was £733.

**Thomas Clark**

Thomas Clark was born in Scotland. He arrived in Upper Canada in 1791 to work for his cousin Robert Hamilton, a businessman in Queenston. In 1796 Clark opened a shop in Queenston, and soon after established a partnership with Samuel Street. This first partnership
was short-lived, and Clark formed a partnership with Robert Nichol, establishing the firm of Thomas Clark and Company. The firm traded in flour and other commodities in 1802 and 1803, but the business did not prove to be beneficial to either partner and was dissolved. Clark renewed his partnership with Samuel Street around 1809. In 1799, Clark applied to the British military for permission to erect storage and portaging facilities on the Niagara River. He built a wharf and storehouse at Queenston, Chippawa and Fort Erie.

During the War of 1812, Clark served as lieutenant-colonel of the 2nd Lincoln Militia and was at the Battle of Queenston Heights, as well as the American surrender at Beaver Dams and raids on Fort Schlosser (Niagara Falls), N.Y., and Black Rock (Buffalo). After the war, he was one of the commissioners who assessed war losses in the Niagara District. Unlike his partner, Clark became active in politics, becoming a member of the Legislative Council in 1815.

Clark had business interests separate from his partnership with Samuel Street, including an agreement with John Jacob Aster of New York and some of his business associates for the sale and shipment of flour in Montreal, New York and Jamaica. He also conducted business with the Earl of Selkirk, including support for the Red River expedition in 1816. Clark also speculated in land independently of his firm with Street, but not nearly as extensively as his partner.

Thomas Clark died in 1835 in Niagara Falls. It was estimated that the value of his estate was £100, 000.

Sources:


Scope and Content:

The original order of Alexander Hamilton’s correspondence, postal covers, and legal documents has been maintained. Postal Correspondence is divided into two sections. The first section is correspondence with the Postmaster General/General Post Office in Quebec (Daniel Sutherland and Thomas A. Stayner). The second section is Postmaster Correspondence, containing letters from other Post Offices/Postmasters, and Citizens.

Hamilton’s business correspondence mostly contains letters concerning the business(es) of Hamilton family members, especially Alexander Hamilton. It also includes correspondence concerning Alexander Hamilton’s role as Sheriff and Surrogate Judge. Several letters concerning the War of 1812 are also included here. Some account statements, invoices, and receipts are filed with the correspondence.

The legal documents contain mostly summons, authorizations, bonds and licences. Most of these are related to Hamilton’s roles as Surrogate Court Judge and Sheriff of the Niagara District.

The remaining material is unrelated and consists mostly of land documents, legal documents, and correspondence.

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Series I: Alexander Hamilton's Post Office Records, 1813-1846

Sub-series A: Post Office Correspondence (between Alexander Hamilton and the Postmaster General/General Post Office, Quebec, 1822-1839)

1.1 Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter addresses Hamilton’s concerns about the new tariff of distances and rates of Portage, and how they were calculated. Sutherland acknowledges that there are several errors, but that the distances were taken from the Surveyor General’s Office in Upper Canada, and the rates of postage are determined by an Act of the British Parliament, May 2, 1822. Postmarked Quebec MY 4 22.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter states that he received the post office returns for the last quarter ending April 5, with a balance of £17.14.8. He asks that he be sent the date of Hamilton’s commission as P.M., June 3, 1823. A reply from Hamilton is included on the reverse, which states that he has referred to his commission as postmaster of Queenston and found that it is dated September 9, 1820. The reply is dated June 16, 1823. Postmark is illegible.

Letter to Mr. Hands from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter asks that a set of Pare’s receipts for the quarter ending April 5, 1823, and properly witnessed, be sent to the General Post Office in London. The Accountant General objected to the ones that were
sent already, as they were not properly signed by witnesses, March 27, 1824. No postmark.

Printed circular to Alex Hamilton from D. Sutherland, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter concerns complaints from editors and proprietors of newspapers that the papers are often not received by subscribers. It is asked that in cases where a subscriber does not punctually receive a copy of their newspaper, that the printer be contacted. It is also asked that papers not be given to anyone other than those they are addressed to, May 4, 1824. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter states that there is an enclosed letter from M. McKensie for perusal. The letter is in answer to his [McKensie’s] very long letter containing many questions and suggestions for improvement that he is not at liberty to adopt. Sutherland asks Hamilton that the rate at which newspapers are charged be observed, and that he [McKensie] must conform to these, like the others. This is followed by directions for newspaper postage. The letter is torn on the left and right edges. This does not affect the text, June 1, 1824. Postmarked Quebec JU 1 24.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter states that he has received the post office returns for the quarter ending Oct. 5, with a balance of £13.10 on account, November 20, 1824. Postmarked Quebec NO 20 24.

Letter to Mr. Hands [?] from D. Sutherland, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter is labeled “circular” and states that in future the names of the offices from which way letters are sent or received must be inserted in the way letter sheet. Receipts must also be obtained and sent in. An abstract signed in triplicate of the sums of letters sent and received must be sent along with the monthly sheets, December 6, 1824. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland, Quebec. The letter is acknowledgment of payment for the balance of his post office returns for the quarter ending January 5 last, February 26, 1825. Postmarked Quebec FE 26.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of fifteen pounds received on account of the balance of the quarters’ assessment ending July 5 last. There is a small tear on the top edge. This does not affect the text, August 29, 1825. Postmarked Quebec AU 30 25.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of fifteen pounds, sixteen shillings and 2 ½ for the balance of post office returns for the quarter ending October 5 last. There is a small tear on the top edge. This does not affect the text, November 15, 1825. Postmarked Quebec NO 15 25.

Printed circular to Alex Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter concerns the practice of postmasters franking letters and packets
for their friends, and a reminder that this is not allowed. It is stated that anyone who continues this practice will be dismissed. The only letters permitted to go free are those concerning matters between postmasters or the Department, January 4, 1826. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from D. Sutherland of Quebec. The letter states that he is trying to find a more respectable agent than Mr. McKensie, who appears to be “an enemy to the Executive Authorities”. The issue of postage on American newspapers is also discussed. It is advised in the future not to receive or forward any American newspapers which the printers have not paid postage on in the United States. He writes that it is unreasonable to expect that we should be the collectors of their post office. He adds that postage on letters is quite different, as the postage is more cheerfully paid and no extra agents are required. It is requested that he inform Mr. Crooks and Mr. Macaulay to the same effect, March 4, 1826. Postmarked Quebec (date illegible) 26.

Department Circular (printed) from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter asks that quarterly accounts be made out in Stayner’s name and submitted as quickly as possible. It is also stated that blanks for bonds and oaths will be supplied shortly, which are to be completed and returned, July 5, 1828. No postmark.

Letter (printed blank) to A. Hamilton, Postmaster at Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of the Queenston accounts for the July quarter, with a balance of 9.16.1 ½ due to the General Post Office. A page of handwritten comments is included, where it is noted that some letters have remained in the Queenston office for too long. Stayner reminds Hamilton that letters should not be held for longer than three or four months, August 14, 1830. Postmarked Quebec AUG 14 30.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner of Quebec. The letter concerns the extension of the mail route to Niagara. Mr. Cook (a contractor) has offered to extend his roads to Niagara in consideration of being allowed to part from that office in the morning, heading to Queenston by about 10, and then proceeding to York immediately. He states that he wishes the offer to go into operation with speed. He adds that it will be necessary for the Queenston mail to be ready to by 10 o’clock instead of 12. Since the American mail generally arrives in the evening, he points out there should be sufficient time to have the mail ready. He notes that by accepting this offer, five mails a week are deemed to Niagara instead of two as at present, January 4, 1831. Postmarked York UP-CAN (date illegible).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner of Quebec. The letter concerns road bills. Stayner writes that since mail for York now parts from Niagara, it would be proper for the road bills to show it. He asks road bills be sent to Mr. Crooks so
that he may open them when he dispatches the mail. He adds that your office can then be second on the list and open the road bills from York. The letter is slightly stained. This does not affect the text, January 27, 1831. Postmarked Quebec Jan 27 31.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner of Quebec. The letter concerns the detention of mail in the United States sent to Mr. Hamilton for his journal [?]. It states that Mr. Howard has sent your note explaining the recent delays and irregularities in your communication, which proceed from the taking off of the lines of coaches. He notes that he does not know if it would be proper for him to address the Amer. P.M. on this subject, as he cannot present[?] to him at what rate mails are to be carried through his territory. He thinks that Mr. Franklin should represent the [illegible] of the present plan, and hopes he will urge him to do so. He adds that he has ordered a spare bag to be forwarded by the bag maker at Montreal, April[?] 13, 1831. Postmarked Quebec Apr 14 1831.

Letter to the Postmaster of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Gen’l Post Office. The letter asks that the April quarters accounts be sent as soon as possible, if they have not already been sent, May 24, 1831. Postmarked May 24 31.

Letter (printed blank) to the Post master at Queenston from Thomas A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that the Post Master General will be absent from Quebec for several weeks, and asks that matters which require his special consideration be delayed until his return. Ordinary matters can be attended to by his assistants in his absence, June 9, 1831. Postmarked Quebec JUN 10, [18]31 and York JUN [date illegible].

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office. The letter concerns a charge made against Hamilton by the postmaster of Niagara (Mr. Crooks) regarding $21.10 owing for American postage. Stayner emphasizes the importance of settling such accounts punctually and asks that Hamilton remit the amount through him, or state the reasons not doing so, June 21, 1831. No postmark.

Circular (printed) to the Post Master at Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, D.P.M.G., General Post Office. The letter requests that the “within additional Article” be pasted in the book recently sent, containing “Instructions to a Dy. Post Master in Canada”, August 10, 1831. Postmarked QUEBEC AU 16 1831 and YORK AUG 21?

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Gl. Post Office. The letter concerns the transport of newspapers and letters by the steamboat Canada. It is stated that some publishers have recently been sending their papers to York by way of the steamboat Canada instead of by the mail, and expecting the Department to pay for the transport of the papers. He informs Hamilton that no newspapers or mail under any pretext are to be sent by the Canada, but only through established channels. He adds that he has no objection to the papers being carried on board the Canada at the publisher’s cost, and then being received and distributed by the post office at York.
Stayner advises that he does not want to establish a precedent that would lead to much mischief, and advises Hamilton to say to anyone who may ask about such matters that he cannot forward letters or papers except by the regular mail without Stayner’s authority, August 22, 1831. Postmarked Quebec AU 22 1831.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Genl. Post Office. The first page(s) of the letter are missing. The last page notes that it is necessary to remind Hamilton, in light of his having taken steps which were against his wishes, that as his Deputy, he must follow orders. He writes that no one can succeed when this principle is not observed by those holding subordinate positions, and as far as he is concerned he is determined to enforce it, September 1831. A section is missing along the left edge. This affects the text. Postmarked QUEBEC SE 10 1831.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from T. A. Stayner, Quebec. The letter concerns the period for making out the accounts. Stayner writes that he can do no more than he has done, n.d. Postmarked Quebec DE 12 1831

Letter to A. Hamilton from T.A. Stayner, Gen’l Post Office, Quebec. The letter concerns an offer by Mr. Cook to carry mail a [sixth?] time between the Queenston Office and York, leaving each place on Saturday at noon and arriving at the end of the roads on Monday morning at 6. He asks Hamilton if the mail will reach York 24 hours earlier than the mail which is dispatched from York on Monday. He also asks if Mr. Barry has yet given any orders for expediting the mails between Buffalo and Lewiston. He asks if the York mails arrive at the Queenston Office by noon, could they be sent on in time to leave Buffalo for N. York the same evening, and if the mails which arrive at Buffalo from New York in the evening could be sent on to leave Queenston for York the following day at noon. He concludes that this, and having the 6th mail a week as proposed, would leave the public nothing to complain of, December 22, 1831. Postmarked Quebec DE 22 1831.

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston from T.A. Stayner, G1. Post Office. The letter asks that when sending off mails on routes where road bills are used, that multiple bags given to the courier be noted in the column of remarks. He adds that this check upon the courier is necessary otherwise the courier may lose a bag and the fact not be discovered until too late, February 7, 1832. Postmarked Quebec FE 7 1832[2].

Letter (printed blank) to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of the Queenston accounts for the January quarter and the amount owing to Hamilton. He asks that no farthings appear on quarterly returns, and that the supply of blanks requested are forwarded with this, March 17, 1832. Postmarked Quebec MA 19 1832.

Printed blank to A. Hamilton of Queenston from Tho. A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of a letter accompanying the Queenston
accounts for the July quarter, and provides the sum owing the General Post Office, May 27, 1832. An unsigned handwritten note to Mr. Stayner dated Sept. 17, observes that he had not noticed the acct. of 25£ forwarded with the quarterly accts. to July last. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston from Thos. A. Stayner, Quebec. The letter is a reminder to transmit the April quarter returns immediately as much inconvenience is experienced in consequence of the delay, June 2, 1832. Postmarked Quebec JU 2 1832.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, Quebec. The letter is a reply to an inquiry Hamilton made. Hamilton’s inquiry is included on the reverse side of Stayner’s reply. Hamilton’s letter concerns a balance due from the Walsingham post office, September 11, 1832. Stayner’s reply states that he did not consider it worthwhile to take legal steps against Mr. Brown [Walsingham Postmaster]. He advises Hamilton to charge the 65 cents to him, n.d. Postmarked Quebec Se 20 1832.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Thos. A. Stayner. The letter states that when there are only free letters for your post office, the postmaster of Quebec sometimes [marks?] them for York. He adds that there is no harm in this, and it saves trouble, January 1833. Postmarked QUEBEC JA 10 1833 and YORK FEB 6.

Letter (printed blank) to A. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec, acknowledging receipt of the Queenston Provincial accounts for the January quarter, and stating that the amount owing to Hamilton has been credited to his United States account as requested, February 23, 1833. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Genl. Post Office. The letter informs Hamilton that one copy of all contracts is always required and will remain on record here, April 16, 1833. Postmarked Quebec AP 16 1833.

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from J. H. Thomson[?], Genl. Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges the receipt of fifty pounds, which is placed to the credit of Hamilton’s American postage account, June 6, 1833. No postmark.

Letter to T.H. Thomson, Acting D.P.M.G., B.N. America, Quebec, from A. Nelson for the P.M. Genl., Washington. The letter concerns American postage on newspapers sent by mail from the United States to Canada. It is stated that such postage is to be paid in advance, so that the Department is reimbursed for the burden of transportation. The department distributed a circular to this effect, specifically to be applied in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. It is noted that the newspaper postage in the Quebec post office is duly accounted for, September 14, 1833. No postmark.

Letter (printed blank) to A. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges the receipt of the Queenston U. States Provincial accounts for the July quarter, with a sum of 27.15.7 ¼ due to the Queenston Post Office, September 27, 1834. A handwritten letter by T.A. Stayner is included which acknowledges the receipt of 74 pounds for American postage, and the balance due to Hamilton on the Provincial account is passed to his credit. He also notes that Hamilton’s assessment of the balance due to the General Post Office for the U. States account appears to be correct, and that he will receive a stamp for use in his office. He asks that a receipt be signed and returned. Postmarked Quebec SE 27 1834 and City of Toronto OC 3 1834.

Letter (printed) from T.A. Stayner, Genl. Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that a copy of the current account with the Genl. Post Office has been sent, and to please use this with the quarter ending next January 5. The new form omits the dues on newspapers and pamphlets, and asks that these sums be included in a separate account with the Deputy Post Master General. A separate letter on the same page asks that remittances be made in current bank notes or other good paper, with as little gold and silver as possible. It is also noted that a new description of mail bag lock will be distributed shortly, the use of which should begin after January 20. He asks that the old locks and keys be sent to him after the new ones are in operation. He also reminds postmasters at smaller offices to return the canvas bags sent from distributing offices, December 24, 1834. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Gen. Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that the office at St. Raphael is suspended until further notice. All letters for that office are to be mailed for Martintown. A note under the signature states that the P.M. of St. Raphael is in jail under suspicion of having robbed, January 12, 1835. Postmarked Quebec, Jan. 12, 1835.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston from T.A. Stayner. The letter states that Mr. Whitehead, postmaster of Bradford[?] has furnished him with notes as a result of demands against him. Hamilton’s claim for of £12 for A. postage is included, and he will account to him for that money. He adds that he has called upon all the deputies indebted to Hamilton to send him statements up to July, and in a way that he thinks will lead to them paying without further delay, January 24, 1835. Postmarked QUEBEC JA 24 1835.

Letter to T.A. Stayner, Postmaster General, Quebec from Joseph Becket[?] of Cranbrook. The letter was forwarded to Alexander Hamilton by Stayner for his information. The letter acknowledges that his account at the Queenston Office is in arrears and hopes that he will be allowed some time to pay. There is a small tear in the letter. This does not affect the text, January 27, 1835. Postmarked Quebec, [Jan] 31, 1835.
Circular (printed) from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter asks that certain statements be submitted to the General Post Office. This includes a statement of the Gross Letter postage collected in 1832-1834; a statement of U.S. postage collected in the same period; a statement of the sums collected as a charge on newspapers and pamphlets, and remitted to the D.P.M.G in the same period; a statement of salary, allowances and fees, or emoluments as postmaster for the same years; and the names of persons employed as an Assistant or Clerk in the office, June 25, 1835.

Letter to the Postmaster of Queenston from G.[?] Boudreau of St. Mary’s. The letter states that Mr. Robitaille, the late postmaster here, has forwarded the amount of United States postage due you to the D.P.M. General at Quebec. He notes that this is contrary to regulations of which he was not aware of at the time, and that the amount is still at Quebec, October 20, 1835. A reply by A. Hamilton is included. He asks if the [illegible] has been received and placed to my credit with you, n.d. A reply to this by T.A.S [T.A. Stayner] states that Mr. Robitaille has 1.03 ¼ sent in here as British postage but does not know the date or where to find it, n.d. Postmarked St. Marie on side addressed to the Postmaster at Queenston. Postmarked Queenston, Oc 29, 1835 on side addressed to Thos. A. Stayner.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, Gl. Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that Mr. Bistodeau is no longer postmaster of the [illegible] post office. He notes that it is probable that Mr. Bistodeau is indebted to Hamilton for the United States postage, and would like Hamilton to provide him with an account statement so that he may take steps for the recovery of the amount owing. There is some light staining on the letter. This does not affect the text, January 10, 1837. Postmarked Quebec JA 10, 1837.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton from Thos. A Stayner. The letter asks that he be sent the names of the offices which will be affected by a new arrangement. This means that the distances from these offices to the lines will be so much increased as to subject letters from thence to a higher rate of postage than from the offices in question to Queenston. He asks that he be acquainted with the names so that he can send the necessary instructions to the respective postmasters, February 22, 1837. Postmarked Quebec FE 22, 1837.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, G.P.O. The letter reminds Hamilton that the Surveyor will supply him forms from Toronto, and requests that in the future Hamilton contact him. He notes that in this instance, he will request a supply of bills be forwarded to Hamilton immediately, May 12, 1837. Postmarked QUEBEC MY 12 1837.
Letter (printed) to the Postmaster at Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office. The letter is a department order which asks that any letters sent or received from By-Town, U.C. between January 6 and April 30, 1837 be noted, and copies of the letter bills connected with such letters be forwarded to the Deputy Post Master General at Quebec, May 5, 1837. A handwritten note at the bottom states that there are enclosed copies of bills to and from By Town within the known periods, initialed by Alexander Hamilton, May 22, 1837. Postmarked Quebec MY 1837.

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter is labeled “circular” and states that all United States postage be collected in legally current specie only, which must then be remitted at regular periods to the distributing postmasters in the United States to whom it may be respectively payable. He also notes that he may be compelled to insist upon the payment of all postages, British as well as American, but will try to abstain from this measure as long as he can do so with justice to the interests which it is his duty to protect, July 15, 1837. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from T.A. Stayner, Quebec. The letter asks that a letter be sent over to Buffalo on the American side as soon as possible. A note at the bottom indicates the letter was forwarded August 26, 1837. Postmarked Quebec Au 17 1837.

Circular (printed) to all Post Masters in both the Canadas from T.A. Stayner, D.P.M.G., General Post Office, Quebec. The letter concerns the political unrest in Canada in 1837. It is stated that while the Province of Lower Canada continues in a disturbed state, it is expected that any information likely to be of service to the Government will be transmitted to him, or to the nearest Civil and Military authorities in either Province, and to the Post Office Surveyors. Should it come to anyone’s attention that there is a Traitor in the Camp, this should be immediately communicated to both him and the Surveyors so that that individual may be properly dealt with. In cases of urgency requiring special reports to be sent by conveyances other than the regular Post, the expense incurred will be paid, November 25, 1837. No postmark.

Printed blank to Alex Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter acknowledges receipt of the Queenston Provincial accounts for the January quarter, March 19, 1838. No postmark.

Circular (printed) from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The circular contains orders from the end of the quarter concerning Postmasters submitting accounts in a timely fashion, and the penalties for failing to do so, August 11, 1838. No postmark.

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston, from the Accountant’s Office, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that an error was found in the accounts for the quarter ending April 5, 1838, and that a balance is due to the General Post
Office. It is requested that this amount be carried into the October 5 quarterly account. Signed by E. King, Accountant, October 15, 1838. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter contains a transcript of an address. The address was in Watterloo County, Indiana, U.S. America, but was mistakenly sent to Waterloo, U.C. by the Queenston post office. It is noted that other similar mistakes have occurred at the Queenston post office and he urges the clerks to be more attentive, November 3, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included. He disputes that it was sent from his office, noting that the postage does not correspond with the charges of his office. He believes the letter was sent back from his office to Lewiston and then found its way by some other means to Waterloo. He adds that the clerks often have to mark letters in a hurried manner because the post man is waiting for them. He also notes that much of the problems arise by the postmaster in the United States, and that hardly a day passes in which they do not have to return both letters and papers missent to their office, November 15, 1838. Postmarked Quebec NO 3 1838.

Circular (printed) to the principal Post Offices and those in immediate communication with the United States, from T.A. Stayner, D.P.M.G., General Post Office, Quebec. The circular concerns packet postage. The letter notes that a ship postage or tax of 12 ½ cents or 7 ½ d for a single letter will be added to letters and packets sent from this Country. It is stated that there is no other way of maintaining Post communication with the other side of the Atlantic (via New York) than by submitting to this regulation. This charge is in addition to the United States and British inland postage. The postage must be exacted on all letters sent to Europe via New York, December 26, 1838. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. The letter states that a packet which came through the Queenston office via the United States from England had provincial postage added to it at Queenston. The letter reminds Hamilton that this should not have been added, as the packet was addressed to Mr. Lawrence, one of the Secretaries of the Postmaster General. Any letters on which his name appears are not to have British postage added, January 14, 1839. Postmarked Quebec JA 14 1839.

Letter (printed blank) to Mr. B. Felton, Commissioner of Crown Lands, from T.A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec. It is stated that a letter which was undeliverable is enclosed. Accordingly, the letter is being returned to the writer by the Post Master General, November 10, 18[??]. No postmark.

Sub-series B: Postmaster Correspondence, 1813, 1820-1830 (Correspondence between the Queenston Post Office and other Postmasters/Post Offices, and Citizens)
Postmaster Correspondence, 1813, 1820-1830

1.2 Quarterly postage account (handwritten), Post Office at Fredericton, New Brunswick with the General Post Office of British America, for the quarter ending July 5, 1813. Signed by Andrew Phair, Postmaster, and P. Mason, Justice of the Peace.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Post Master, Queenston, from Andrew Heron, Niagara. The writer states that he has enclosed a petition for support, which he asks be returned to him. He plans to forward it to the P.M. General if there is sufficient support, February 14, 1820. A reply by Hamilton is included on the other side. He writes that he received his letter with the enclosed petition to D. Sutherland and notes that this would be a convenience to the inhabitants along the proposed route. However, he does not think it would generate any revenue for the General Post Office because so few letters are sent from the area, and that it would in fact be an expense, n.d. Postmarked NIAGARA U.C. FEB 15 (year illegible).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from Alex. Ritchie, Ancaster. The letter states that he will cheerfully settle his postage account, and notes that he will continue to send letters this way as it is the most certain mode to have them forwarded, December 1, 1820. Straight line postmark DUND[AS]? Part of the postmark is missing.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from W. Allan, York. He writes that he does not know how he can [assist?] with making an alteration of the time of the mail at your office, but Hamilton can make arrangements in conjunction with Mr. Crooks. He will willingly conform to it and be perfectly satisfied with respect to him having any advantage from the postage on the large packets that go from hence [to?] Mr. Dickson. He believes monthly he can do nothing as they send them down to the Office here with directions to mark them post paid, which he cannot refuse. If Mr. Dickson could have it settled as to have the postage paid or charged at Queenston he would very willingly do anything towards bringing it about that he could. Perhaps Mr. Dickson could write a friendly letter to Major Hellier stating the advantage it could be to Hamilton having the postage charged against the Office at Queenston. If he spoke to him on the subject he would recommend it as making no difference to the public, or to his office. December 15, 1820. Straight line postmark, YORK DEC (rest of date illegible)

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from W. Allan, York. It is asked that the enclosed letters be sent by the first mail, and to pay the postage on his account, December 1820. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from [illegible]. The letter asks that the enclosed letter be sent to Mr. Tryon at Lewiston, as soon as possible, March 18, 1821. Postmarked NIAGARA U.C. MAR 18 1821.
Letter (printed) from R.C. Horne of York. The letter asks to be informed of the distance and rate of postage from this office to the next closest post office on each side, and also the postage to York and Montreal. He also asks that any extra provincial calendars for 1821 be returned to him, August 10, 1821. A handwritten reply by A. Hamilton is included. He writes that he will return the remaining York calendars on hand and gives the distance from the Queenston Office to the offices at Niagara and St. Catharines, as well as the postage to these cities, and postage to York and Montreal, n.d. No postmark.

Account statement to William Allan, York, from A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston. The account is for American postage due from the Post Office in York, October 6, 1821. Straight line postmark, Queenston 11 OCT 1821.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Wm. Allan, York. The writer asks that the enclosed item be forwarded to the American Post Office as soon as possible. He states that no accounts pay the postage, [illegible] at present, January 21, 1822. Straight line postmark, York Jay 22? (postmark very faint).


Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from W. Allan, York. He writes that he has received Hamilton’s request for some blank monthly sheets, which he has forwarded by today’s post, March 4, 1822. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from D. Sutherland, Quebec. The letter states that payment has been received and placed to his credit. It is also stated that a supply of blank sheets will be forwarded to him by Mr. Allan at York so that he can complete the quarters accounts, March 19, 1822. Postmarked QUEBEC MR 19 22.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from John Hamilton, Montreal. It is asked that the enclosed letter be forwarded to Mr. McLean in haste, 1822. Straight line postmark, Montreal. The rest of the postmark is illegible.


Account of the Queenston Post Office with Jno. Macaulay, Kingston, for United States postage. A note by Macaulay is included stating that the account statement from his office is annexed, April 19, 1823. The accounts covers from July 1821 to April 1823. Straight line postmark, Kingston 21 APR 25.
Account statement of Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, for newspaper postages to July 1, 1824. Postmarked Niagara AUG 1822.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Jno. Crooks, Niagara. The letter concerns a payment. Crooks writes that he sends more than the amount owed, and requests that the extra money be carried to his credit for the next quarter, October 31, 1823. Postmarked Niagara U.C. NOV 1823.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from T.S. Bartlett. The letter states that a box for Lady Colborne was forwarded to Lewiston yesterday, addressed to Mr. Hamilton, postmaster at Queenston, and he has no doubt it will reach York. Capt. Philpott (?) appears to the left of Bartlett’s signature. A note at the bottom of the page indicates that the letter is not dated, but the writer thinks it must have been from Lockport on Sunday evening. Postmarked MAY 22 Yor (?).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from J.M.A. Cameron of Dundas. The letter asks for patience in the matter of postage owing, which will be paid in a very short time, August 6, 1824. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from A.H. Burwell, Port Talbot. The writer states that he has enclosed five dollars, three of which he would like to be placed on the account of A. P[illegible], and the other two to be sent to John Crooks, P.M. for Niagara. He states that he does not have small bills, or else he would not have given him this trouble, August 13, 1824. Straight line postmark, Port Talbot 13 AUG 1824 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Jno. Hamilton. The letter states that he has enclosed two letters, one for Mr. Robertson, which is to be forwarded, and one for Mr. Jarvis. He states that he has not had any letters from Joseph but has heard of his being in London last July, and that it was his intention to sail soon for the country. He expects to hear of his arrival in New York every day, September 13, 1824. Postmarked Montreal 13 SEP 24.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from H. Mittleberger, St. Catharines. The writer states that he has noticed a charge of 2 ½ cents per paper is made in his records and asks if it is possible that 1 ½ ct. is charged only from Lewiston to Queenston. He has always understood it to be 1 cent per paper. He is willing to pay in advance and does not wish to incur any additional charge, March 2 1825. Straight line postmark, St. Catharines.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from [illegible] of Brantford. The letter contains a statement of account between the Queenston and Brantford Post Office from August 2, 1824 to December 20, 1824. It is also noted that eight shillings and five pence farthing currency is the amount owing to the Queenston Post Office by the Brantford
Post Office. Contains a reply by Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton seems to dispute the account statement and asks that money be forwarded at the earliest convenience, March 7, 1825. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Henry Jones, P.M. Brockville Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for United States postage due to Hamilton’s office, April 22, 1825. Straight line postmark, Brockville.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from E. Lesslie & Sons and R. Cathcart. The letter concerns money owing on an account. It is stated that they have not got half of the ferriage on newspapers yet, likely owing to the fact that those who receive them question the legality of such a charge, which can be avoided by those who get their newspapers by way of Kingston. Currency in the amount of £4.6.7 ½ is enclosed, which is one penny less than the amount due by the Post Office in Dundas to the Post Office in Queenston for American portage and ferriage on newspapers till July 5, 1825. The letter is dated August 5, 1825. No postmark.

Account to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Niagara. The account is for postage due. A note indicates that cash is enclosed, 1825. Postmarked Niagara U.C. OCT 6 1825.


Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from J.W. Garrison [?], D.P.M. The letter is an account statement between the Queenston Post Office and the St. Catharines Post Office. The statement total is £7.6.11 ¼, April 26, [1826 or 1827]. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Chas. Biggar, Murray. The letter states that payment is enclosed for the account of American postage up to April 24, May 8, 1826. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Jas. Macintosh, Lancaster. The letter states that payment is enclosed for United States postage due to Hamilton from this office. He asks for an acknowledgement of payment, August 12, 1826. Straight line postmark, Lancaster, 12 Augt. 26 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from G. Wood, Cornwall. The letter concerns an enclosed payment of American postage due to Hamilton’s office from this office, May 1, 1827. Straight line postmark, Cornwall, 1 May (date handwritten).

Letter to the Post Office, Queenston, from H. Jones, P.M., Brockville. The letter concerns an enclosed payment of U.S. postage due to Hamilton. The writer asks that if there are any more papers that come to Hamilton’s office from the U.S., to please return them & request the postmaster send them to Morristown, St. Lawrence County.
The printer there will not take them if they come down on this side, May 3, 1827. Straight line postmark, Brockville.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from Wm. Hamilton Merritt by H. Leavenworth of St. Catharines. The letter states that enclosed is the amount owing for the bill of American postage ($28) for the quarter ending on January 5, 1827. He asks that a receipt be sent and that the amount due on the last quarter will be forwarded soon, May 16, 1827. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from Richard [illegible] Pell of Bath. The letter concerns a way bill and British and American postage fees on letters and newspapers received from the Queenston Office, and the refusal of Peter Davey to pay for the newspapers. Pell writes that he has been to see Jno. McCauley on the subject who decided that the way bill and covers which were used on the letters should be sent to Hamilton in enquire into the matter. He thinks that the items may have been overcharged, and to please alter the bill and to send it back corrected, November 2, 1827. A reply by the Queenston Post Office is included, with a copy of a letter by Mr. Cook, Postmaster at Lewiston. It is stated that the postage charges can likely not be avoided, but that he is happy to try to procure a drawback of the postage charge, December 6, 1827. The letter by Mr. Cook states that the charge was a penalty for the concealment of a letter within a newspaper. He states that in such cases the recipient is fined if he is unable to determine the identity of the sender, December 5, 1827. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from H. Mittleberger, St. Catharines Post Office. He writes that a circular from the General Post Office states that printers may receive their U.S. Exchange Papers free from any charge for British postage. He then asks if it would be possible for Mr. Leavenworth to send papers to the U.S. without verifying the number of papers sent, and to allow all papers which come to his address “as in exchange” to be free. He then wonders if it would be more satisfactory that the papers intended for the States be sent at this office, knowing precisely the number being sent. He adds that he is inclined to adopt the latter as the only regular course, September 2, 1828. An unsigned note is added after the signature stating that papers which should pass through the post office at exchange free pay should be counted as such to exonerate them from British postage. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from David Smart, Port Hope. The letter concerns payment of American postage due to Hamilton from this office. An annexed statement is included. The writer asks that receipt of this please be acknowledged, April 15, 1828. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Guy C. Wood, Cornwall. The letter concerns payment of A.P. [American postage] due to Hamilton from the Cornwall Post
Office. He asks that he please acknowledge the payment, November 10, 1828. Straight line postmark, Cornwall 11 NOV (date handwritten).

Circular (printed) to Alexander Hamilton from J. Macaulay, Post Office, Kingston. The letter concerns new arrangements between the Kingston Post Office and the American Post Office at Cape Vincent. It is stated that the net United States postage between Cape Vincent and other American post offices is to be accounted to the Kingston Post Office. The ferriage in future is to be accounted to the General Post Office as British Postage. The rates of postage in the United States are included. He adds that any United States postage owed by his office, and remitted by this office at the end of each quarter without imposing on him the necessity of rendering statements, will retain a commission of ten percent on the account, December 29, 1828. A handwritten note to Hamilton by J. Macaulay is included. He writes that he thinks it would save trouble if accounts were remitted at the end of a quarter without rendering it necessary to make out statements, December 31, 1828. Handwritten postmark, Kingston, Jany [1]?

Letter to Alexander Hamilton at York from H. Mittleberger of St. Catharines. The letter states that a petition is enclosed that is signed by respectable persons. He acknowledges that it might have had many more names but he did not present it except to those who are interested in receiving letters. He notes that the change the D.P.M. General has ordered to take effect for the 6th seems more and more to be Stamford, with the disapprobation of the public. He also asks if he could be informed if the Hon. P. Robinson is in York. A note initialed H.M. after the signature states that letters leaving Buffalo for Queenston, St. Catharines or any place west of this will by the new arrangement be subject to an additional charge of 4 cents, or 5 ½ for Fort Erie, February 7, 1829. Handwritten postmark, St. Catharines Feb. 9 1829.

Letter to Alex Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Dundas Post Office [several signatures illegible]. The letter concerns an enclosed payment of American postage due to Hamilton from the Dundas post office, February 10, 1829. Handwritten postmark, Dundas 10 Feby 1829.

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston from Richard Leonard (Major Leonard) of Drummond Hill. He states that he has enclosed a letter to the Right Hon. Secretary of War, and that he believes no inland postage is charged on such letters, March 3, 1829. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Hiram Leavenworth, St. Catharines. The letter states that he received his account, and has enclosed signed post office documents as requested. He adds that he hopes to be able to balance his account soon, but does not have any means to at the moment, and is grateful for Hamilton’s indulgence, March 7, 1829. No postmark.
Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from York Post Office [signature illegible/missing]. The letter concerns a payment made for three pounds, April 27, 1829. Postmarked York U.C. 27 APR 1829

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Thorne and Parson, Thornhill. The letter states that a letter addressed to Thorne from this office did not have the American postage paid, by mistake. He asks that if the letter is detained as a result, to please forward it and charge the postage to their office, May 16, 1829. Postmarked Thornhill 16 MAY 1829 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from the Dundas Post Office. The letter asks that Hamilton please discharge the enclosed account and return it, July 28, 1829. Postmarked Dundas 31 July (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from William Richardson, Brantford. The letter concerns an enclosed payment for postage due to Hamilton’s office, August 6, 1829. Postmarked Brantford 6 August 1829 (date handwritten).


Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Alex. McDougall (for Guy C. Wood), Cornwall. The letter concerns an enclosed payment due to Hamilton, August 14, 1829. Postmark illegible.


Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from N. Reid, Montreal. The letter concerns a mail bag. The writer states that a mail bag is forwarded by the D.P.M. General, and another will be sent in a few days. He asks that receipt of the bags please be acknowledged, December 8, 1830. Postmarked Montreal DEC 9.

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1.3 Letter to Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, U. Can., from John A. Hyde, Youngstown. The letter states that twenty dollars belonging to Mr. Benjamin Hazelton of Townsend,
Upper Canada, is enclosed, as agreed upon. It is asked that Hamilton please write to Hazelton and acknowledge the amount received from Hyde, February 11, 1831. Postmarked Queenston 12? MAR 1831 U.C. Another postmark is illegible.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Thomas Talbot, Port Talbot. The letter asks that an enclosed letter be forwarded to New York, and any postage and ferriage charges be sent to Col. Burwell, March 31, 1831. No postmark.

Letter to D. Thorburn, Queenston, from A. Barker, Markham Post Office. The letter contains a statement of American postage with the Queenston Office, and states that payment is enclosed, April 21, 1831. Handwritten postmark, Markham P.O., 22 April 1831.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from A. Proudfoot, Trafalgar. The letter states that payment of £2.5 for American postage is enclosed, and asks that it be credited to this office, April 27, 1831. Postmarked Trafalgar 27 April 31 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from J. Knowlson, P.M., Cavan. The letter concerns American postage. It is stated that there must be an error in the bill for American postage sent to this office, as it is nearly double what Knowlson has in his books. He asks that the bill be reduced and notes that he has sent the balance by last post, which he expects has been received, April 28, 1831. Postmarked Cavan? 28 April 1831 (date handwritten).

Letter to Queenston P.O. from D. Thompson, P.M., Wainfleet. The letter concerns American newspapers. It is stated that 5 American newspapers remain in the office and are returned. An account statement is included, April 30, 1831. Postmarked Wainfleet 30 Apr 1831 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P. Master, Queenston, from John Reid, Napanee Post Office. The letter concerns American postage. It is stated that the amount owing from this office to Hamilton’s office is enclosed, for the quarter ending April 5, 1831. Postmarked Napance APL 30 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from J. Johnston, P.M., La Prairie. The letter notes that payment is enclosed for American postage, May 2, 1831. Postmarked La Prairie 3 MAY 31 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [illegible], Galt Post Office. The letter concerns payment for postage due to the Queenston Office, which it is noted should have been sent sooner, May 4, 1831. Postmarked Galt 4 May 1831.

Letter to Alexander Smith, P.M., Queenston, from [illegible], London. The letter concerns a claim on Mr. Schofield for American postage. The writer states that he has enclosed the balance owing by him to the Queenston Office, for the quarter ending
October 5, 1828. After that time, he gave the office up to Major Schofield. He states that he presented the account to Mr. Schofield, and was disappointed that he said he had a discharge from the D.P.M. Genl. and did not consider that he should arrange the affair as he conceived himself exonerated, May 17, 1831. A reply by Hamilton is included. He writes that he has included a statement of his account against Mr. Schofield for American postage, deducting the small amount paid by the writer. He asks that it be passed on to Mr. Schofield, and if refused, to enter a prosecution at the first Court of requests. He has also enclosed a letter from Mr. Schofield in answer to an application from Hamilton for payment, which can be presented in court to support the validity of the claim, May 17, 1831. Postmarked London 21 May (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from James Millar, Postmaster, Drummondville Post Office. The letter states that he has received the bill of American postage from January 6 to April 5, but other bills have not been received. He wonders if they were sent to Drummondville in Upper Canada and asks that Hamilton checks his books to try to find the mistake, and write him by return of post so that he can pay what is due, June 18, 1831. Postmarked Drummondville 18 June 31 (date handwritten).

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston, from the Post Office, Stanstead. The letter notes the amount due for United States postage, as per letter bills sent, July 5, 1831. Postmarked Stanstead, July 14.

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston from the Post Office at Montreal. The letter states the amount owing for United States postage, July 5, 1831. No postmark.


Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from James Pierson[?], Postmaster, Hillier Post Office. The letter concerns payment of United States postage due to Hamilton’s office from the Hillier post office, for the quarter ending July 5, August 4, 1831. Postmarked Hillier, 4 AUG (date handwritten).

Letter to P.M., Queenston, from James Chep, Ancaster. The letter states that ten dollars payment is enclosed for American postage due, August 8, 1831. A section of letter along the left edge is missing. This interferes with the text. Postmarked Ancaster August 8 31 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Olmsted Gates, P.M., L’Original (by Thos. Johnson). The letter concerns an account payment. It is stated that payment of one shilling, seven pence and halfpenny currency is enclosed. It is noted that the 24 ½ cents mentioned from the last quarter as being due was already remitted, August 10,
1831. A reply by Hamilton is included on the following page. He states that he has examined his books and papers with regard to the 24 ½ cents, but can find no record of the payment, n.d. Postmarked L’Original, 10 August 31 U.C.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Peter Lossing, Norwich. The letter concerns postage charges. The writer states that he cannot account for the postage charges on a letter for Elias Snyder, and asks for an explanation which would enable him to satisfy the receiver of the letters, August 30, 1831. Postmarked Norwich 8 Mo 31 1831 (date handwritten).

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston from the Post Office at Montreal. The letter states the amount owing for United States postage, October 5, 1831. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P. Master, Queenston, from the Dundas Post Office. The letter asks if a duplicate letter bill dated September 26 can be sent to the office, as the original has been mislaid, October 7, 1831. Postmarked Dundas 7 Octbr.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J. & C. McDonald, Gananoque. The letter states that the account for United States postage has been received and payment sent, November 2, 1831. Postmarked Gananogue 2 NOVR 1831 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [illegible], Dunnville. The letter states that the amount due for American postage is enclosed and asks that a receipt be sent, November 2, 1831. Postmarked Dunnville 2 NOV 1831 U.C. (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from [name illegible], Yarmouth Post Office. The letter states that the account has been received and payment of $43 has been made, November 11, 1831. Postmarked Yarmouth 11 Novebr 1831.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from William Smith, P.M., Fort Erie. The letter asks if Hamilton can pay the balance by return of post, as it is needed to pay the taxes, November 16, 1831. Postmark is illegible, handwritten date of Novr 17 1831.

Postmaster Correspondence, 1832-1833

Printed blank to the Post Master at Queenston from the Montreal Post Office, giving an account of the United States Postage, January 5, 1832. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from H. Truth?, Bayham Post Office. The letter states that the American postage for the quarter ending January 5 is enclosed, February 9, 1832. Postmarked Bayham U.C. 9 Feby. 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from D. Lighthall, Huntingdon Post Office. The letter states that the amount owing for the quarter ending January 5 is enclosed, February 15, 1832. Postmarked Huntingdon 16 Feby 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Thos. Renwick, Romney Post Office. The letter concerns payment for American postage due. The amount due is enclosed, with an account statement, and the writer apologizes for not remitting it sooner, February 26, 1832. A reply by Hamilton is included on the reverse side. He acknowledges receipt of the payment, March 8, 1832. Postmarked Romney U.C. Feby. 26 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Thos. Read, March. The letter states that four dollars is enclosed to settle the American postage account, May 22, 1832. Postmarked March, n.d.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Joseph Wheatley, Howard Post Office. The letter states that payment for American postage for the last quarter is enclosed, June 1, 1832. Postmarked Howard U.C. 4 June 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Wm. Parson, P.M., Thornhill. The letter states that a note is enclosed for the one returned. He apologizes for the trouble it caused, June 9, 1832. Postmarked Thornhill U.C. 9 Jun (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston, from Geo. Brown?, P.M., Matilda. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, and apologizes for the delay, July 24, 1832. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J.K. Andrews?, Galt. The letter states that payment for the Queenston quarterly account is enclosed, August 7, 1832. Postmark is illegible, handwritten date of 7 AUG 32.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Wm. Simpson (per Geo. Mittleberger), Smith’s Falls Post Office. The letter states that payment for American postage for the last quarter is enclosed, August 8, 1832. Postmarked Smith’s Falls U.C. 8 August 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from A. Barker, Markham. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, August 9, 1832. Postmark is illegible.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Horace Wells, P.M., Henryville. The letter states that payment for U.S. postage is enclosed for the period ending April 5, 1832, and
requests that a receipt be sent, August 11, 1832. Postmarked Henryville 11 Augt. 32 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [illegible], Post Office, Wellington. The letter states that payment for American postage for the quarter ending July 5 last is enclosed, and asks that it be credited to his account, August 14, 1832. Postmarked Wellington U.C. Augst. 14 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from H. Jones, Postmaster, Brockville. He writes that there was no letter received with the enclosed bill. He notes that generally the packets from Hamilton’s office are in such a bad state when they reach here it is almost impossible to tell whether they are right. He adds that one or two months since there were 4 or 5 letter bills from Queenston loose in the bag, August 30, 1832. Postmarked Brockville.

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston from the Post Office, Montreal. The letter states the amount owing for United States postage, October 5, 1832. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John Bostwick, Post Office, Port Stanley. The letter states that payment for U. States postage is enclosed, November 28, 1832. Postmarked Port Stanley, U.C. 29 NOV 1832 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, U.C., from Thos. Chew, Asst. P.J., Lewiston. The letter concerns a moneyletter for J.S. Harrison, Poughkeepsie, which came through the Lewiston post office. The letter has miscarried, and it is noted that they will immediately write to the P.M. Poughkeepsie for information on the subject, and that Mr. Franklin will try to make it convenient to call on Mr. Hamilton in a day or two, December 13, 1832. A second address is written on the front, to [illegible], London. A note by Hamilton at the bottom of the letter asks that the letter be returned after perusal. Postmarked Queenston U.C. Dec [date illegible].

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, U. Canada, from [illegible], Post Office Isle aux Noix. The letter states that the U.S. postage due to the office is enclosed, deducting commission, January 22, 1833. Postmarked Isle aux Noix 22 Jany 1833 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Jno. Wright, Post Office, Port Burwell. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage for the quarter ending January 5 is enclosed. He states that the previous quarter he has nothing to do with, and that he has acted as Dp. For Mr. Burwell. It is stated that he will hand the account to Mr. Burwell when he returns, February 14, 1833. Postmarked Port Burwell 14 FEB 1833 (date handwritten).
Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Geo. K. Chisholm, Nelson Post Office. The letter asks that the enclosed letter addressed to Cleveland be forwarded to Lewiston, and that money for the American postage is also enclosed, March 4, 1833. Postmarked Nelson 4 March 33 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster General at Queenston, from ???, New York. The letter asks that Hamilton forward the [miles?], March 18, 1833. A reply notes that it has been forwarded to the Bank of Upper Canada, March 28. Postmarked New York, MAY 18 and Queenston, MAR 23.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from William Smith, Waterloo near Fort Erie. The letter states that he is anxious to settle his affairs and asks that Hamilton select a day to do so. He notes that in his last letter Hamilton seemed to have the idea that the mansfield transaction is of a private nature and regards him alone, which is not the case. The award was for work done at the wharf at Fort Erie for Smith and Hamilton, which was paid by him out of his own private purse. Part of the costs were paid to the plaintiffs attorney, by a debt due by him to Smith and Hamilton. He asks that Hamilton withdraw the claim given in to Mess. Clark and Street, as he is about to settle his account with them, March 24, 1833. Postmarked Fort Erie 25 March 1833 [date of postmark handwritten].

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Edwd. M. Stewart, Canandaigua. The letter thanks Hamilton for sending his letters so regularly, as well as for paying for them. He states that if he had known Hamilton had to do that, he would have left money when he was at Queenston. He asks to be reminded to get his name out of the black book next time they meet, April 1833. Postmarked Cananda, N.Y., APR 27 and Queenston U. Can APR 29.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Capt. James Fitzgibbon. The letter states that he has enclosed a note for his perusal, after which he may forward to his brother John, or keep it until his return. He regrets that he was not able to call on Hamilton and his family as he had intended when returning from the Falls on Tuesday. Postmarked York May 3.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from E. Ritchie, Hamilton. The letter states that Mr. Harrington of the Eagle Tavern forwarded for him a small parcel to Hamilton’s care containing a post office stamp obtained by his brother at Cleveland. If it is with Hamilton, he asks that it be put in the mail bag, June 14, 1833. A note at the bottom indicates no parcel was received. Postmarked Hamilton 14 June 33 (date handwritten).

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston from A. Jones, P.M., Prescott Post Office, giving an account of the United States postage owing, July 5, 1833. No postmark.
Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from J.L. Howard, York Post Office. The letter states that there are errors in the forwarded letter bill, which he will return for corrections, August 15, 1833. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston, from the Post Office at Chatham [illegible]. The letter concerns an enclosed payment for the quarter ending July 5 last. The writer requests a receipt, August 20, 1833. Postmarked Chatham 20 Augt 1833 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Post Office, Queenston, from H. Fyfe, P.M., Esquesing. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed. It is also noted that 4 U.S. papers from May 20th were omitted from the account, and that these have been added to the amount enclosed, August 23, 1833. Postmarked Esquesing Up. Can Augt. 23 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Elijah Warren, Lennoxville. The letter notes that the balance for the quarter ending July 5 is enclosed, August 29, 1833. Postmarked Lennoxville Sept. 2 (date handwritten).


Letter to the Postmaster, Hamilton, U.C., from H.L. Franklin, (by J.J. Badger), Lewiston Post Office. The letter concerns postage on newspapers bound for the British Provinces. It is stated that their orders are to detain all newspapers for the British Provinces on which the postage has not been paid. Many have accumulated for Hamilton, and it is suggested that arrangements be made that Hamilton’s office be responsible to him for postage on the American side, allowing 10 percent for collecting. All papers not taken at the end of the quarter can be returned to the office, September 13, 1833. Postmarked Queenston U.C. Sep. ?

Printed blank to the Postmaster at Queenston from the Post Office at Montreal. The letter states the amount owing for United States postage, October 5, 1833. No postmark.

Letter (printed blank) to the Postmaster at Queenston from A. Jones, P.M., Prescott Post Office, giving an account of the United States postage owing, October 5, 1833. A handwritten note by A. Jones is included, asking the Hamilton please transmit his account for the April and July quarters so that he can remit the balance due. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Jno. Hamilton. The letter states that he has enclosed a letter for Buffalo, which he asks to be sent over the River, December 1833. Postmarked York DEC 6.
**Postmaster Correspondence, 1834**

1.5 Letter (printed blank) to the postmaster at Queenston from the Post Office, Prescott. The letter states the amount owing for United States postage, January 5, 1834. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from D. Johns, Marmora. The letter states that the balance owing for U.S. postage is enclosed, January 30, 1834. Postmarked Marmora U.C., no date.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton from the Post Office, St. John’s. The letter states that the amount due for American postage to the Queenston post office is enclosed, February 15, 1834. The bottom of the letter is missing. This affects the text. The signature of the writer is missing. Postmarked Saint Johns U.C. Feb 18 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster at Queenston from J. McDonald, Asst. P.M., Gananoque. The letter states that payment for the amount owing on the account is enclosed, February 18, 1834. Postmarked Gananogue Feby 18 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to the P.M., Queenston, from W. Richardson, Newmarket. The letter states that the amount owing for A. postage to January 5, ’34 is enclosed, and asks that a receipt be returned. Postmarked Newmarket 19 Feb. (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Henry Fyfe, Esquesing. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, February 21, 1834. Postmarked Esquesing U.C. Feb 21 1834 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Angus McGillivray, Lochiel. The letter states that the amount owing is enclosed and asks that receipt of it be acknowledged, February 21, 1834. Postmarked Lochiel February 21 1834 (date handwritten).

Circular (printed) to the Postmaster, Queenston from Joseph Talbot, Land Agent, City of Toronto. The letter states that he is currently arranging for the publication of a weekly paper entitled *The Upper Canada Land, Mercantile, and General Advertiser* which will contain an official account of lands for sale belonging to the Government, March 10, 1834. Postmarked YORK MAR 12?

Letter to the Queenston Post Office from James Grant, Martintown. The letter states that the State postage is enclosed, and asks that receipt of it be acknowledged by return of post, May 14, 1834. No postmark.
Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from M. Brown, Walsingham. The letter states that the amount owing the Queenston office is enclosed, May 19, 1834. Postmarked Walsingham U.C., no date.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Thorburn[?]. The letter is difficult to read. It seems to concern land near the Welland Canal. Postmarked Perth 19 MAY 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from George Bolton, P.M., Albion Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage, and that the 10 cents deficient from the last quarter is included. An account statement is included on the front, August 4, 1834. Postmark is mostly illegible, with a handwritten date of 1834.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from [illegible], Stouffville. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, Aug. 20, 1834. Postmarked Stouffville U.C. 20 August 1834 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Peter Secor, Scarborough. The letter states the balance owing for United States postage is enclosed, August 21, 1834. Postmarked Scarboro 21 August 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Joseph Wheatley, Howard Post Office. The letter states that payment of five and a quarter dollars is enclosed, and the remaining 40 cents will be sent, August 26, 1834. Postmarked Howard U.C. 26 August 1834 (date handwritten).


Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Thos. Radcliff, Adelaide. The letter states that an accounting of the American postage was not received, and that it may have been misplaced at another post office, October 20, 1834. Postmarked Adelaide U.C. 24 Oct 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Howard, [city illegible]. The letter states that there is scarcely a mail from your office that does not [bring?] in the bag packets for offices west of this in the canvas bag. The places he refers to include Colchester, Howard, Port Stanley, Oxford, Nelson, Caledon and Chinguacousy. He writes that he also has a packet of papers from Niagara for Stamford which he now returns, October 24, 1834. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John Dean, Bath. The letter states that a letter for Capt. John Barker was forwarded from the Queenston office a few days ago,
but that the letter was intended for Bath in the State of Maine, U.S. He therefore returns the letter and the bill, October 29, 1834. Postmarked Bath 29 Oct.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from N.L. Freeman, for D. McGregor, Raleigh Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for postage owing, November 6, 1834. Postmarked Raleigh 6 Nov 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J.L. Howard, Toronto. The letter states that payment for apples is enclosed, November 6, 1834. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. No 6 1834.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from W.J. Sloane, Holland Landing Post Office. The letter states that after examining his account, an error was made by the writer. He had included two mails sent from the office. He asks that the office be credited for the amount, November 8, 1834. Postmarked Holland Landing U.C. Nov 8 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Geo. [Nargraft?] for Smith Griffin, Smithville. The letter states that a bill was received from Hamilton’s office on October 31, but no corresponding letters, November 14, 1834. A brief note by Hamilton is included at the bottom. It is somewhat illegible, but seems to state that a letter bill for Smithville was sent to that office. Postmarked Smithville U.C. 14 Nov 1834 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from John [McKenzie?], Terrebonne. The letter states that the amount owing for U.S. postage is enclosed, December 23, 1834. Postmarked Terrebonne U.C. Jany 22 1835 (day handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from T. H. Hall, Cobourg. He asks if the enclosed letter can be forwarded. It concerns his baggage which was on board the Genl. Brock which was wrecked on Sunday the 14th at Pultneyville, December 26, 1834. Postmarked Cobourg 26 DEC 34 (date handwritten).

**Postmaster Letters, 1835**

**1.6** Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Smyth (per N. Hunter), Merrickville. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, January 22, 1835. Postmarked Merrickville U.C. Jany 22 1835 (day handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from David [illegible], Three Rivers Post Office. The letter states that the amount owing for U.S. postage is enclosed. It is noted that the sum mentioned arose on letters & pamphlets missent to the office, and trusts that this will not occur in the future, January 23, 1835. No postmark.
Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J.L. Howard, Toronto Post Office. The letter concerns American postage. It is noted that the corrected account was received, and as agreed upon, the amount has been deposited to the credit of Thos. A. Stayner, January 24, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. JA 24 1835.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Nelson [Bou?], Bainsville. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, January 29, 1835. Postmark location is illegible, date is 29 Jan 1835 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from A. Shade, P.M. (per J. Andrews), Galt. The letter states that payment is enclosed for the amount owing to the Queenston office, January 30, 1835. Postmarked Galt 30 Jan 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from T.M. Smith, Montreal. The letter concerns the distribution of a new commercial paper. It is stated that a prospectus for the paper has been annexed, and asks if he would undertake agency for it in his place. It is noted that the proprietors will allow a commission of 20% upon subscriptions obtained on condition of his becoming responsible for their payment. He asks that the names of subscribers be forwarded as soon as possible if this offer is accepted, February 3, 1835. Postmarked Montreal FEB 4.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from Edwd. Mich. Stewart. The letter states that the communication line from Niagara to Sandwich is complete, with the exception of a bridge to be constructed across the Grand River at the Village of Cayuga. This would allow a stage wagon to pass through the whole way. Proposals for erecting the bridge have circulated with the approbation of Sir John Colborne, and the financing to build it established by dividing the cost into 400 shares at $10 a share. Interest is to be paid by the tolls. When the stock is paid off, the bridge will be free. Stewart is trying to raise $940 in subscriptions for the bridge. He includes the names of subscribers to day, including Mr. Canby, Mr. Fitch, Colonel Whyte, and W. Griffiths. He asks if he would be likely to get any subscribers at Queenston, or if Hamilton has any suggestions for those in the area who would be interested in subscribing, February 13, 1835. Postmarked Hamilton UC, FEB 16.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from W. Acker [?], Belleville. The letter asks if Hamilton has received the postage sent from his office, February 17, 1835. Postmarked Belleville 18 Feb (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from H. Lyman, Granby[?]. The letter states that payment is enclosed for United States postage, February 24, 1835. Postmark location is illegible, Feby 24 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Wm. Rorke, Hallowell. The letter states that he received a letter in reply to his inquiry, which he found entirely
satisfactory. He writes that he should have been more careful not to have been one of the number of those who was so much trouble. He notes that he has sent about $8 postage, and will endeavor to be more careful. He adds that our House of Assembly will not be able to get up a P.O. bill this session. He adds that they cannot do better than let the present method alone unless it be to have the accounts exhibited to the legislature and the surplus money of any applied in the coming, February 1835. Postmarked Halloway FEB 27 (day handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Wm. Parsons, Thornhill. The letter states that the amount due for American postage is enclosed, March 14, 1835. Postmarked Thornhill U.C. MAR 14 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from A.S. St. John, Dunnville Post Office. The letter asks that Hamilton send a copy of the letter bill dated March 12, as his deputy neglected to fill in the amount in the book. He cannot fill out his quarterly returns without it, April 15, 1835. Postmarked Dunnville U.C. APR 16 35 (date handwritten).

Letter (handwritten) to A. Hamilton of Queenston from Geo. Baker, Post Office, Bytown. The letter states that the sum of five dollars and six cents has been sent, being the amount of United States postage due on account with this office for the quarter ending April 5, 1835. A detailed account is included, April 20, 1835. No postmark.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Wm. Rorke, Niagara. The letter concerns Jas. McGrath, a newly appointed postmaster at Credit, and his opinion of past office operations. He writes that McGrath believed that Young used to make mistakes often, and that he appeared stupid and not cunning, and that the magistrates were of the same opinion. Rorke notes that this would confirm the idea that the abstractions took place westward, April 27, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. AP 1835.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from James McGrath, Credit P.O. The letter concerns the account with the Queenston Post Office. McGrath writes that he has received the amount of American postage due by his office, but did not receive the amount due from April 6 to the 21st, which was requested. He was appointed to the office on April 6, but did not begin until the 21st. There is no account for that period, so he asks that it be sent as soon as possible. He is afraid Hamilton will have trouble about the amount due to him, but will do his best to get it for him, May 5, 1835. Postmarked Credit U.C., 5 May 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from [illegible], Brantford Post Office. The letter concerns an account. It is stated that the item referred to is really omitted in Hamilton’s account with this office for the quarter ending April 5. He has also enclosed for Hamilton’s consideration an insurance policy recently purchased that should have been addressed to the writer, and free of postage. He asks that this be deducted. He
will make alterations in his entry when he receives instructions from Hamilton on the subject, May 9, 1835. Postmarked Brantford May 9.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], Coteau du Lacs. The letter asks to add a receipt and return the enclosed. Postmarked Coteau du Lac 19 May 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Henry [illegible], Yamaska Post Office. The letter states that the amount due has been sent by today’s post. There is some uncertainty about the charges, and he has written to Mr. R. Buchanan, who was postmaster at the time the amount was sent. He was not able to provide an answer. It is advised that he apply to Buchanan himself, May 19, 1835. Postmark illegible, 19 May 1835 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from D. Wood, Shefford. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, May 22, 1835. Postmarked Shefford 22 May 1835 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from Gordon Buchanan, P.M., of Colchester. The letter states that he is new to the office of postmaster and received the account for American postage, which he sent to the postmaster at Amherstburg. He was told that the late postmaster had made arrangements with him in all matters, but that there were no funds left to him in this matter. The writer expects to see the late postmaster shortly and inquire about the account, and remit the amount owing without delay, May 23, 1835. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from C.W. Hersey, Hawkesbury Post Office. The letter states that the amount owing for United States postage is enclosed, May 27, 1835. Postmarked Hawkesbury 27 May 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from A. Williams, Guelph. The letter concerns the administration of the Guelph post office. He states that the previous letter was received, and he would have greater pleasure in answering if it were in his power to accomplish the object of the letter. He states that the present postmaster of Guelph is Mrs. Hume, who came to the post after the death of her husband. Before his death, Mr. Hume was deputy postmaster to his brother-in-law Mr. Husband, who is now at Goderich and has left Guelph altogether. He was also administrator to Mr. Hume’s estate, and as such was bound to pay up any arrears for postage which were contracted in the execution of his duty. He thanks Hamilton for his kind remarks and interest in his future movements, but states that unless anything advantageous is offered, he would have to decline another move, June 1, 1835. There is some cross-writing (cross-hatching) on the first page of the letter. Postmarked Guelph 1 June 35 (postmark mostly illegible, date handwritten).
Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], Middleton. The letter states that the balance due is enclosed, June 21, 1835. Postmark location illegible, 14 July 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from Mr. Macauley of Kingston. The letter concerns a record of travelling expenses. The writer states that he cannot make out the distances from Toronto westward. He adds that Mr. Ball goes to Toronto in a few days and will discuss the subject with Hamilton, and asks that he be given the result. The second page contains an account of travelling expenses from April 1-26. There is some staining on the top of this page. The stain does not affect the text, June 29, 1835. Postmarked Kingston Jun 30.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Edmund Ritchie, Hamilton Post Office. The note states that he will examine the account, but in the meantime has enclosed fifty pounds currency on account, July 13, 1835. Postmarked Hamilton U.C. JU 13

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from T.H. Hall, Cobourg Post Office. The letter concerns unclaimed and returned pamphlets with American postage. It is stated that 3 Harbringers and 2 Christian Messengers are returned and asks to be credited with the amount, July 13, 1835. Postmarked Cobourg 13 July 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., from J.L. Howard, Toronto. The letter states that the amount with alterations noted is returned. It is asked that the changes be made, and to send a duplicate receipt for Mr. Ridout’s signature, August 4, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto AU 4 1835

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], Rawdon Post Office. The letter states that the balance due is enclosed, and asks what is due up to the last quarter, August 7, 1835. Postmarked Rawdon 7 Aug 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Geo. Baker, Bytown Post Office. The letter states that the balance owing is enclosed, and asks that a receipt be sent, August 10, 1835. Postmarked Bytown U.C. 10 AUG 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from R. Bell, Carleton Place Post Office. The letter states that the American postage due to the Queenston Office for the quarter ending July 5 1835 is enclosed, August 13, 1835. Postmarked Carleton Place U.C. 13 Aug. 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from W.H. Bottum, Kemptville. The letter states that the amount owing the Queenston Office for American postage is enclosed, August 25, 1835. Postmarked Kemptville U.C. Augt 25 1835 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from [illegible] of Toronto. The writer asks about mail sent to England via New York. If Hamilton is unable to answer his inquiry, he
asks to whom he can apply to ascertain whether the papers pass regularly to England, August 26, 1835. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from James Dowling, Buffalo. The writer states that he expects a letter for him to arrive in Hamilton’s office, and asks that it be forwarded to him when it arrives. He has enclosed money to pay for the letter and asks to be notified if more money is needed and he will send it. He notes that he is in a good situation and thinks he is better working on his own account in Queenston, but notes he is a stranger and does not want to intrude on Hamilton’s time, Augt. 29, 1835. Postmarked Buffalo N.Y. AU 30 and Queenston Se 183?

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Wm. Hands, Sandwich Post Office. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, and asks that its receipt be acknowledged, September 12, 1835. Postmarked Sandwich SEP 12.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from W.H. Merritt and Geo. Coventry, St. Catharines. The letter concerns postage on newspapers forwarded by the Welland Canal Office. It is noted that $36 postage has been charged from this office on papers forwarded to New York, and that the parties refuse to take them because of this. He asks that this be looked into immediately so that the papers may be taken out by the parties at New York for free, September 1835. A note at the bottom asks that it be explained why the paper should have been charged $36. A reply by Hamilton is included on the reverse side. He writes that the $36 were charged by the New York post office, and that they would have to explain what the charge is for, Sept. 23, 1835. Postmarked St. Catharines Sept. 17/35 (date handwritten) and Lewiston[?], N.Y. SEP 20.

Letter to J. Burton, Postmaster, Lewiston, from M. Ross, Post Office Department, Washington. The letter asks that the enclosed circular be sent to the proper office in Canada, September 26, 1835. Postmarked Washington SEP 26 and Queenston OC 3 1835.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from W. Richardson, Post Office, Newmarket. The letter states that the amount due for American postage is enclosed, October 7, 1835. Postmark location illegible, 7 Oct (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from James Kevill, Amherstburg. The letter states that there is a letter enclosed to be forwarded to the United States, November 11, 1835. Postmarked Amherstburg, Nov. 11 1835.

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from J. Ballard of Toronto. The letter states that Mr. Howard has requested that Hamilton be told to discontinue the practice of charging quadruple American postage on letters from the United States, as it makes much trouble in taking receipts for the overcharge. It is acknowledged that the American system allows this for letters composed of four pieces, but not so with us, unless it
weights one ounce. He also asks if letters and papers from the United States can be returned there without the postage being first paid on them, as when persons who move from the area and have their mail forwarded after them, November 11, 1835. A reply by Hamilton is written over the text on the last page of the letter. It is difficult to read. He seems to write that both British and American postage must be paid with letters returned to the postmaster but that postage at Queenston not necessary himself? ...to secure back any letters addressed to Upper Canada, November 18. Postmarked City of Toronto, No [11?], 1835.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Geo. Baker, Bytown Post Office. The letter gives an account of the Bytown post office with the Queenston post office, noting that payment is enclosed. It is mentioned that in the account received there was a charge addressed to Hull, but the writer does not know anything about this, November 17, 1835. Postmarked Bytown U.C. 17 NOV 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from J.L. Howard, Toronto. The letter concerns mail bag labels and locks. He writes that he received a mail bag with a “Quebec” label, but he believes it was actually from Hamilton’s office. It is noted that the lock was not properly secured, so that the contents of the bag were completely exposed. He reminds Hamilton of a recent mail bag lost between Toronto and Hamilton through the carelessness of the contractor, November 18, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. NO 9 1835.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Wilson, Lloydtown. The letter states that payment for U.S. postage is enclosed, November 20, 1835. No postmark.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Levi Kemp, Frelighsburg Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed. It is noted that he knows nothing about Hamilton’s account with the St. Armand post office, and that letters directed to St. Armand are left at Philipsburg post office. He asks for a receipt for the payment, December 3, 1835. Postmarked Frelighsburg 3 DEC 1835 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton from Chas. Bucy, Post Office, Toronto. The letter concerns mail bags. He asks if Hamilton received a leather bag with the ground mail of the 15th from the East, and if so, what was done with it. He also notes that the way bag arrived at St. Catharines without a lock, and asks to be informed if it left Hamilton’s office that way. He asks that the Ground Mail Lock be returned to this office, and the way lock to the St. Catharines Office, if he has it, December 18, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto, U.C. DE 18 1835.

Postmaster Correspondence, 1836

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from David Thorburn, House of Assembly. The letter concerns mail delivery practices and theft. He writes that he was with the mail stage at Beamsville, and caused every vigilance to be used, and had the young man in charge of the post office make out the Bill giving the particulars of the arrival as noted on the roadway bill. He also met with Stephen Cook, the mail contractor at Hamilton, and gave him every particular. He showed them the necessity of having the mail bags at all times. He examined the stage with a candle and found the mail laying on top of the Stage, presenting a thief with an opportunity to take it, particularly in dark places. He hopes these hints will be strictly carried into office, and that the mail contractors realize the necessity of having their drivers strictly attend to these rules, January 16, 1836. Postmarked City of Toronto JA 18 1836.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from L. Duvert, St. Charles. The letter states that there are several errors in the account received from Hamilton. It is stated that he never received the packet claimed in the account, and that it must have been sent to some other office. The office never receives more than 2 or 3 American papers from Queenston. He asks that these gross errors be corrected and he will pay the remaining balance, January 18, 1836. Postmarked appears to be St. Charles, 19 January 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from F. Somers and Chas. Fraser, Delaware. The letter concerns an overcharge. The writer asks that if the overcharge can be recovered, to please give him credit for it and notify him, February 1, 1836. A reply by Hamilton is included, which is largely illegible. Postmarked Delaware 1 Feby 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Charles Rubidge, Otonabee. The letter states that payment is enclosed, February 13, 1836. Postmarked Otanabee U.C. 13 Feby. 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Charles [illegible], Napanee. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage. The account is now overpaid, and it is asked that the extra money be placed to his credit, February 17, 1836. Postmarked Napanee 17 Feby 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Gordon Buchanan, Colchester. The letter states that a partial payment is enclosed. The remaining amount owing will be remitted in the ensuing quarter, as he cannot conveniently make the charge at the present, February 20, 1836. Colchester U.C. 20 Feby 1836 (date handwritten).
Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from T.H. Hall, Cobourg. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage, being fifteen dollars, eight and a half cents. He has enclosed sixteen dollars and asks that the extra money be placed to his credit, March 1, 1836. Postmarked Cobourg 1 Mar 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from C. Whitaker, Sherbrooke. The letter states that payment for the amount owing is enclosed, and asks that a receipt be sent, April 7, 1836. Postmarked Sherbrooke 7 April 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from W. Acker[?], Belleville. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed May 21, 1836. Postmarked Belleville 21 May (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from the Kitley Post Office. The letter states that payment for U.S. postage is enclosed, May 31, 1836. No postmark.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Geo. Smith, Post Dalhousie Post Office. The letter states that a payment for American postage is enclosed, and that the account is now overpaid, June 2, 1836. Postmarked Port Dalhousie U.C. 3 June 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J.B. Meilleur, L’Assomption. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, June 10, 1836. Postmarked Assomption 10 June 1836 (date handwritten).

To the P.M., Queenston, from [illegible] Monaghan. The letter states that a payment on account is enclosed, June 25, 1836. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from W. J. Sloane, Holland Landing Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed, July 22, 1836. Postmark is illegible, 22 July 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from W.H. Merritt, St. Catharines Post Office. The letter states that payment for A. P. is enclosed, and asks that receipt be acknowledged by return of post, August 2, 1836. Postmarked St. Catharines, Aug 3 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from W. Chamberlain (per E.L. Kay), Kitley. The letter states that the amount owing is enclosed, as per the bill rendered, August 1836. Postmark location not legible, 16 Augt 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Post Office, Queenston, from Jospeh A. Keeler, Colborne. The letter concerns an enclosed payment for A.P. [American postage] due to Hamilton’s office for the quarter ending July 5, 1836. He asks that this be debited in the next quarter, August 27, [18]36. Postmarked Colborne 28 August 36 (date handwritten). Reverse side is
addressed to Joseph Keeler, Colburn, U.C, with a partially illegible postmark dated 12 August 183[?] (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P. Master, Queenston, from C. Griffin, Post Office, Goderich. The letter states that by the time this letter reaches him, he will have received the amount of postage due by this [office] to the Queenston office, through Mr. E. Taylor from Toronto. The payment is for the last quarters postage. He notes that the difficulty in obtaining money in this place prevents him from transmitting the quarters postages as regularly as he would like, August 29, 1836. Handwritten postmark, Goderich 29 Aug. 36.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Jno. B. Warren, Whitby Post Office. The letter states that the amount owing for U. States postage is enclosed, being 7 ½ cents over the amount due, November 2, 1836. Postmarked Whitby Nov. 2 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from H. Eisner?, Orford. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, November 1836. Postmarked Orford Nov 7 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from James Kevill, Amherstburg. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed. It is noted that there is a mistake on Hamilton’s way bill of August 23, November 8, 1836. Postmarked Amherstburg NOV 9 1836.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Thomas Hall Woolrich, Hemmingford. The letter states that payment for American postage due on newspapers is enclosed, November 11, 1836. Postmarked Hemmingford L.C. Nov 17 1836 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Post Master, Queenston, from J. Merry, Bolton. The letter states that the amount owing for U. States postage has been forwarded, November 14, 1836. Postmarked Bolton Nov 14 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from James Bourchier, Georgina. The letter concerns postage charged on a newspaper published in Montreal. The writer inquires why the paper is sent through the post office at Queenston and why one cent of postage is charged. The recipient has refused to pay the postage. It is noted that this is the third time this has occurred, November 14, 1836. A reply by Hamilton is illegible, November 22, 1836. Postmarked Georgina, U.C. Nov 16 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Thos. Radcliff, Adelaide. The letter states that he has sent another instalment. He finds it difficult to put all in one sum and hopes that Hamilton with bear with him, November 19, 1836. Hamilton has written a short
account at the bottom of the page. Postmarked Adelaide U.C. 19 Nov 36 (date handwritten).

**Postmaster Correspondence, 1837**

1.8 Record of accounts sent to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Goderich. One page of accounts for 26 individuals to January 5, 1837. Handwritten postmark, Goderich 20 Feby. 1837.

Letter to the Queenston Post Office from J.A. Keeler, Colborne. The letter states that payment is enclosed for A.P., February 14, 1837. Postmarked Colborne U.C. Feb 15 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Hall, Lanark. The letter states that the amount owing for U.S postage is enclosed, February 23, 1837. Postmarked Lanark Feby 23 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Levi Bigelow, Buckingham. The letter is an account by Hamilton of money owed by the Buckingham post office, with a handwritten note by the Buckingham Postmaster. The note indicates that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, which leaves a balance in his favour, February 24, 1837. A red seal obscures some of Hamilton’s writing. Postmarked Buckingham L.C. Feby 24 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Thos. [illegible] (per J. Robinson), Norton Creek. The letter states that the amount owing for American postage is enclosed, 1837. Postmarked Norton Creek L.C. March 15 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton of Queenston from [illegible], post office, Consecon. The letter states that the letter bills returned for correction have been received unchanged, and he has been compelled to send them to the Genl. P.O. in Quebec. He notes that he has examined the several P.O. tables and finds that the actual distance from this office to Queenston is 214 miles, which would make the postage of a light letter 11[?] d. ferriage. He adds that the letter bills changed previous to the Department order of the 22nd, which reduced [?] the order [?] of 2 d. ferriage. There is a tear on the bottom right pages. This does not affect the text, April 21, 1837. Handwritten postmark, Consecon, 21 April 1837.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from John Lesslie, Dundas Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage. It is noted that the balance is a little less than Hamilton stated, May 4, 1837. An account statement by Hamilton is included on the opposite page. Postmarked Dundas May 4 (date handwritten).
Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from John Matheson, Embro Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed, and that Hamilton’s account appears correct to him, May 9, 1837. Handwritten postmark, Embro May 9, 1837.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from [illegible], Kingston. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage, and asks that a receipt be returned, May 10, 1837. Postmarked Kingston May 9.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Jno. Longley, Maitland. The letter states that payment is enclosed for United States postage, May 15, 1837. Postmarked Maitland U.C. 15 May (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Chas. Hersey (per W. Hersey), Hawkesbury. The letter states that there was a charge omitted from his account for U. States postage. He provides a revised summary of the account, and notes that payment is enclosed, May 15, 1837. Postmarked Hawkesbury 16 May (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J. [Elies?], P.M., Beaverton. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage. A note at the bottom is a reply to an inquiry by Hamilton, and states that there is no entry of a mail received on April 4 from the Queenston office, May 16, 1837. Postmarked Beaverton U.C. 16 May 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M, Queenston, from Alex. Davidson, Post Office, Niagara. The letter states that he has sent a ream of post office paper, as requested. If it is not suitable, he can order another kind. He notes that the paper is sold there according to the invoice, without adding any charges. He provides some prices for fine post and foolscap, May 19, 1837. Postmarked Niagara 19 May 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from A. McMahon (per J. McDonald), Fitzroy Harbor. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage, May 24, 1837. Postmarked Fitzroy Harbor U.C. 24 May 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Daniel Snyder, Waterloo. The letter states that Hamilton’s account of American Postage is correct, June 6, 1837. Postmarked Waterloo U.C. June 6 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [T?] Brown, Milton. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, and that he has been negligent in taking so long to send it, June 20, 1837. Postmarked Milton, U.C. 23 June 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from E.D.L. Wilkins (per J.Wilson), Consecon. The letter states that payment is enclosed for the postage due, and asks that receipt be acknowledged, June 26, 1837. Postmarked Consecon U.C. June 26 37 (date handwritten).
Letter to Mr. Hamilton of Queenston from Mr. Scobie, General Agent, London. The letter refers to an understanding between the proprietors of the newspapers the New York Immigrant and the Old Countrymen, and the Postmaster at Lewiston, that the U.S postage on the Emigrant was to be charged against the Canada post office upon entry into the province at Queenston. It is also noted that there was an understanding that no such charge was to be made on the Albion, their U.S. postage having always been paid by the proprietor. The writer adds that several subscribers to the Albion have stated that they have been charged the U.S. postage on the paper. He refers Hamilton to the Postmaster at Lewiston on the subject, with whom Dr. Bartlett settles annually for the Albion postage, London, July 11, 1837. An entry by the post office at Lewiston is included below, which states that it is by mistake the postage is charged, if it ever is. It is noted that the Albion sometimes comes mixed with other papers, so it is possible they are charged by mistake, July 19, 1837. A reply by Hamilton is included after this, which was sent to the U.S. Postmaster [name illegible]. He writes that he has stated that he is not authorized to make the collection, but he would forward the letter for your information, n.d. Postmarked London 12 July (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John Smith (late P.M.), Paris. The letter states that a quantity of dead papers on hand in the office are being returned, charging the amount of American postage. It is noted that a payment is enclosed to liquidate the account, July 4, 1837. Postmarked Paris U.C. Aug. 1 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Chas. Biggar, P.O. Murray. The letter states that a bill of the Suspension Bridge Bank is enclosed to pay for the U.S. postage charged to their office, July 21, 1837. Postmarked Murray 21 July 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Lockwood, Brighton. The letter states that payment is enclosed, and that the bill was correct with his books, August 4, 1837. Postmarked Brighton 4 Aug 1837 (date handwritten) and Kingston Up-Can Mar 5.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from James Anderson, Hull. The letter states that payment for U.S. postage is enclosed, August 15, 1837. Postmarked Hull, 15 Augt 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from T. Cooper, Nelson. The letter notes that the U.S. postage must be paid, and asks what is allowed for sovereigns, as he will likely remit them. He also asks if John Hunter is still living with him. If so, he notes that Hunter owes him money, and asks if Hamilton would allow him to take the debt out of his postage account. Hamilton can recover the money by taking it out of Hunter’s wages, August 24, 1837. Postmarked Nelson 24 Augt 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from the Post Office, Woodstock. The letter asks if he has any objection to receiving next quarters U.S. postage in Bank of Upper
Canada notes instead of specie. He notes that he finds it difficult to collect in a part of the country so inland as this is. With respect to the note with the side cut off, he does not recollect where he received it, but will be happy to send another in exchange, September, 1837. Postmarked Woodstock U.C., 16 Sept. 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Jno. C.W. Daly, Stratford. The letter states that an account for U. States postage is annexed, to which he has added the balance due from last quarter as well. The account Hamilton sent him agreed with his books, October 12, 1837. The second and third pages contain the account statement. Postmarked Stratford U.C. 14 Octr. 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from William Bagshaw, Brock Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed and asks that a receipt be sent. An account of the amount owing is included below the letter, October 17, 1837. Handwritten postmark, Brock U.C., Oct. 17/1837.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from J. Black, Port Colborne. The letter states that he has received the U.S. postage to October 5, 1837. Postmarked Port Colborne (partially illegible) 18 Nov 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from James McQueen, Fergus. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed, n.d. Postmarked Fergus U.C. 23 Nov. 37 (date handwritten).


Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Geo. Mittleberger, Smith Falls. The letter states that payment for American postage is included, and asks that this be credited to his account, November 25, 1837. Postmarked Smith’s Falls U.C. Nov. 25 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John Bears, Clarke. The letter states that payment for A.P. is enclosed, November 29, 1837. Postmarked Clarke U.C. 29 Nov. 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [T.G.?] Anderson, Coldwater Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage, December 3, 1837. Postmarked Coldwater (partially illegible) 3 Dec. 37 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from [Adolph Meyer?], McKillop. The letter states that payment has been sent for American postage, and asks that a receipt be sent. He disagrees with the other amount owing to Hamilton, and provides an account for this. If Hamilton finds this correct, he will send the aforesaid amount,
December 1, 1837. A reply by Hamilton is included after the letter. He states that some of the amounts do not appear in his books and asks that the receipts be forwarded, which if found to be correct, the charge will be omitted, December 11, 1837. Handwritten postmark, McKillop 1 Dec 37.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from McGillivray Post Office. The letter states that he hands payment for American postage to Hamilton for the quarter ending October 5, 1837. Date on reverse is December 11, 1837. Handwritten postmark, McGillivray 6 Dec 37.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from T.B. [illegible], [Chilson?]. The letter states that payment is enclosed, [December] 14, 1837. Postmarked Prescott (partially illegible) DE 20 1837.

Postmaster Correspondence, 1838

1.9 Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Edw. Ermatinger, St. Thomas. The letter states that the enclosed bill was received, with only 4 letters accompanying it. He asks what the postage should have been, and if he can refer to his books to find out. His assistant did not explain sufficiently at the time, January 4, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included at the top of the page. He states that the marks are not from his office but [Mr. Berczy's?] at Toronto, and he may have taken the letters, n.d. Postmarked St. Thomas 4 Jany 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Jas. Little (per Wm. H. White), Erieus. The letter states that payment for U.S. postage was sent to the Queenston post office on the 22nd, and asks that Hamilton acknowledge its receipt if it has safely arrived, January 19, 1838. Postmarked Erieus U.C. 19 Jany 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from [name absent], Brighton Post Office. The letter states that the account for U.S. postage is incorrect. The bottom half of the letter is missing. This affects the text and signature. He notes that he makes it a point to pay the Frontier Offices punctually, and that if he has any back charges excepting the last quarter he does not have a record of them. He asks if he is to pay the amount due to Mr. [Berczy's?] post office at Toronto, February 1, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included. He notes that the charge seems to have originated in the Brampton account, but was disclaimed by the P.M. of that place. He found that a mistake had been made in transferring it from the Sent Book. The bottom of the letter is missing. This affects the text, February 7, [1838]. Postmarked Brighton U.C. 1 Feb 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from R. Bell, Carleton Place Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for U.S. postage, February 7, 1838. Postmarked Carleton Place U.C. 9 Feby. 1838 (date handwritten).
Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from [N.?] Pawling, Port Dalhousie. The letter states that payment is enclosed, February 8, 1838. Postmarked Port Dalhousie U.C., no date.


Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from S. McCall, Vittoria Post Office. The letter states that he has found two errors in the account of Am. Postage for the quarter ending January 5, 1838. He has found an overcharge of one dollar. He asks that Hamilton refer to his books for the dates in question, February 16, 1838. Postmarked Vittoria 18 Feby 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Jas. Hogg, York Mills. The letter states that the amount of U.S. postage has been forwarded to Mr. Bergie[?]. He notes that he believes he has been overcharged 50 cents, and asks that this be credited, February 17, 1838. Postmarked York Mills U.C. 17 Feb 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton at Queenston from S. McCall, P.M, Vittoria. The letter concerns a report that it is believed that no letters are permitted to come from or go into the Old World, and if sealed, are opened at your office. The writer believes this is false, and asks that Hamilton write him back to confirm this. The writer believes that this report may have been put in circulation by McKenzie in the U.S., February 17, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included. He addresses the issue of letters being opened at this office, but the remainder of the message is largely illegible, n.d. No postmark.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Joseph Forsyth, Smithville Post Office. The letter states that he has forwarded to Mr. Berczy the amount due by this office for U.S. postage, and expect this acknowledgement will answer to the same purpose as Hamilton’s, February 23, [18]38. Postmarked Smithville U.C. 23 Feby 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from P. Hubbard Jr., Stanstead Post Office. The letter states that he has sent the balance of the account against Mr. Child, his predecessor, for U.S. postage to Dec. 15 last, March 12, 1838. Postmarked Stanstead L.C. Mar 12 1838 (2 identical postmarks).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from William [illegible], Walpole. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage. The amount is what was handed to him by Mr. Cooper, the late P.M. for Walpole, and is all that appears in the books, April 20, 1838. An account statement is included on the front page. Postmarked Walpole U.C. April 20 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John Manning, Manningville. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage, as stated in the bill he received.
He apologizes for the delay, April 24, 1838. Postmarked Manningville L.C. 24 April 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Z. Hell, St. Johns. The letter concerns American postage due to Hamilton from the St. Johns post office. The writer tries to clarify a rumour that he is planning to take a case against Hamilton to the Commissioners of the Court of Request concerning U.S. postage charges, which involves a Mr. Davis, April 27, 1838. Postmarked Saint Johns, U.C., May 3 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Abraham Cooke, Mohawk. The letter concerns American postage due to Hamilton from the Mohawk office. The writer states that he has received the account balance and sent payment to Chas. [Rorczy?] in Toronto, as requested. He notes that he found an error in the account, which he asks be corrected, May 16, 1838. Postmarked Mohawk U.C. 17 May 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Peter Charles [illegible], Industry Village. The letter states that he has received the account from his office, and has enclosed the amount to liquidate the demand, which will settle his account. A note at the bottom indicates that he has nothing less than 25 cents to send, as it is very hard to get change in this quarter, May 25, 1838. Postmarked Industry May 25 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from McKenzie, Madoc. The letter states that payment is enclosed for American postage, and asks that receipt be acknowledged, May 25, 1838. Handwritten postmark, 25 May Madoc.

Letter to Queenston, from [W. Waters], Cedars Post Office. The letters states that he received the old Yankee lost bill, showing the amount still due. He writes there must be a hole in the balance somewhere. He states that the balance shows 50 cents added to the account, but more than 25 cents never came to the office, May 30, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included at the bottom. The reply is very difficult to read, n.d. Postmarked Cedars[?] 30 May 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from John [name missing], Hemmingford. The letter states that payment for the last two quarters has been sent. He notes that it should have been sent previously, but he was absent on a journey and his clerk neglected to send it, July 4, 1838. Postmarked Hemmingford [L.C.?] July 5 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from John Stayner, Toronto. The letter states that an arrangement was made in some areas (Stamford) where there was no post office to allow a person to receive letters, and be accountable to the Postmasters at Queenston and Drummondville for the postage. He has been informed that Hamilton [?????] the arrangement and that a bag was sent to his office. He asks that
an enclosed mail book be forwarded to the Postmaster at Drummondville, and another
to the person appointed at Stamford to circulate letters. The person appointed at
Stamford is Lieut. Col. [Rorback?], July 11, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included across
the last page. The reply is difficult to read. He writes that letters [be sent] to Rorback,
Esq., and S. Falconbridge, P.M. Drummondville, with keys for way bag for Stamford, n.d.
Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. JY 10 1838.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Wm. Ambridge, Mersea. The letter states
that payment is enclosed for American postage for the last quarter. It is noted that no
bill has been received for July 1, for which he is charged 26 cents. He also sent in money
for which he has received no credit. A letter accompanies this package which is to be
sent to England by the way of New York, and to please pay the postage on it, August 9,
1838. Postmarked Mersea U.C. 9 Augt 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Edw. Ermatinger, St. Thomas. The letter
states that the bill which was sent is enclosed, and is overcharged by $10. He states that
when the bill comes back he will immediately remit, August 11, 1838. A reply by
Hamilton is included at the bottom of the page. The reply is largely illegible, n.d.
Postmarked St. Thomas 11 Aug. 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Alexander [illegible], Fort
Erie Post Office. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed,
August 11, 1838. Handwritten postmark, Fort Erie, 13 Augt 38.

Letter to [A. Hamilton], Queenston, from [J. Trap?], Eaton Post Office. The letter states
that payment is enclosed, August 14, 1838. Part of the letter is missing. This affects the
address on the front. Postmarked Eaton 14 Aug 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from J.M. Hamilton, Penetanguishene.
The letter states that the amount owing for U. States postage has been remitted to Mr.
Berczy's post office in Toronto. He notes that he finds the account to be not quite
correct and provides a brief account statement, August 15, 1838. Postmarked
Penetanguishene U.C. 15 Augt. 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from J. Williamson, Stoney Creek Post Office. The
letter states that payment is enclosed, as per the statement. A brief account is included,
August 17, 1838. Postmarked Stoney Creek August 17 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], P.M. (per
L. Lawless), London Post Office. The letter states that several errors were found in the
account, a memorandum of which is listed below. It is also noted that several errors
were found in the last two quarters. He asks that the enclosed account be returned
after examination, and the difference in amount can be changed next quarter,
September 15, 1838. A brief note by Hamilton is included at the bottom, which is difficult to read. Postmarked London Sept 15 38 (date handwritten).

Letter to the P.M., Queenston, from James McQueen, Fergus. The letter states that receipts for the rebate of overcharges amounting to 75 cents is enclosed, October 18, 1838. A brief note by Hamilton at the bottom indicates it was received and filed. Postmarked Fergus U.C. Oct 18 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from William [illegible], Walpole Post Office. The letter states that payment for American postage is enclosed. A detailed account statement is included on the first page, October 19, 1838. Postmarked Walpole U.C. 19 Oct 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from Jos. Bascom, Uxbridge Post Office. The letter contains a brief account statement for U.S. postage for the quarter ending October 1838. It is asked to please correct the account if not right, October 23, 1838. Postmarked Uxbridge U.C. 23 Oct 1838 (date handwritten).

List of newspapers returned to Queenston, addressed to the P.M., Queenston from the Post Office, Hamilton. A note at the bottom asks that the P.M. at Queenston please deduct the balance from the Hamilton account, October 26, 1838. Postmarked Hamilton OCT 26 U.C.

Letter addressed to the Postmaster at Queenston from Mr. Richardson, P.M. The letter contains a table titled “Specification of unclaimed and refused American newspapers forwarded herewith to Queenston from the Brantford P.O., November 5, 1838”. Postmarked Brantford, NOV 5 [very faint].

Letter to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Edwin [illegible], Grenville Post Office. The letter states that payment has been sent for American postage. It is asked that receipt be acknowledged, November 22, 1838. Postmarked Grenville 23 Nov 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from J. [M????], Walpole Post Office. The letter states that several letters that come to this post office remain[?] at Dunnville. He asks that letters for Rainham and letters addressed to [Pantieve?] be mailed directly this this office, December 7, 1838. Postmarked Walpole U.C. 7 Dec 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Alex. Sobie, York P.O. The letter states that in the last account given to him for American postage, a credit for papers returned was omitted. A brief account is included. It is asked that this be examined, and the amount credited to his account if correct. He notes that he has remitted to Mr. Berczy the balance according to the account, December 20, 1838. A note by Hamilton is included at the bottom, which is difficult to read. Postmarked York U.C. 21 De 1838.
Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Chas. Berczy, Toronto. The letter states that a translation of a letter from Jos. Lecour, P.M., Longueuil, is included [on the first page], December 27, 1838. The letter concerns Lecour’s account, December 16, 1838. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. De 28 1838.

**Postmaster Correspondence, 1839-1841**

1.10 Letter (in French) to the Postmaster, Toronto, Upper Canada, from Tim Fraser, St. Jean Port Joli. The writer states that he received his letter by which he asks for a small balance. He cannot figure out what the charge is for, as he did not receive any foreign paper, except for Mr. DeGaspé of New York, whom he charges per number and the post office of Quebec itself charges each time it sends to him, and to whom he accounts at each quarter. If the balance is from here, please let him know, January 5, 1839. Postmarked Montreal JA 1839.


Letter (printed) to A. Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from the Post Office, New York. The letter contains instructions regarding packet postage, January 1839. A handwritten note is included on the following page mentioning the enclosed advertisements with the time of departure of the different steamers, January 24, 1839 [signature illegible]. Postmarked New York JAN 24.


Letter (printed) to the P.M., Queenston, from the Post Office, New York. The letter contains instructions regarding packet postage, January 1839. Part of the left side is missing. This affects the text. Postmarked Queenston JA 28 1839.

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from G.K. Foster, Richmond. The letter is in reply and states that the date of the bill for U.S. postage was September 27, 1838, which included one letter. He states that this letter he received from the office should have been sent to Richmond U.C., February 21, 1839. Postmarked Richmond L.C. 21 Feby (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], Streetsville Post Office. The letter states that payment is enclosed for packet postage due to the Queenston post

Letter to the Postmaster, Queenston, from [name illegible], Richmond P.O. The letter states that he has received the account for U.S. postage and finds it correct. He adds that he is sending the back of a letter received there bearing American postage and originally mailed at Buffalo. There appears to be an overcharge, which was objected to by the person to whom the letter was addressed. He does not know what the postage is from Buffalo to Queenston and was therefore hesitant to take less than what was charged. He has also enclosed a payment, February 27, 1839. Postmarked Richmond (partly illegible) 27 Feby 39 (date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Thos. Demorest, Demorestville. The letter states that he found some errors with the last bill, which he has noted on the bill and returned so that it can be compared to Hamilton’s books. He has found a balance of $2.38, which is enclosed. He asks if Hamilton finds this to be correct, September 1, 1839. Postmarked Demorestville Sept. 5 1839 (date handwritten).

Letter to the Postmaster, Grimsby, from [Chapman?], Queenston Post Office. The letter states that the office received a letter a few days since for Mr. Stewart of [Stamford?], and, as requested, sent it by Express. There appears to be a problem with the delivery. Postmarked Queenston U.C. Jan 26 1841.

Sub-series C: Postal (Stampless) Covers, 1818-1838, n.d.


Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston. The right side of the letter is missing. No signature is present as a result. Part of the letter is stained and the text faded. The contents cannot be easily read, October 29, 1821. Postmarked Niagara U.C. Oct 29 1821.

Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, [Dec. 1821]. Straight line postmark, Montreal, date illegible.


Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from the Genl. Post Office, Quebec. Postmarked Quebec Sep 12 1828.

A Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Gl. P.O. [General Post Office]. Postmarked Quebec Dec 26 1830.
The Postmaster at Queenston. Part of the letter is visible when paper is unfolded, and is
dated at Guelph, April 26 1831. Postmark is illegible, date is handwritten April 26, 1831.

A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from the G.P.O. [General Post Office]. Postmarked
Quebec OC 4 1831.

A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from the G.P.O. [General Post Office], Quebec. Postmarked Quebec JY 1835.

Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Wm. Richardson. Postmarked Brantford
1836 (date handwritten).

A. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from Jno. [Joseph?]. Postmarked City of Toronto
AP 29 1837

Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff, Niagara Dt., Queenston, from Wm. Robertson. Postmarked
Canboro U.C. 29 March 1838 (date handwritten).

Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from J. Knowlson. Postmarked Cavan 12 Jany (date
handwritten).

Scrap of paper to the Post Office, Queenston, Money Fair. Postmarked Hillier, Feb 15.

Sub-series D: Lists, 1833-1839

1.12 Printed list of names for whom letters remain at the Queenston Post Office, January 5,
1833. A handwritten note at the bottom states that Mr. Hamilton will be obliged by any
information respecting the removal of any of the above families.

List (printed) of letters remaining in the Post Office at Queenston, on the 5th January,
1838.

List (printed) of letters remaining in the Post Office at Queenston, October 5, 1838. (2
identical copies)

Printed list of names for whom there are letters remaining in the Queenston Post Office,
April 5, 1838.

List (printed) of letters remaining in the Post Office at Queenston, January 9, 1839.
There are 2 lists. Each list contains some tears which interfere with the text, but the
complete document can be fully read between the two lists.

Sub-series E: Receipts and Accounts, 1829-1838
Receipt (printed blank) for account of postage received for steam-boat letters at this office, and of two pence paid to the bringers of the same, during the period commencing April 5, 1828 and ending January 5, 1829. The form includes the date; by what steam-boat received; number of letters; and amount of postage received.

Receipt (printed blank) to Thomas A. Stayner from Alexander Hamilton acknowledging receipt of three pounds and eighteen shillings, for the transportation of mail, April 5, 1831.

Receipt (printed blank) from the postmaster at Queenston to Thomas Allen Stayner, acknowledging receipt of twelve pounds, ten shillings for commission on the net amount of postage received at this office, October 5, 1832.

Account (printed blank) between the post office at Queenston and the General Post Office at Quebec for the quarter ending January 5, 1837. The statement is signed by Alexander Hamilton, postmaster, and Robt. Grant, J.P. A handwritten note at the bottom notes that newspaper money is not to be brought into the acct. current for British postage, but may come into another acct.

Account (printed blank) from the Toronto Post Office to Queenston, accounting for American postage for the quarter. It is signed by A. Hamilton, July 5, 1837. Two sheets.

Account (printed blank) from the Babyville Post Office to Queenston, for American postage for the quarter. It is signed by A. Hamilton, January[?] 5, 1838. A handwritten note by T.A. Stayner indicates that the amount calculated is not correct as the letter bill will show. He also writes that the P.M. of Babyville says that there was no U.S. postage on the letter. There is another reply written on the back [signature illegible] which states that the demand is probably correct, but according to the bill he sees no other way of accounting for it. It is added that it has been remitted to the General Post Office so that it can be regulated there.

Receipt from the Queenston Post Office to the Stoney Creek Post Office for American postage, signed by Alex Hamilton, August 20, 1838.

Account of unpaid way letters received at, and of paid way letters sent from, the Post Office at Queenston, to the General Post Office. Signed by Alexander Hamilton, October 5, 1838.

Account of Toronto Post Office to Queenston, in account for American postage for the quarter ending October 5, 1838 (printed blank). Two separate forms, completed differently, covering the same dates.

Receipt (printed blank) for currency received from Thomas Stayner, Dy. P. M. Genl., for the purchase of stationary for the post office, to be signed by the Post-Master, 183[?]. There are 2 copies, both of which are blank.
Account for newspaper and pamphlet dues collected, and of cash remitted to the Deputy Post Master General (printed blank), 183[?]. The form is blank.

Account with Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, and the General Post Office (printed blank). The form is completed and shows a balance due to the General Post Office of $3987.70. The date is not filled in, but the year on the form is 183[?].

Account of mails sent from the distributing Post Office at Lewiston, County of Niagara, State of New York (printed blank), n.d. The form is blank.

**Sub-series F: Oaths, 1833-1834**

1.14 Oath (printed blank) for deputy-postmaster, or other persons employed by the postmaster. The oath was sworn by [Owen?] Hamilton at Queenston, November 1833.

Oath of office (printed blank) for Frederick Barton Tench, Catherine Maria Hamilton, and Lewis Rooke Marsh, sworn at Queenston, December 25, 1834. A handwritten note signed by T.A. Stayner states that this oath of office does not authorize any postmaster or his office to open letters unless special authority has been granted by the D.P.M.G.

Oath of Office (printed blank). The form is blank. It is noted that no Deputy-Postmaster, or person employed under him, can act until he has taken this oath before a Justice of the Peace for the County or place where he resides, 183[?].

**Sub-series G: Maps, n.d.**

1.15 Sketch of Niagara River between Queenston and Chippawa (coloured). Red arrows affixed to the map mark certain locations, including Lewiston; Queenston; the crossing over the Niagara River between Queenston and Lewiston; Portage Road; Ferry Miles (2 ½) over the River between Fort Schlosser and Chippawa Creek; and Chippawa. The map is engraved by J & C Walker, n.d.

Sketch of Niagara Falls, the Rapids and Vicinity by [R.C.?] for statistical account of U. Canada (black and white). The map includes the ferry route to Fort Schlosser (2 ½ miles); severity of the rapids and current; battle ground at Chippawa; battle ground at Lundy’s Lane; Township of Willoughby; Township of Stamford; District of Niagara; Chippawa Village; and the State of New York.

**Sub-series H: Tables, 1829-1846**
1.16 Table of Post Towns in the British Provinces in North America on the Main Post Route to which letters may be conveyed by the Post, with the Distances and the Rates of Postage for a single letter in Halifax Currency, constructed by F.A. Stayner, Dy. Post Master General in 1829.


Table of postage towns in the English provinces of North America, on the Great Postal Road, to which letters can be transported by post, with distances and shipping rates for a single letter, Halifax current money (printed, in French), T. A. Stayner, General Post Office, Quebec, January 1841. A note on the table points out a stitch watermark in the paper.

Table of Post Offices (numbers 1 to 47), in French, from the Commissioners Report to inquire into the affairs of the Post Office Department in North America, Appendix to Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, vol. 5, issue 1, 1846 (Appendix F), five pages.

Sub-series I: Way Bills/Mail Bills, 1825-1838

1.17 Way bill (printed blank) from Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, December 28, 1825, signed by J.B. Warren. A note asks that the Whitby office be credited for payment of American postage.

Way bill (printed blank) from Perth Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, August 6, 1826, signed by J. Tayler. It is noted that the bill is for United States postage.

Way bill (printed blank) from Burford Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, January 15, 1827, signed by Geo. Whitaker[?].

Way bill (printed blank) from the Toronto Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, April 14, 1827, signed by Joseph Carter. A note indicates it is returned for correction.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, April 27, 1827, signed by Jno. B. Warren. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage is enclosed.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Toronto Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, August 4, 1827, signed by Joseph Carter. A note indicates the amount of the bill has been sent.
Way bill (printed blank) from the Darlington Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, October 27, 1827, signed by James Black. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage for the quarter ending October 5, 1827 is enclosed.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, October 30, 1827, signed by Jno. B. Warren. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage is enclosed.

Way bill (printed blank) from St. Catharines Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, October 31, 1827, signed by H. Leavenworth for Wm. Hamilton Merritt. A note indicates there is an error in the latest account of American postage. It is stated that the money will come soon.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Stoney Creek Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, November 2, 1827, signed by J. Williamson.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by J.B. Warren, February 5, 1828. A note indicates the amount owing has been forwarded.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by Jno. B. Warren, May 2, 1828. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage has been sent.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by Jno. B. Warren, November 4, 1828. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage is enclosed.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Stoney Creek Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by John Williamson, February 16, 1829. A note indicates the amount owing is remitted.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Dundas Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, February 27, 1829, signed by Edw. Lesslie.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Ancaster Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, April 3, 1829.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by J.B. Warren, May 8, 1829. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage is enclosed.

Way bill (printed blank) from the Trafalgar Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, May 21, 1829, signed by R. Young[?]. A note indicates the amount owing is enclosed.
Way bill (printed blank) from the Whitby Post Office to the Queenston Post Office, signed by Jno. B. Warren, July 31, 1829. A note indicates the amount owing for American postage is enclosed.

Way bills (printed blank) from Queenston to Lewiston, January-February 1831 (4 bills)

Way bills, Queenston Post Office to Lewiston Post Office, January-March 1831. (22 altogether)

Mail bill (printed blank) for Quebec from A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston. A handwritten note asks that a copy of the letter bill of January 4 last be sent to the Albion P.O., 183[?].

Printed blank way bill between Queenston and Dunnville, April 26-27 1833.

Mail bill for Adolphustown (printed blank) from A. Hamilton, P.M., June 14 1833. A note on the back states that the amount owing has been forwarded for the quarter ending April 5, 1833, signed by J.D. Gilbert, P.M., June 19, 1833.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Prescott from A. Hamilton, Queenston, April 24, 1834.

Mail bill for Adelaide (printed blank), from A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, August 13, 1834.

Mail bill for Brockville (printed blank) from the Post Office at Queenston, September 11, 183[?]

Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Orillia, October 15, 1835.

Mail bill (printed blank) from Queenston. The back side has an account of lumber, 1835.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Babyville from the Post Office at Queenston, Alexander Hamilton, December 29, 183[?]. A note states that the Kingston postmaster makes a demand of 17 cents upon this bill as American postage. He has accounted for its contents by examining the monthly sheets, and asks that any errors be rectified, noting that the demand is probably correct, and that the bill is incorrect, signed by J. Bigelow[?].

Mail bill (printed blank) for Brockville from the Post Office at Queenston for U. States postage, October 10, 1836.

Mail bill (printed blank) for [Yanucka?] from the Post Office at Queenston, A. Hamilton, April 8, 1837.

Mail bill (printed blank) for McKillop from the Queenston Post Office for American postage, April 21, 1837.
Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Etobicoke, signed by T. Wilcox, May 2, 1837. A note indicates that the American postage is forwarded for the quarter ending January 5, 1837.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Colchester from the Post Office at Queenston, November 15, 1836. A note on the back from the Colchester post office notes that payment of one dollar is enclosed, and requests that the remaining 7 ½ cents be charged to the next quarter, signed by Gordon Buchanan, February 11, 1837.

Receipt (handwritten) for the Postmaster at St. Catharines for 25 cents, for an overcharge on a letter from Boston, signed by K. McDonell, June 20, 1837.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Keswick, signed by B.W. Smith, August 30, 1837.

Receipt (printed blank) for the Postmaster of Ancaster for 25 cents, being overcharged for a letter from New York directed to G. R. Penfold, Ancaster, October 30, 1837.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Hamilton, signed by E. Ritchie, June 12, 1838.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Hamilton, Edmund Ritchie, P.M., June 26, 1838.

Mail bill (printed blank) for Queenston from the Post Office at Hamilton, Edmund Ritchie, P.M., June 28, 1838.

Sub-series J: Mail Books, 1834-1838

Sent Mail, 1834-1838

O1.1 Sent mail, January 29, 1834 to March 22, 1834. 100 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; the office to which it was sent; amount paid; forwarded amount; number of free letters; number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2 Sent Mail, January 26, 1836 to April 5, 1836. 100 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; number of free letters; number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2 Sent Mail, April 6 1836 to May 26, 1836. 92 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; number of money letters; and remarks.
O1.2  Sent Mail, May 27, 1836 to July 15, 1836. 100 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount paid and unpaid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2  Sent Mail, July 16, 1836 to August 31, 1836. 98 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2  Sent Mail, September 1, 1836 to October 20, 1836. 98 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2  Sent Mail, October 21, 1836 to November 19, 1836. 94 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O1.2  Sent Mail, November 21, 1836 to December 30, 1836. 80 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.1  Sent Mail, September 23, 1837 to October 26, 1837. 78 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.1  Sent Mail, October 27, 1837 to November 29, 1837. 80 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.1  Sent Mail, November 30, 1837 to December 30, 1837. 78 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and records the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.2  Sent Mail, April 3, 1838 to May 2, 1838. 80 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.
O2.2  Sent Mail, May 3, 1838 to June 5, 1838. 80 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.3  Sent Mail, June 6, 1838 to July 7, 1838. 78 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.4  Sent Mail, July 9, 1838 to August 9, 1838. 74 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

O2.5  Sent Mail, August 10, 1838 to September 11, 1838. 80 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date the bill was sent; to what office sent; the number of letters and packets; the amount unpaid and paid; the forwarded amount; the number of free letters; the number of money letters; and remarks.

Mail Received, 1836-1837

O3.1  Letters Received, January 6, 1836 to June 1, 1836. 100 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and record the date of receipt; date of post-bill; number of post bills; from what office received; number of letters and packets; amount paid and unpaid; forwarded amount; number of free letters; number of U.S. newspapers and sheets; and remarks. There is some staining on the top right of the first few pages. This does not affect the text.

O3.1  Letters Received, June 2, 1836 to October 13, 1836. 98 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and record the date of receipt; the date of the post-bill; number of post bills; the number of letters and packets; amount paid and unpaid; forwarded amount; number of free letters; number of U.S. newspapers and sheets; and remarks.

O3.1  Letters Received, October 13, 1836 to January 17, 1837. 78 printed blank pages. Most pages are completed and record the date of receipt; the date of the post-bill; the number of post-bills; from what office received; the number of letters and packets; amount paid and unpaid; amount forwarded; number of free letters; number of money letters; and remarks.

O3.2  Letters Received, January 8, 1837 to September 1837. 34 printed blank pages. Each page is completed and record the date of receipt; date of post-bill; number of post-bills; from what office received; amount paid; forwarded amount; number of free letters; number of U.S. newspapers and sheets; and remarks. The pages are stained. This does not affect the text.
1.18 Aggregate sheet to April 5, 1828. A record of letters sent and received by month (January-March).

**Sub-series K: Three dimensional Items, 1818, n.d.**

**Postal Ink Stamps** (Box 3)

“Missent To...Please return cover to postmaster for enquiry”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Insufficiently prepaid”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Under ten dollars”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Returned—To”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Commut ed postage prepaid by publisher”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Free”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Not called for”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Insufficiently prepaid”. Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Richmond Hill, A-Ont.” Wood handle, metal stamp.

“Richmond Hill, Ont.” Wood handle, metal stamp.

“C.O.D. Envoi C.R. No.____” Painted wood handle (?), rubber stamp.

**Wax Seals** (Box 3)

Generic wax seal with wood handle, 8.5 cm.

Generic wax seal with ivory handle, 8 cm.

Wax seal with leaf, inscribed (?), ivory handle, 4 cm.

**Other**

O3.5 Mail Bag. Embroidered with “Mail for Palatine Hill”. There is a large embroidered “S” in the middle of the bag.

1.19 No. 2 Store-House Blotter, 1818.
1.20 Letter to Messrs. George and Alex. Hamilton, Merchants of Queenston, from John McGill, York. The letter states that McGill will accept the four hundred bushels of peas, as well as any further quantity, for the use of the Government at the rate of five shillings per bushel. They are to be delivered into the Kings stores at Queenston or Fort George by May 1. He asks to receive a reply to this offer, January 4, 1812.

Letter to Wm. H. Merritt, Niagara Lt. Dragoons, Deleware, from Alex. Hamilton. The letter offers for the use of Government 70 lbs. of pork and 370 bushels of pears, and requests an answer as soon as convenient. A copy of the letter was also sent to Edward Couch, Commissary General, Fort George, July 1812.

Letter to Capt. Alex. Hamilton, Niagara from George Hamilton, Chippewa. The letter concerns some business with Mr. Summers, formerly belonging to the 2nd Troop which merits [?] misrepresentations and has been “to the devil”. He writes that to you and others he states that he is very sorry [?] that it has taken place and pretends not to have had any hand in it. However, he writes that he has from General Brock himself that he first proposed only allowing the 1st Troop to continue and begging the charging [?] powder, preferring the Genl. information to his being from the highest authority???. He says that some state that they joined the 2nd, and not the 1st Troop. He writes that he has nothing to do with it but it would be unfair to press them to join against their will. He adds that Summers is a very decent lad and deserves to be appointed as sergeant [?], which he intended to do as soon as the 2nd Troop had been filled up. He writes that there is nothing more that he wants at present than to be aboard the Royal George and Prince Regent. He states that he will go as a volunteer when things become serious. Some passages are very difficult to read. He appears to be writing about raising men, and feels that an injustice has been done to him and he should have had the command of one of the Comp. He writes that they now wish him to take command with all the best men taken out. He adds that he is on his way with McCormick to Fort Erie and will return in a day or two to Queenston. July 15, 1812.

Letter to Captain Alex. Hamilton. N. Lt. Dragoons, Niagara, from Charles Askin, Oxford. He writes that he has arrived here with most of his party, which he is sorry to say is very small, and there is little probability of it being much stronger. He adds that the Indians have not joined us yet and seem very unwilling to do so. He notes that one hundred and fifty were to go with us, and that Norton will hardly be able to bring fifty. He writes that the Regimental coats of the 41st Regiment are worn by many militia and they appear to be very proud of them. On their way they have mustered a few volunteers, including Thomas Racey, Col. Bostwick, and one of John D[?]’s brothers. He understands
that Mr. Pallinson [?] & Mr. Baby had passed Long Pt. yesterday on their way to York to attend the Parliament and was told there has been two or three skirmishes at Amherstburgh. He adds that Division two of the 41st Regiment were attacked by 40 of the enemy and refused to surrender. They made a charge at them, but the cowardly yankees fired a volley at them and wounded them both. One was taken prisoner and died soon after, the other supposedly died as well. He writes that he was extremely happy to find that the militia at Sandwich did not behave in the shameful manner it was said they had. He states that he has seen a man who was present when they marched down from Sandwich to Amherstburg, who said that Col., Ft. George [?] was up there and gave three cheers on their arrival, and then ordered them to march. He writes that he still has hopes that the militia there will behave as well as that in any other part of the Province. He adds that Alex is Lieut. of a troop of horse commanded by Capt. Jacobs. He has not heard how James is employed. He adds that he is not at all pleased with this letter and asks that it be destroyed, July 21, 1812.

[The following letter was dated August 5, 1812. Given the content of the letter, it is more likely that this letter was written on September 5.]

Letter to Capt. Alex. Hamilton, N. Lt. Dragoons, Niagara from Ch. Askin, Strabane. The letter contains war news. He states that ill health has prevented him from being with Hamilton, and he is unable to make the journey by land, but will try to travel by water if the opportunity arises. Hamilton Merritt thinks of leaving to return to Niagara and will be accompanied by a young gentleman named Durham who was at Detroit when it was surrendered. He asks that he would be obliged if Hamilton showed him every attention during his stay at Queenston or Niagara. He adds that the Indians have taken Chicago by storm, and this is the first garrison they are known to have taken in this way. He writes that the Indians found means to draw water into the cannons so that the guns could not go off. Fort Wayne and St. Ursulines are both now besieged by the Indians. He writes that Alex McKee has a horse that would please him. He has sent down by Hamilton Merritt a grey mare he has bought from Bush, and asks that they be taken care of. He notes that Col. Peacher and Col. Nichol have been to Fort Miami and then to Amherstburgh. He doesn’t know what took them there, August 5, 1812. A note next to the address indicates the letter was forwarded by Mr. Durham.

Letter (7 pages) to Captain Alex. Hamilton, N. Lt. Dragoons, Niagara, from Charles Askin, Strabane. He writes that since George has left he has not had an opportunity to write, so any items of consequence that occurred in this quarter he has probably already heard from George. He regrets not having left with him as he has witnessed some shocking scenes. He states that Major Chambers was sent to River Raisin and Fort Miami to take possession of some block houses and destroy them, and to bring anything belonging to the United States, such as arms and provisions, to Amherstburgh. He writes that the commander at River Raisin refused to surrender. He notes that the Indians could not be
got ready for a day or two, but at last they got off from Amherstburgh. When they arrived at the River Raisin, all the inhabitants had surrendered, agreeable to the capitulation of Detroit. He adds that the inhabitants were plundered by the Indians, and that they were looking to them for protection as had been promised by our Government, but it was not in their power to provide it. He notes that hardly a horse was left in the settlement and the violence was great. They remained one day at River Raisin and then went to Fort Miami, where the Indians plundered, but not so greatly as at River Raisin. He adds that they have been forced to lock their horses in the stables at night and watch them well in the day time. He states that Colonel Procter is made Governor of the Michigan Territory and Judge Woodward is his Secretary, and that the Governor is too stiff to be very popular. Robert Dickson is expected here every day. He notes that there has been so much public property taken at Detroit that it is supposed there will be a great deal of prize money, August 25, 1812. A note next to the address states the letter was forwarded by Major Chambers.

Letter to Capt. Alex. Hamilton of Queenston from Charles Askin, Strabane. He writes that nothing of much consequence has happened in this quarter since he last wrote. Some rebels have returned from Cleveland where they had been to take some American prisoners. The Thames was taken on her passage back but no one on board perished. He notes that there are still about 600 prisoners at Detroit and Amherstburgh, and that there are 3000 troops at Cleveland. He states that the dead the Yankees have of the Indians is incredible. He writes that there was an auction yesterday at Detroit, where a number of the articles taken at the surrender of the place were sold. He purchased two wagons here. He heard an officer say yesterday that the Captain’s share of the prize money would be £800. He writes that he hopes it may be 80, for it will help many of his friends in this quarter very much, but it seems so large a sum he can hardly credit it. He states that he saw Lord Selkirk’s sheep this morning, who had come down while the Americans were on this side of the River. Governor Hull had taken part of them and divided the others among his friends. Most of them are collected and are now at Detroit. He asks if any newspapers he gets can be sent to him for his mother and father, as they are anxious to know what is going on and they are now unable to get newspapers there. He also asks that Hamilton inquire about the things he sent to his father in the spring and fall, as they never arrived. Mr. Bush intended leaving Detroit and going to the States, but is now laid up with the Gout, August 30, 1812.

Letter (4 pages) to Alexander from George Hamilton. The writer apologizes for not writing sooner, and adds that Charles has likely given an account of their expedition. The Long Point Militia is mentioned, and it is stated that it will be some time before they will have a sufficient reinforcement. The Oxford militia is also mentioned. He writes that he has heard from some Indians that Governor Hull has about 1500 men and that they mentioned 4000 to you. He adds that little dependence can be placed on their intelligence but the former account agrees better with other information, with some
being on this side at Sandwich and the remainder at Detroit. He writes that how or when they proceed he does not know, but thinks that going down the river in a large boat is the correct and most predictable plan. He is afraid that the coming reinforcements will be too small. It is reported that a few men have been placed at certain distances on the river with the intention gaining intelligence, and a few of the enemy are said to be at the mouth of the river, and the rest to Sandwich. He writes that he does not know when this may reach you, and that Mr. Woodruff has an order on him for forty pounds. He asks that his sister be assured that he is quite well and in good spirits, and out of danger. He says that it would give Charles and himself much pleasure to see him at the head of your Troop, but is afraid that will not take place, and so hopes to have the pleasure of seeing him soon, August 1812. No postmark.

Letter to Captain Hamilton, Niagara, from Geo. Hamilton, Canborough. The writer states that he has just learned that “your infernal dragoons” at Canborough are in his stables there, without “leave or licence”. He has learned that W.H. Merritt has been up in that quarter and presumes that they have been directed by him. He asks that these youths be recalled instantly and fined to pay for the damage they have done, in order to avoid a formal complaint against them to General Sheaffe. An added note states that James is new with Robert and is likely to receive a commission in Roberts Company as 2nd Lieut. As he is not allowed to go any distance from his post, he asks that the writer persuade James to ride to Canborough to get the rafts down. He was not able to do this as James is in Company with Mr. Clark. He urges the writer to write to James. He adds that Robert mentioned that he wanted to speak to James about appointing him executor, November 1812.

Sub-series B: Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1809-1839, n.d.

Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1809-1811

1.21 Account (2 p. handwritten) of Messrs. Geo. and Alex. Hamilton from William Robertson. The invoice is for assorted items including whisky, tobacco, shoes, candles, and beef, November 1, 1810. The account covers the period from April 1809 to May 1810.


Letter to Thos. Clark of Queenston from Philip Sovereign. The letter asks Clark to please deliver to G. and A. Hamilton his 42 barrels of flour, currently in Clark’s store, July 19, 1809. No postmark.

Invoice (3 p. handwritten) to Hamilton from U. and A. Porteous, Montreal. The invoice is for flannel, velvet, cotton, linen, shawls, ribbon and hats, July 20, 1809.
Invoice (3 p. handwritten) to Geo. Hamilton from Henderson and Armour of Montreal. The invoice is for assorted items including calico, shawls, chambray, suspenders, umbrellas, cotton, silk, dry goods, sugar, and coffee, July 21, 1809.

Account of Alexander Hamilton with Quetton St. George, York. The invoice is for an umbrella, boots and thread edging, June 21, 1811.

Account of George Hamilton from John Scott. The invoice is for assorted work and items, including mending a sleigh, bushels of apples, and apple trees. The account covers the period from February 1810 to April 1812.

Invoice (3 p. handwritten) to Thomas Clark from G. & A. Hamilton. The invoice is for assorted items including oil and paint, iron mongery, brushes, hardware, nails, stationary, cutlery, combs, brass wine, and iron pots. A separate page for export duty is inserted. The paper is stained. This does not affect the text, February 23, 1810.

Letter to George and Alexander Hamilton, Merchants, of Queenston, from John McGill of York. The letter states that he has received the vouchers for the delivery for the sixty barrels of pork, and has transmitted to Henderson & Armour a payment on his account for the pork, as requested, March 10, 1810. No postmark.

Letter to Geo. Hamilton of Queenston from E. [Brock or Brook?], Detroit. The letter concerns Hamilton’s desire to acquire a mare for a horse he purchased from the writer. The writer offers to sell a mate for the same price that he purchased the other horse for, or if it is more agreeable, the [big?] horse and 20 dollars, April 12, 1810. No postmark.

Bill of Lading for 125 articles shipped on board the schooner Governor Simcoe for Messrs. George and Alexander Hamilton of Queenston. The bill is dated at Kingston, Richard Cartwright & Co., July 25, 1810, rec’d. August 1.

Printed blank (circular) to Mess. Hamilton of Queenston from Caldwell Fraser & Co., Albany. The letter informs them that the credit on manufactured articles is 90 days, and that interest is added from that period until paid. It is also noted that articles paid for in cash (on amounts of $25 dollars or more) will be allowed a discount of three percent. A list of the articles manufactured is included. A handwritten note at the bottom indicates that they have established a house under the firm of Caldwell & Co. for vending their articles, July 26, 1810. No postmark.

Invoice (2 p. handwritten) of sundries furnished and forwarded by Robert Gillespie, Montreal, for account and risk of Messrs. George & Alexander Hamilton, Queenston. The invoice is for assorted items including olives, sauce, soy, pepper, anchovies, cloves, soap hair brushes, tooth brushes, boots and shoes, shawls, table cloths, raisins, cheese, and almonds, August 7, 1810.
Account (5 p. handwritten) of Messrs. G. and Alex. Hamilton from Robt. Gillespie, Montreal. The invoice is for assorted items including iron pots, nails, chocolate, tea kettles, pepper, allspice, shoe brushes, iron candlesticks, buttons, knives, thread, quills, paper, table cloths, and gunpowder, September 5, 1810.

Account (5 p. handwritten) of Messrs. Geo. and Alex. Hamilton from Robert Gillespie, Montreal. The invoice is for assorted items including nails, chocolate, ginger, pepper, allspice, Sulphur, camphor, shoes brushes, iron candlesticks, padlocks, knives and forks, tea spoons, ribbon, silk, buttons, thread, gloves, paper, table cloths, sugar, coffee, flannel, velvet, linen, and blankets, September 7, 1810.

Account to Mr. Hamilton from Duncan Fisher, Montreal, August 1, 1810. It is noted at the bottom that it was included in the invoice to credit R. Gillespie, which has been done, September 10, 1810.

Letter to George Hamilton from Chisholm & Merritt, St. Catharines. The letter apologizes for not having a certain green paint in store, and offers to send some pink or blue paint instead. If that is tried and does not work, they ask that the paint be sent to Mr. McCormicks, as their wagon will be down during the day, October 22, 1810. No postmark.

Letter to Mr. G. and A. Hamilton of Queenston from Chisholm & Merritt, St. Catharines. The letter asks that all flour they have in store be shipped on board the Simcoe for Prescott, providing the rate is no more than one dollar per barrel to Montreal, as advertised by Mr. Gilkison. They ask that if the Simcoe does not carry freight on the same terms as Mr. G. [Nepel?], that the shipping be declined. It is added that if the Simcoe does not sail tomorrow they will send another letter, which they ask to be sent on board, April 26, 1811. No postmark.

Account to G. Hamilton from Philip Shorts for shoe repair?, September 1811.

Account to Mr. Robertson from Philip Shorts for shoe repair?, September 1811.

Invoice to Mr. Robt. Gillespie for Mr. Hamilton, from Kenneth Walker, Montreal. The invoice is for clothing, shoes and toiletries, September 18, 1811.

Invoice to Mr. Hamilton from Adam Joseph for rugs and clothing (textiles?), September 18, 1811.

Invoice to Messrs. George and Alex. Hamilton from Caldwell Fraser & Co., Albany. The invoice is for tobacco and a barrel. A note states that they have forwarded through Mr. J. Nathan the above items, to the care of Mr. Fairbank of Buffalo. He asks that the amount owing to them please be paid, or if more convenient, to our friends Mess. McTavish and McGillivray of Montreal, September 25, 1811.
Account to Mess. George Hamilton from Geo. Shaw. The invoice is for grains, barley, oats, and yeast, and is dated from November 1811 to June 1812.

Account to Messrs. G. and A. Hamilton for freight for the Schooner Simcoe, December 1, 1811.

Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1815-1820

1.22 Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston, Burlington Heights, from Robert Gillespie, Montreal. The letter contains an account summary of George and Alex. Hamilton’s account with Gillespie. He notes that £172.18.3 is owing. A detailed account is included on a separate page. He adds that he may at a future date ask for an account statement from Hamilton, January 1, 1815.

Account of Alexander Hamilton to Thomas McCormick. The invoice is for various sundries such as food, household items, and textiles. 4 pages, May-December 1816.

Account of Mr. Hamilton with Reiffenstein & Phillips, importers of foreign and British goods, Quebec. The invoice contains purchases for pearls, beads, laces, broaches, and snuff boxes, June 7, 1816.

Account of T. McCormick with Alex. Hamilton. The invoice contains purchases for ribbon, silk, handkerchief, stockings, tobacco, nails, hinges, and tea, December 31, 1816.

Account of Alexander Hamilton to Q. St. George. The invoice is for shoes and slippers, January 15, 1817. 1 page.

Account of Alex. Hamilton to John Smith. The invoice is for bread, molasses and soap, February 1, 1817. 1 page.

O3.3 Statement of Gov. Transport from Chippawa to Fort Erie ending November 12, 1817. The account is for transport of government stores totaling £381 11 4. A note indicates Mr. Hamilton was credited £78 17 4 in former account, E.E. Grant & Kerby, November 13, 1817.

1.22 Account of William Robertson to the Owners of the Team Vessel Frontenac of Kingston, James McKenzie. The invoice is for the transportation of 18 articles of merchandise, equal to 9 3/8 barrel bulk from Kingston to Queenston on July 2, 1817. 1 page, December 1, 1817.

Statement of Transport from Chippawa to Queenston by Robt. Hamilton in 1817. Materials transported include flour, pork, ashes, and canvas, December 1817. 1 page.

Letter to Robt. Hamilton, Queenston, Upper Canada, from Thos. Gourlay, New York. It is stated that he has written several letters to Queenston but has not received a reply. He
asked Robt. Corbet to forward to the New York Post Office any letters that arrived for him after he left Canada, and to notify him of his brothers motions, but he has not done so. He asks that Hamilton inform him on the subject. He has heard the [preacher?] of Niagara has been thrown into goal and that Robert followed. He does not know the cause of their being apprehended or what will become of them. It is likely he will take a passage to one of the Islands and there wait for a vessel going to South America. He presently boards at 15 Front St., but asks that any mail be directed to the Post Office should he move. Cooper [name missing] boards in the same house and is a Canadian, and is acquainted with most of the good folks in that quarter. He asks if Hamilton knows him, January 19, 1818. Postmarked New York Jan 19.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from [Sarah?] Crow, Pelham. It is stated that a letter received from Hamilton claims a debt is owed to him, but the writer states that they have a receipt which shows all debts are paid in full. The writer adds that she brought a similar letter to the office and was able to provide a receipt for every charge in the books made against her husband, and now one in full of all charges, January 20, 1818.

Circular (printed) to Mr. William Smith, Niagara, from Arthur Gifford, Prescott. The letter states that a receiving, storing and forwarding business has been established near Prescott, opposite Ogdensburg, by Gifford, February 1, 1818.

Account of Mr. Alex. Hamilton with G. Hepburne. The invoice contains purchases for curtain hooks, cloth, flannel, fish line, silk, and tea, February 10, 1818.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from D. Rogers, Hanover, New York. He states that since he wrote this he has received a letter from Mrs. Rogers and therefore does not send the letter mentioned within, February 24, 1818.

Account to Mess. Smith & Hamilton from Geo. Plate, Montreal. The invoice is mostly for tools and hardware, including, shovels, spades, nails, hinges, locks, hammers, candlesticks, axes, and chisels, April 17, 1818. 6 pages.

Account of Askin & Hamilton to Q. St. George. The account is a record of payments received and the total amount still owing, Niagara, May 1, 1818.

Letter to Robert Hamilton, Queenston from S. Jarvis, York. The brief letter states “with compliments to Mr. Hamilton believe me to be yours very truly, Saml. P. Jarvis”, May 18, 1818. Straight line postmark York, 1 May 1818.

Letter to Robert Hamilton, Queenston, from James Hamilton, Sterling. The letter concerns personal debts. He states that writing to Dickson was his last resort, and he can do nothing more except to deliver whatever property he possesses into the hands of whomever may be kind enough to pay the balance of the account for him. He asks if Robert could possibly raise some money by taking out a mortgage on the writer’s land in
Walsingham, or by selling it. He notes that he has been busy making hay and enclosing a small house for a shop, which is why he did not write sooner. He expects to reap about 100 bushels of wheat. It is noted that he would have liked to remain with Robert, but there were no prospects of work, and he has saved about a hundred dollars by doing work here which he otherwise would have had to hire for. He asks that Robert keep the contents of the letter to himself, as he would not want any foolish action of his to become public, August 9, 1818. Postmarked Vittoria Long Point U. Canada Aug 19 1818.

Account to Mess. Smith & Hamilton from D & J Fisher, Montreal. The invoice is mostly for writing supplies, including quills, pencils, wax, and paper. A brief letter about the account is included on the third page, September 10, 1818. Three pages.

Account to Mr. William Smith from John Biggar, Queenston. The invoice is for sundries, including gloves, ribbon, cotton, thread, buttons, sugar, and pork, September 24, 1818. One page.

Account to Mess. Smith & Hamilton from Samuel Barrett, Montreal. The invoice is for various items including copper tea kettles, sauce pan, buttons, pocket combs, ink powder, and screws and nails, October 16, 1818. One page.

Letter to Mess. Smith & Hamilton, Queenston, from Grant & Duff, La Chine. The letter states that an account statement is included, and that a balance in their favour is owing. It is asked that payment be remitted as soon as convenient. The account statement is for freight and cartage, November 30, 1818. Straight line postmark, Kingston 10 Dec 18.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Charles Askin, Strabane. He writes that he has written to Mr. Thomas Clark, but has not had an answer. Since the business is of some consequence, he asks if Hamilton can make some inquiries. He supposes Mr. C is at York and that is why he has not heard from him, November 1818. Straight line postmark Sandwich 7 Nov 1818 (date handwritten).

Account to C.E. [Dit?] Le Compte from Smith & Hamilton. The invoice is mostly for tobacco, rum, whisky and sugar. 2 pages, November 12, 1818.

Account to J.B. Bensette from Smith & Hamilton. The invoice is mostly for tobacco, spirits, rum, whisky and sugar, November 12, 1818. 3 pages.

Account to Smith and Hamilton from the Schooner Commodore. The invoice is for the transport of sundry articles of merchandise from Kingston to Queenston. Signed by James Sinclair and William Mitchell, December 11, 1818.

Account to Smith and Hamilton from the owners of the steam vessel Frontenac of Kingston, James McKenzie, Master. The invoice is for the transportation of merchandise from Kingston to Queenston. Signed by James McKenzie, Kingston, December 20, 1818.
Account to Mess. Hamilton & Smith, Queenston from Charles Ingersoll, St. Catharines. The invoice is for whisky, December 31, 1818.

Account to Alexander Hamilton from Wm. Hepburne. The invoice is sundries, including sugar, flour, oats, butter, silk, nails, and screws, January 1, 1819. 3 pages.

Letter to Mess. Smith and Hamilton of Queenston from McTavish and Galloway, Montreal. The letter asks that Smith and Hamilton to provide them with the particulars of the postage acct., such as the weight and measurement of each package, so that they can judge the accuracy of the charges. A lengthy reply to a previous letter is also addressed, concerning accounts. It is stated that they do not open any accounts of a mercantile nature with any persons on the communication, as they confine themselves solely to the Indian trade. Not being aware of this, Mr. McGillivray promised an advance to Mr. Smith. This exception will be honoured, however, since they must pay for goods purchased immediately, and without commission, they state that in the future they will be unable to assist in this way again. He also states that their transport business for the coming season will not be greater than the last, January 16, 1819. Straight line postmark, Montreal JAN 19.

Letter (printed circular) to Robt. Hamilton from A. Jones, Corn. A. Van Slyck, and L. Sexton, Prescott. The letter states that Lusher has disposed of his interest in the House of Lusher & Van Slyck at Prescott, and Lusher & Sexton at La Chine, to Mr. A. Jones. After March 1, the business will be carried on under the firms of Jones & Van Slyck at Prescott, and of Levi Sexton & Co. at La Chine. It is noted that Mr. Lusher will be responsible with them for any engagements entered into by said firms. There are some tears which affect the text, January 18, 1819.

List (handwritten) of sundry accounts sent to Mess. Smith & Hamilton for collection. The account shows the amount owing for 1818. Signed by Mr. Mitchell, Kingston, January 28, 1819.

Letter to Alex Hamilton of Queenston from James Hamilton. The writer wonders what Alexander is about, as it has been several months since he has heard from him. He states that Matthew told him he would do his best to settled his acct. by fall, and that Ross has paid nothing. He talks briefly of the weather. The letter is torn along both edges which affects the text, February 14, 1819. Postmarked Vittoria Long Point, U. Canada, Feby 25, 181[9].

Receipt to Alex. Hamilton from Pawling and Ferguson. The receipt is for “26 numbers of the Niagara Spectator, up to no. 52”, March 4, 1819.

Receipt to Robt. Hamilton from Mr. F. Redding. The receipt is for 12 months subscription to the American Farmer, commencing on April 2, 1819.
Letter to Messrs. Smith and Hamilton, Merchants, Queenston, from John Haldane. The letter asks that Smith and Hamilton forward an enclosed letter, April 26, 1819.

Letter (handwritten) to Mess. Smith & Hamilton, Merchants and Forwarders, Queenston, from Charles Fothergill, Toronto. The letter states that some packages and cask of liquors will be forwarded to them from Mr. Koddington of Sandwich, and asks that they be forwarded with as little delay as possible, June 1, 1819.

Receipt to Alex. Hamilton from B. Ferguson. The receipt is for “24 numbers of the Niagara Spectator, up to its close”, August 18, 1819.


Letter to Messrs. Smith and Hamilton, Merchants and Forwarders, Queenston, from Charles Fothergill, Port Hope. Fothergill writes that he has received from his friends at Sandwich 6 trunks, 2 kegs of tobacco, and 2 cases to be sent to Fort Erie, to the care of Mr. Smith, presumably a friend[?] of theirs. As such, he asks if they would be able to carry them to York and the care of Mr. Allan before the season ends. If this is not possible, he asks them to store the food in a dry place until he can determine further respecting them, nothing that they are part of the conveyment [?] of foods under the charge of Mr. Koddington, who died at Sandwich. He asks that he not be charged any unnecessary or extra expense in order to meet his wishes, November 16, 1819. A post script notes that if any other packages require carding or making secure in any other way come to you, he hopes they will [pay] the necessary [?] and charge the same forward. There are some tears in the letter which affect the text.

Account (3 p., handwritten) of Mr. Edward Dufield with Smith and Hamilton from May-November 1819. The invoice is for assorted items, including whiskey, beef, tobacco, tea, thread, and rum.

Letter to Alex. From Hamilton & Warren. The letter concerns accounts and payments involving Jeremiah Schram, Isaak Walton, and Jacob Fowler, 1819.

Bill to Peter Hamilton from Jacob Dresler[?]. The bill is for mending clothing from Feb. 1819 to Jan. 1820.

Letter (printed) toMess. Hamilton & Cummings, Queenston, from A. Gifford, Prescott. The letter states that his forwarding business is now being conducted from Prescott, in the stores formerly occupied by Messrs. Hamilton & McMillan, January 1, 1820.

Letter to Messrs. Hamilton & Cummings, Queenston, from Desrivieres Blackwood & Co., Montreal. The letter concerns insuring items sold to Messrs. Berthelot and Rolette. The writer asks where the goods are stored, the distance from other buildings, if the store is made of wood or stone, and when the goods will be removed from the store to be
forwarded. It is also requested that the gunpowder be removed from the other goods, otherwise the office would not insure it. It is noted that the accounts against Messrs. Berthelot and Rolette have been received, but not yet examined, January 8, 1820. Postmark illegible.

Account for Owen and Frontenac (handwritten). Includes amount of accounts and drafts transmitted to Smith & Hamilton for collection on account of the Schooner Commodore Owen for 1819. Also includes accounts formerly in the hands of Thomas Dickson due the steam boat Frontenac for 1817. Signed by Mr. Mitchell, Kingston, February 25, [18]20.

Order on Alexander Hamilton from Asa Dunbar, St. Davids. The note states to let R. Woodruff have two barrels [tar?], March 17, 1820.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from John Hamilton, Montreal. The letter concerns personal matters and family news, with mention of Joseph and Peter Hamilton, Mr. Barnet, and Mr. Blackwood, April 10, 1820. Three pages. There is some cross-writing on the last page.


Letter to Smith & Hamilton, Queenston, from McTavish and McGillivray, Montreal. The letter concerns the shipping of goods. It is noted that they did not request that the 63 packs of muskrats be sent down in time to accompany the others. It is asked that they be forwarded through Mess. Marshland. Five boatloads of goods have been dispatched, and are intended for the Wellington, which Mr. Mackintosh will send down to Fort Erie. It is asked that the goods be stored at Fort Erie and shipped upwards by such conveyance as Mr. Mackintosh may direct, September 4, 1820. Straight line postmark, Montreal, 4 Sep 20.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from David Smith, York. The writer asks that salmon from Mr. Secord’s vessel be forwarded to Chippawa. He writes that he has set aside 4 fish which the Captain will deliver to Hamilton. He notes that he has no funds, or else he would purchase them and pay him for the transport, October 31, 1820.

Account of William Scott with Smith & Hamilton. The invoice includes whisky, Sulphur, peaches, slippers, flour, pocket knife, and saucepan, May-November 1820.

Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1821-1823

1.23 Letter (printed) to Smith & Hamilton, Queenston, from Arthur Gifford, Prescott. The letter states that he will be continuing the business of transportation on the St.
Lawrence and Lake Ontario, having an establishment at Prescott and La Chine, January 1, 1821. A handwritten letter by Arthur Gifford is included on the reverse side of the letter. It is stated that there is an enclosed account which shows the charges on the property of Van Rensalier[?], which leaves the recipient of the letter with a credit, February 17, 1821.

Custom House form (printed blank), Port of Queenston, permitting Alex. Hamilton to land at the Port two cases of books and stationary. Signed by Thomas Dickson, Collector, June 14, 1821.

Invoice and receipt to Mr. Hamilton from Chittenden & Woodruff, Niagara. The invoice is for a barrel of salt, June 14, 1821.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from D. [Boulton?], York. It is asked if Hamilton could order eating apples. They can be sent by Ives or McInstosh, and he will send the balance, November 6, 1821. A reply by Hamilton is written on the reverse side of the page. He writes that they are all gone, but has sent a small barrel of his own, as well as some other items. The whole amounts to $8.00, which can be sent by mail, November 19, 1821. Postmarked Niagara U.C. NOV 12 1821.

Letter (printed) from R.C. Horne, York. The letter states that Provincial Calendars are enclosed, to be sold for a commission. If this is not agreeable, it is asked that the Calendars be returned. It is also noted that some of the 1821 calendars have not yet been accounted for by those selling them, and it is asked that those not sold by February 1 be returned, November 17, 1821.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from R.C. Horne, York. The letter concerns an account for collection. It is asked that the enclosed account for the Christian Recorder be settled. A note at the bottom states that from January 1, all the American papers formerly directed to him are to be charged to Mr. Fothergill, January 28, 1822. Straight line postmark, York JAN 28.

Letter (printed) to Smith & Hamilton, Queenston, from Peter McGill[?], Montreal. The letter states that Stephen Finchley will establish a forwarding business at Brockville in the spring, for interested merchants. His agent at Kingston will be Mr. William Bayard Smyth, and at Brockville, Mr. James McCutcheon. Signed by Peter McGill[?], October 15, 1822.

Letter to A. Hamilton, from W.L. McKenzie, Queenston. The letter contains an account of material bought from McKenzie. A note which follows states that the price examined did not measure 18 [yards?]. He writes that he will take any part of it back that he cannot use, December 19, 1822?
Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1823-1827

1.24 Account of Robert Hamilton to Isaac Durham. The invoice is for cider and is dated at Queenston, February 21, 1823.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton from John Strachan, York. The letter concerns the estate of Hamilton’s late father. He writes that there have been delays arising partly from the difficulty of arranging the accounts of the estate, and partly from the public avocations of the gentlemen appointed to adjust them. He says they will be ready for a final settlement in the beginning of next month, and he will come to Niagara on Monday and meet with him and his brothers the next day. He asks for his remarks and opinions not only on his own accounts, but also on the general settlement and amicable division of the estate, May 19, 1823.

Letter to Robert Hamilton from [illegible], Government House, York. The letter informs Hamilton that there will be a new board of education for the district of Niagara, and that he has been appointed a member. Other members include Richard Leonard, J. Muirhead, Robert Dickson, and Rev. T. Green, June 27, 1823.

Account of A. Hamilton with James Secord. The invoice is for assorted items including knives, nails, and freight, July 24, 1823.

Account of A. Hamilton with the U.C. Gazette Office, York. The invoice is for 3 dozen Canadian Farmers’ Almanacs and 1 dozen Canadians’ Rights. Signed by Charles Fothergill, November 18, 1823.

Letter from W. Hamilton Merritt. The letter is an invitation to a meeting for the purpose of appointing persons to open books of subscription for receiving stock in the different county Towns in this province for the Welland Canal Company. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 31st at the Hotel of the widow Rogers in Niagara, January 24, 1824.

Certificate for stock shares in the Welland Canal Company. The certificate is not completed, n.d.

Letter to Alex Hamilton of Queenston from D. McDougal, [location illegible]. The writer states that Hamilton’s account is enclosed, showing the amount owing. He asks that the money he is owed be paid, as he cannot do without it longer, August 21, 1824. Postmarked Niagara AUG 23.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from J. Radcliffe, Niagara. The letter states that he can accommodate Miss Harmer[?] and has enclosed their terms, August 23, 1824. Postmarked Niagara AUG 26.

Note titled “Advocate”, Augt. 23. P.M. [postmaster?] 3, Subscribers 25, both of No. 11.
Letter to Alexander Hamilton from Wm. Hamilton Merritt, St. Catharines. He writes that he mentioned to Hamilton’s brothers that he would like to purchase the remaining one hundred acre lot. They referred him to Hamilton. He asks that Hamilton mention the subject to his brothers and write him what they will ask per acre, and terms of payment, December 16, 1824. A reply at the end of the letter states that it was intended to dispose of the property in question shortly, but that public notice would be given previously of the town plan and terms of sale.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton from T. McCormick, Niagara. The letter is difficult to read. The writer notes that Hamilton will act according to your own judgement, February 15, 1825. A reply by Hamilton is included. He writes that Mr. Randal…having sent intelligence to them, leaving at the distance of 50 miles from Lewiston that no other subscribers than annual would be exacted?…they seem to come for the purpose of passing through the Province to Michigan Territory, U. States, and would be [injured?] by a refusal, February 6, 1825.

Letter to [Alexander] Hamilton from T. McCormick, Niagara. The letter contains instructions respecting terms for property provisions by exporter [?]. He states that there is an express from York that Grant[?] has the appointment of GM[?] for Queenston, but he cannot vouch for the truth of it, March 14, 1825.

Certificate (handwritten) stating that Isiah Wendell, Samuel Nichols, and Lewis Griffin declare that they were informed one might pass through this Province to the Territory of Michigan, U. States, or to Long Point, Upper Canada, free of duty for exporting to the United States. In consequence of this information, they came to Lewiston assuming that they would be allowed to do so, as permitted by the late Collector Mr. Dickson, March 17, 1825.

Account of duties received, Custom House. A note at the end initialed by A.H. indicates the amount owing was paid to Mr. McCormick, March 30, 1825.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton from R. Woodruff, St. Davids. The letter is a brief report on the administration of the estates of Thomas Bunting and John Stephens. He states that he has received nothing on either of their property but expects to shortly, January 29, 1826.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton of Queenston from J. Mitchell of Vittoria. The letter states that he has enclosed a letter to be forwarded. He asks that it be forwarded without delay by the way of New York, and recognizes that he will owe a small disbursement of inland postage, which he will promptly pay when they meet, April 13, 1826. Handwritten postmark, Vittoria, 13 April 1826.

Letter to Doctor Hamilton of Queenston from [illegible], Niagara Falls. The letter states that a sketch of Croswaithe’s account is attached. He writes that the difference is for
compound interest which Mr. Taylor could not recover, and he thinks it doubtful he will get the full amount, April 29, 1826.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton from William Hamilton Merritt of St. Catharines. The letter asks if he could be sent Mr. Rykert’s map or plan of the Village of St. Catharines, if he or his brothers has one in their possession. He states that his object is to get the Town plot surveyed and laid out into lots, and the map will assist in this. He also asks if he has made any arrangement with Mr. Clendennin, who appears to be averse to agree to any measure until it is done, October 24, 1826.

Letter from William Hamilton Merritt of St. Catharines. The letter states that Mr. Clendenning and the principal land owners in this place have agreed to meet on Thursday to layout the Village, and invites the letter’s recipient to join them, May 11, 1827.

Account of Alex. Hamilton with William Hamilton Merritt. The invoice is for salt, July 12, 1827.

Rates of Freight up and down the River (printed), n.d. Addressed to Mess. Smith & Hamilton, Queenston, no date. There is a tear along one edge. This does not affect the text.

Printed blank (incomplete) for land transactions, n.d. A handwritten note at the bottom of the letter notes that all letters/post paid/will meet due attention by James Allison, Montreal, no date.

**Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1828-31**

1.25 Bill of supplies forwarded by Robert Hamilton to D.A.C. Genl. Stanton at Fort Erie from Fort George, in charge of A.C. Genl. Hill. Articles in the bill include sugar, rice, chocolate, pork, beef, and flour. Loaded at Fort George and signed by J. Wickey[?] April 13, 1820.

Letter (printed) to Messes. Smith and Hamilton, Queenston, from Thomas R. Cartwright & Co. The letter states that the store and premises of the late William Mitchell in Kingston, has new ownership, and is now known as Thomas R. Cartwright & Co. The letter is signed by Thomas R. Cartwright and Neil J. McLean, October 17, 1820.

Letter (printed) to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Thomas Green and George Phillpotts, Niagara. The letter contains a copy of the resolutions passed by several gentlemen of Niagara for the purpose of adopting measures for providing relief to the distressed wives and families of the Greeks, whose commerce and agriculture have been destroyed in consequence of an arduous and protracted conflict. A list of subscribers is included, some in print but most handwritten. The letter is signed by Thomas Green and George Phillpotts, January 30, 1827.
Circular (printed) to Alexander Hamilton, Surrogate, Queenston, from J. Hillier, Government House, York. The letter requests that a return of the salary and emoluments of this office for the year 1827 be submitted, certified with a signature. In the future, a similar return is to be transmitted after December 31 of each year, May 16, 1828. Two replies written by Hamilton are included. The first reply states that he does not remember receiving a previous communication about this, and has had Mr. Leonard search the office, but nothing has been found, May 28, 1828. The next reply states that he has not received a reply to his May 28 letter, and he is uncertain how to comply other than by stating the emoluments as they appear by his books, amounting to the enclosed return. The circular alluded to a former communication, which he does not remember receiving. He notes that he would be happy to fill out a more regular form if one were forwarded to him, August 2, 1828.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from H. Leavenworth, St. Catharines. The letter concerns payment for American postage. He recognizes that the payment is overdue, but anticipates being able to pay shortly as he will be receiving money due to him very soon, June 25, 1829. Postmarked St. Catharines 26 June 1829 (date handwritten).

Letter from J. Black, St. Catharines. The letter concerns a meeting that Hamilton is invited to attend. It is stated that the Directors of the Welland Canal Company are desirous the public may entrust the first passage of vessels from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, with some little ceremony. He is invited on the Committee for conducting the same to meet at St. Catharines House Thursday the 12th at 12 o’clock to arrange the necessary proceedings for opening the Canal on or about the 17th, November 7, 1829.

Letter (printed blank) to Alexander Hamilton, Judge of the Niagara District Surrogate Court, from L. Madge, Government House, York. The letter states that a copy of an address from the House of Assembly is annexed, and requests that a return of the number of suits in the courts during 1830 be submitted. A copy of the address is included on the following page, February 11, 1831.

Commutation for Statute labour (printed), addressed to Queenston, U. Canada. Contains suggestions transmitted by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the President of the Midland District Agricultural Society regarding roads, n.d. Postmarked Isle aux Noix, no date.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Hannah Jarvis. She writes that she heard from Eliya[?] last week, and about problems caused by the shocking state of the roads. She states that there has been no letter from Hannah this week and hopes she is not sick, April 14, 1831. Postmarked Hamilton 15 April 31 (date handwritten).

Account of Robert Hamilton to the Washington Hotel. The invoice includes 5 days board, washing, ale and wine, June 1, 1831.
Letter (printed) to Alex. Hamilton from James Allison, Land Agent, Montreal. The letter describes the services offered by Allison. A handwritten note following the letter states that a charge will be made to the proprietors of landed property not exceeding 1% annually for registering their lands or forms in his office. He notes that this mode of registering will prove to be far more advantageous and economical than advertising property in the public newspapers, June 1831.

Bill to regulate the practice of Justices of the Peace with respect to bail (printed), n.d.

Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1832-1834

1.26 Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from John B. [Jervis?], Albany. He writes that he intended to look over his report and written if he discovered anything important to be added, but has been ill with influenza. He adds that he will be happy to make any explanation necessary in reference to it, and should it be printed, asks that any wrong punctuation, etc., be corrected. He asks that he be sent a few copies, January 7, 1832. Postmarked Albany Jan 8 and Queenston Jan 13[?].

Deputation for Alex. Hamilton from Robert Grant, Collector of Customs for the Port of Queenston. The letter appoints Alexander Hamilton a deputy collector for the Port of Queenston, January 9, 1832.

Letter to Robert Hamilton of Queenston from Mess. Drennan and Graham. The letter states that they have not heard from the forwarding merchants and they have no idea what time your canal opens, February 18, 1832. Postmarked Cincinnati MAR 3 and Queenston 1832 MAR 6.

Letter to Robert Hamilton, Queenston, from Mess. Drennan and Graham, Cincinnati. The letter acknowledges receipt of a settlement for Hamilton’s balance due to them. He is asked to advance the money before it becomes due, as they are having financial difficulty. He adds that he hopes the performing of the engine comes up to his expectations, as Mr. Hatch informed him that the bailing were not as tight as they should be, September 29, 1832. Postmarked Cincinnati 2 OCT and Queenston OCT 3.

Letter to Wm. H. Merritt and Tom Clark from Joseph Talbot, York. The letter announces Talbot’s establishment as a land agent and public accountant in the Town of York, and advises that he is available should his services be required, November 20, 1832.

Receipt (printed blank) to Alexander Hamilton, signed by Rob. Melville. A note on the back contains an account of the Church at Niagara. It is noted that the above sum will go against what the Church may be indebted to the Estate of the late Rob. Hamilton, February 5, 1833.
Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Philip S. Ward, Norwich. The letter asks Hamilton about land for sale in Norwich and requests that he set a price and write to him by the first mail, June 29, 1833. Postmarked Norwich U.C. JULY 5 1833 (date handwritten) and another postmark, which is illegible.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston from George Hamilton. The letter concerns a plasterer at Niagara who is behind in his payments of town lots and asks Hamilton if he could lend him the money as soon as possible, August 10, 1833. Postmarked Hamilton 10 AUGT. (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston from the Niagara Gaol. The letter is written by the “debtor confined in the Gaol of this district”. They ask that a Gaoler be solicited, and have heard that Henry Chapman is being considered. They state that he appears to them to be the most capable of efficiently filling the situation. It is also mentioned that Ephraim Wheeler may be a candidate, and they do not recommend him for the position. Signatures include David Thompson, Lewis Well, John Spillane, and George Wesley. There is a tear on the edge of the last page which affects the text of some signatures, October 12, 1833. Postmark is illegible.

Account (printed blank) of Alex. Hamilton with Wm. Lawson, Merchant Tailor, Mercer and Draper, York. The invoice is for an overcoat, November 2, 1833.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Sheriff, District of Niagara, from Thos. Merritt of St. Catharines. The letter states that he has given a correct statement, as far as he recollects, and will explain the whole of the business when he sees him, December 5, 1833.

Letter to A. Hamilton, Sheriff of Niagara, Queenston, from J.B. Macaulay? The first page of the letter written by Macaulay is missing. A partial reply by Hamilton is included on the remaining page. He states that the party should be placed in immediate confinement according to the Gaol regulations. In the office of Sheriff he is considered as a most troublesome and meddlesome person. Your note to him saw the explanation you could receive respecting his association, and should be attended to immediately. Postmarked York DEC 30 UP-CAN.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from George Hamilton. The letter states that they are all well here and wishes Hamilton and his family every happiness. Postmarked Hamilton Feb 19 34 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Mr. Smith, Waterloo, Fort Erie. The letter concerns Hamilton’s account. He writes that he has enclosed the invoice for the outfit of the Batteau, as well as Mr. Hepburne’s certificate respecting the whiskey. He notes that he would like to make a settlement of the account last handed in to you, April 20, 1834. Postmarked Fort Erie [largely illegible] 21 April 34 (date handwritten).
Letter (printed) to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from James Turpin, Engraver, Montreal. He states that he is working in the St. Louis Suburbs after having received plans and recent surveys. He will forward his work immediately once it is completed, June 4, 1834. Postmarked York JUN 18 UP-CAN.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Ridout Brothers & Co., Toronto. The letter states that they have sent their regular prices to the list of articles sent to them by Hamilton, noting that if all the items are ordered with them there will be a 10% discount, July 18, 1834. Postmarked York JUL 19 UP-CAN.

Invoice to Alex. Hamilton from Watkins & Harris, York. The invoice is for nails and spikes, September 5, 1834.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from Henry Nelles, Grimsby. The letter concerns a judgement obtained against Alex. Millmine [Milmine]. He hopes that he will soon receive his money after laying out of it for so many years. He asks that he be notified of the day the property will be sold as he would like to attend the sale to prevent its being sacrificed, as it is nearly all that Millmine possesses, October 5, 1834. Postmarked Grimsby 5 Oct. 34 (date handwritten).

Invoice (printed blank) to Alex. Hamilton from Watkins & Harris. The invoice states the amount owing as £23.5.0, October 16, 1834. Postmarked City of Toronto NO 20 1834 U.C.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Samuel P. Jarvis. He writes about the transport of prayer books, December 1834. Postmarked City of Toronto DE 17 1834.

Invoice to Mr. Hamilton from Niven & Gardiner, Wine & Spirit Merchants, December 23, 1834.

Business Correspondence and Transaction Records, 1835-37

1.27 Letter (printed blank) to Robert Grant, Queenston, from the Office of the Bank of Upper Canada, Niagara. It states that the note of Alex. Hamilton for two [?] hundred pounds is due and remains unpaid. The bank requests payment, January 10, 1835. Postmarked Niagara 12 JAN.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston from Capt. Philpott, Toronto. The letter states that he has enclosed a cheque for the amount owing for apples, and asks that a receipt be sent. The rest of the letter is difficult to read, January 26, 1835. Postmarked City of Toronto JA 29 1835.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff and P.M., Queenston, from [Rolland Donnelly?] Saint Catharines. The letter states that there is a statement of account on the foregoing
page, as requested, with a balance owing of £9.8.5 ¾. He adds that he can send back his accounts so that he can see in where deductions were made, as they are noted opposite each item in the margin, March 20, 1835.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from Samuel Street, Niagara Falls, Chippawa. The letter states that if Lot No. 9 on the Grand River in the Township of Moulton has not been sold yet, to please let him know what he would ask for it, April 2, 1835. A reply states that the price for it is the same as Lot No. 7, for 8 dollars, May 21. Postmarked Chippaiva, 3 APL 35 (date handwritten).


Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston, from William Cromwell, Otterville, Norwich. The letter concerns the Reaveley farm. He notes that he had almost sold the farm, until he received a letter with the conditions of the settlement and the cost of the suit against Reaveley, at which point the sale fell through. When he was at Long Point a few days ago, he heard that the farm had been sold, and would like to know if this is the case. He notes that if this is so, he will of course liberate Reaveley. He adds that Reaveley’s son told him to inform them what he intends respecting Reaveley’s confinement, and whether he will be freed if he gives up the farm, Oct. 5, 1835. Postmark partially illegible “CAST” 7 OCT 35 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Sheriff, from Capt. Walsh, Niagara Gaol. The letter concerns a complaint by the writer about his treatment in the prison. He asks for interference by Hamilton, but does not want to register a complaint against the Gaoler or Deputy Sheriff. He notes that he is confined as a debtor and is entitled to consideration beyond a criminal. His child and her attendant have been denied visits with him during the prescribed hours permitted by regulations, and he asks that Hamilton provide an order to permit these visits, November 2, 1835.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Sheriff of the Niagara District, from Capt. Walsh, Niagara Gaol. The letter expresses his melancholy and distress, and asks that Hamilton grant a permanent order so that his child and her Governess can visit during prescribed visiting hours, which he has been denied. He also notes that it is only with difficulty that he is able to procure two meals a day, November 12, 1835.

Account of Alex Hamilton with Watkins & Harris, Ironmongers, Toronto, January 1, 1836. Postmarked City of Toronto JA 7 1836.

Invoice to Alex. Hamilton from Watkins & Harris, January 1, 1836.

Account of Alex. Hamilton with Niven & Gardiner, Wine and Spirit Merchants, April 11, 1836.
List of names by Alex. Hamilton, to be invited to Mr. Dyers Inn respecting the fair to take place on Thursday fortnight, St. Catharines. Some of the names listed are W.H. Merritt; Mr. Mittleberger; Mr. Rykert; Mr. Brock; Mr. Tenbrook; Mr. Burns; Mr. McDonald; Mr. Adams; Mr. Clark; Mr. Thos. Merritt; Mr. Fitzgerald; Dr. Chase; and Mr. Wood.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from James Hamilton, St. Thomas. He asks to be informed of the result of draft Williams and the Helmers affair, as he wishes to pay Mr. Douglas, May 6, 1836. Postmarked St. Thomas MAY 6.

Account of Alex. Hamilton with Balfour & Drysdale (printed blank). The invoice is for 2 straw bonnets and a purse. Receipt of payment is acknowledged, 183[?].

Account of Alex. Hamilton with John Balfour (printed blank). The invoice is for 7 yards of muslin, August 30, 1836.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from James Cummings, Chippawa. The letter states that he wrote Mr. Wagoner respecting the oats, and he replied that he could depend on 100 or 200 bushels of oats, but could not deliver them before November. He asks for a reply, September 3, 1836. Postmarked CHIPPAIVA Sept. 36 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from David Thorburn, House of Assembly. The letter concerns the War Loss bill. It is written that the War Loss bill has been assented to by His Majesty, and as soon as the Governor directs the Receiver General to pay the sufferers, it will be done as soon after as he can raise the money. He notes that payment can only be received by the sufferer or their appointed power of attorney, and asks that Hamilton send him his power of attorney so that he can attend to the business on his behalf. He states that it may be a few weeks before the Receiver General will be ready to pay, but due notice will be given through the Gazette. He notes that he is very anxious that the petitions concerning the Welland Canal be received, as the Welland Canal Committee of investigation have made a first report. The House was put into a committee and the debate continued till the House adjourned. He thinks that Mr. Merritt will get the House to adopt all that he could desire and provides further details of the anticipated funding. He states that he has sent a letter to Mr. Rorback, who has been selected to carry the petition from Stamford up and to hasten the petitioners, December 5, 1836. Postmarked City of Toronto DE 5 1836.

Letter (printed blank) from the Bank of Upper Canada, York. The lower part of the note, containing most of the text, is missing. The note does not appear to be filled in, 182[?].

Account with Richmond Fraser & Co, Queenston (printed blank). The invoice is for sugar, March 8, 1837.

Account of A.H. with Richmond Fraser & Co., Queenston (printed blank). The invoice is for candles, March 9, 1837.
Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from John Strange, Kingston. The letter notes that a copy of the bill of lading is included on the other side, with the 45 barrels of apples, as well as the steamboat United Kingdoms’ receipt for the freight of the same. He notes that there is a discrepancy between the number of barrels noted in the bill of lading and those received, March 29, 1837. Postmarked Kingston UP-CAN MAR 29.

Account (printed blank) of Alex. Hamilton with Balfour & Drysdale. The invoice is for bonnets and silk, April 12, 1837.

Letter to Alex. Hamilton from [illegible], Welland Canal Office, St. Catharines. The letter concerns Mr. Hood’s order for payment on the Welland Canal Company. The writer states that Mr. Hood’s order for payment of his claim for building a bridge was submitted to the Board, and referred to Mr. Hall to examine and report at the next Board [meeting], May 1, 1837.

Letter (printed blank) to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from [illegible], Office of the Bank of Upper Canada, Niagara. The letter concerns a payment due. It is stated that the note of Jos. Hamilton for £500 and endorsed by Hamilton is due and requests payment, June 21, 1837. Postmarked Niagara, 21 June 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Alexander McLeod, Sherriff’s Office, Niagara. The letter states that he has no doubt the youth will get bail, and he has enclosed a bond. He notes that the prisoners almost killed Wheeler yesterday, and six of the criminals escaped, but were all retaken. The locks in their door, which opens into the debtors ward, were picked by some of the debtors. When the old man was going in, they shoved open the door and made a rush on him, beating him unmercifully with sticks. He was able to defend himself and delayed them in their progress until the alarm was raised and they were eventually secured. He notes that the debtors would not assist Wheeler. He also states that Morrison is at present boarding with Mr. H. Thompson, July 18, 1837. Postmarked Niagara U.C. 18 July 1837 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Robert Hamilton, Hamilton. The letter states that George will be sent to school at Lewiston, and he has enclosed the first quarterly payment to be paid in advance, as requested by the Academy. He wishes for George to have a good English education, after which he will be old enough to judge for himself what kind of life he wants to follow. He notes that if the Academy can find bed and bedding for him, he would do so. If not, he asks Hamilton to arrange for accommodation, as well as other necessary articles such as books, pens and ink. He also asks that Dr. Hill attend to him professionally and charges to him quarterly. He requests that George not play with the school boys until he has recovered from his weakness, but may walk about the grounds for exercise. He is also not allowed to leave the school to go to Queenston except once every two weeks, and that he attend church every Sunday, August 1, 1837. Postmarked Hamilton Aug. 2 (date handwritten).
1.28 Account of Alex. Hamilton with the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. The invoice is for bibles, a guide to families, and prayer books, December 22, 1837. Postmarked Niagara U.C. Feb. 17 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, from Benjamin Hazelton, Brantford. The letter concerns a debt to Hamilton. The writer acknowledges his debt, and states that he cannot pay it at present, but expects to pay part of it by June 1st and the remainder in the fall, April 4, 1838. Postmarked Brantford APR 5 (part of date handwritten).

Letter to A. Hamilton, Queenston, from Jno. M. Murchison, Toronto. The letter concerns an order for a suit of clothing. The writer apologizes for not replying sooner, but he was busy with a government contract which he just completed the day before. He states that he has enclosed a card with directions for taking measurements, and asks that Hamilton send him the measurements in a letter, May 24, 1838. Postmarked City of Toronto U.C. MY 25 1838.

Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company policy form (printed blank). The form is blank except a signature of Robert E. Bury, President, at the bottom of the form, 183[?]

Letter to A. Hamilton from J. Bonny[?], Secretary, Office of the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company, St. Catharines. The letter concerns a policy. The writer states that he has delayed replying to Hamilton’s letter in the hopes that a new President would be appointed in the place of R. E. Bury, who has removed from the District. He has annexed an application which he requests be copied and returned to him. He notes that the company freed the first policies for one year to test the system, with the intention of renewing them for five years longer without further charge. He therefore has enclosed the amount sent to him, June 9, 1838. A reply by Hamilton is included. He writes that he has enclosed an application for his insurance policy, and asks that the policy be returned with the necessary alterations for its execution.

Account of A. Hamilton with A. Laurie & Co., importers of British Manufactures, Toronto (printed blank), June 14, 1838.

Receipt to Alex. Hamilton for $45.00 for 7 ½ years subscription to the New York Albion, from January 15, 1831 to July 15, 1838.

Letter to Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff, District Niagara, Queenston, from W. Hamilton Merritt. The letter concerns Mr. McLeod’s case against Mr. McDonell. He writes that Mr. McLeod has asked him to provide a return of all the lists from the District Court and the Crown Office in Toronto against Mr. McDonell, and has assured him that he will select those that will cover the amount of the payments made to him. Merritt provides
a list of payments for which he has no account. He hopes that Hamilton can attend to
this on his return, as he wishes to procure every document now requested and wishes
for his assistance. Postmarked St. Catharines (partly illegible) July 7 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alexander Hamilton from Jno. Macaulay, Government House. The letter
concerns a reprieve for convicts who were scheduled to be executed the following day.
He has enclosed a triplicate copy of his letter which conveys his Excellency’s commands
concerning the reprieve. A copy of this letter was also sent yesterday with Captain Dick
of the Steamer The Queen, as well as a duplicate by mail. Since Hamilton failed to
acknowledge receipt of the letters, another one has been sent, August 30, 1838.

Letter to A. Hamilton, P.M., Queenston, from Peter Keefer, P.O. Thorold. The letter
states that he has enquired this morning at the mill, and they have no bran at present,
and are selling it at $7 ½ when on hand. They have sold as low as $5 but only when
likely to spoil because of the hot weather, September 27, 1838. Postmarked Thorold 27
Sept. 1838 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Queenston, from R.F. Nelles, Grimsby. The letter states that
his account for butter and lard is annexed, December 30, 1838. Postmarked Grimsby
Dec 30 (date handwritten).

Letter to Alex. Hamilton, Post Office, Queenston, from Robert F. Gourlay, St. Catharines.
The letter concerns the death of his daughter Jessie. He writes that she died on Monday
night, and he fears that his third daughter, Helen, will go the same way. He states that
she was about to leave Seafield under the care of Jean, his oldest daughter, for a
warmer climate, while Catherine (the youngest) remains with her Grandmother. He
asks that he show this to Mrs. R. Hamilton and then send it to his brother John. The
enclosed letter is to be mailed and charged to his inland postage account, January 9,
1839. Postmarked St. Catharines Jany 10 1839 (date handwritten).

Catalogue of Flower Seeds for sale at the Rochester Seed Store by Reynolds & Bateham.
Addressed to Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, n.d.

Sub-series C: Hamilton Family Legal Documents 1810-1837 (includes Bonds,
Summons, Authorizations, and Licenses)

1.29 Bond (printed blank) between Isaac Lambert, Lincoln County, and Robert Hamilton,
Queenston, for sixty-three pounds New York currency borrowed from Robert Hamilton,
January 2, 1802.

Election of George Hamilton to the Office of assessor for the Township of Niagara (printed blank), March 6, 1810.

Summons (printed blank) to George Hamilton to attend as a Grand Juror, District Court in the Town of Niagara, signed by Thos. Merritt, Sheriff, August 20, 1810.

Election of George Hamilton to the Office of assessor for the Township of Niagara (printed blank), March 8, 1811.

Summons (printed blank) to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests. The form is blank, 182[?].

Summons (printed blank) to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests. The form is blank, 182[?]. (3 copies)

Summons (printed blank) to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests, District of Niagara, Upper Canada. The form is blank, 182[?] (2 copies)

Summons (printed blank) to appear before the Court of Requests, District of Niagara, Upper Canada. The form is blank, 1831. (2 copies)

Summons (printed blank) to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests, Niagara District, Upper Canada. The form is blank, 183[?]. Two copies, which are attached with a fold along the left edge. There is a small stain on the bottom left. This does not affect the text.

Authorization (printed blank) to distrain the goods and chattles for the demands and costs on behalf of a lawsuit, Niagara District. The form is blank, 182[?]. Printed by B. Leavenworth, St. Catharines.

Authorization (printed blank) to sell goods and chattels to satisfy a judgement given in the Court of Requests, District of Niagara. The form is blank, 182[?]. (3 copies)

Authorization (printed blank) to sell goods and chattels to satisfy a judgement given in the Court of Requests. The form is blank, n.d. (2 copies)

Still Licence (printed blank) to Hamilton & Kerby, Town of [illegible], County of Lincoln, Niagara, to use One Still, for the purpose of Distilling Spirituous Liquors, containing one hundred gallons and no more. Signed by J. Baby and Isaac Swayze, July 10, 1822.

Bond (printed blank) between William Kerby, Grand River, and Alexander Hamilton, Queenston, for fifty-four pounds, twelve shillings borrowed from Alexander Hamilton, 1824.
Summons (printed blank) to Alexander Hamilton of the Township of Niagara, to appear as a Grand Juror at the next Court of Assize. Signed by R. Leonard, Sheriff, and Peter [Purdy?], Deputy Sheriff, July 26, 1825.

Summons (printed blank) to [S.]? Smith to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests to answer demands in a case involving him as the defendant and William [illegible] as the plaintiff, July 25, 1826.

Note (printed blank) between Peter Bradt and Smith Griffins Mill, Grimsby, dated at Gainsborough, August 9, 1827.

Summons (printed blank) to James Hamilton to testify in court regarding a case between Robert Hamilton and Thomas Clark and William Dickson. Signed by Chas. C [illegible], October 4, 1827.

Authorization (printed blank) to Moses Little of Queenston to sell the goods and chattels of Christopher McGraw, Niagara Township, for the amount of fourteen shillings, to satisfy a judgement given by the Court of Requests in the suit of [J. King?]. Signed by Alexander Hamilton, J.P., August 1, 1828.

Summons (printed blank) to John Campbell of St. Davids and Wm. Macklem of Stamford to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests at the Office of Robert Grant, Queenston, as witnesses in a case involving Richard Smith and Robert Williams. Signed by Robert Grant, Commissioner Court Requests, April 13, 1829.

Subpoena (printed blank) to Alexander Hamilton to appear before John Beverly Robinson, at the Court House in the Town of Niagara, to testify in a case between William Crooks and Maria Sampson, George Ball, and Abraham Nellis, administrator of the Estate of William Sampson, June 27, 1829.

Authorization (printed blank) to Chester Wadsworth of Queenston, to sell goods and chattels of James Secord of Queenston in the amount of three pounds, nineteen shillings, to satisfy a judgement given by the Court of Requests at the suit of Robert Kay. Signed by Alexander Hamilton, August 29, 1829.

Summons (printed blank) to Michael McMaddon to appear before the Commissioners of the Court of Requests to answer demands in a case involving him as the defendant and Thomas Servos as the plaintiff. Signed by Alexander Hamilton, December 26, 1829.

Summons (printed blank) to John Robb[?] of Queenston, Blacksmith, to appear at the Court of Requests to testify in a case between George Fields and Adam Franklin[?], February 6, 1830.

Summons (printed blank) to appear at the Court of Requests to answer a complaint of the plaintiff, for a debt due and owing, District of Niagara. The form is blank, 1831.
Bond (printed blank) between Peter H. Hamilton of Hamilton and Joseph Hamilton, signed by J. Hamilton, Thomas Canby, and Charles McKinsey[?], February 27, 1833.

Circular (printed) from the Secretary’s Office, York. The letter asks that the enclosed form respecting the Sheriff’s Office and Gaol be completed and returned, January 16, 1834.

Summons (printed blank) to Alexander Hamilton to appear in court regarding a case of debt against him by Horatio Nelson Munson[?]. Signed by C.C. [illegible] and Robert E. Bury (plaintiff’s attorney), November 29, 1834.


Circular (printed) to Sir F.B. Head, from Downing Street. The letter concerns gaols and prison discipline in the colonies. It is noted that several items are enclosed which relate to this issue, including gaols returns, which are to be completed and returned, July 5, 1837.

Record of Conviction? (printed blank), Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff, Niagara District. The form is not completed, n.d. (3 copies)

Record of Plea? (printed blank), Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff, Niagara District. The form is not completed, n.d.

Summons (printed blank) to the Court of Requests, District of Niagara, and an authorization (printed blank) to sell goods and chattels to satisfy a judgement given by the Court of Requests, District of Niagara. The forms are blank. There are two identical pages of forms, each page containing two summons forms and one authorization form, n.d.

Affidavit in proof of will (printed blank). The form is blank and has no date.

Bond (printed blank). The form is blank, but is to be used by those borrowing from the Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the government of the Province of Upper Canada, no date.

Oath of Administration (printed blank) for administering estates, Surrogate Court, District of Niagara. The form is blank with no date.

Letter of Administration (printed blank) for administering estates, Office of the Surrogate Court, District of Niagara, Province of Upper Canada. The form is blank with no date.
1.29 Report of the Board of Health for Queenston to the Secretary of the Board of Health for the District of Niagara (printed blank). The form is blank with no date. There are 4 copies, three printed on white paper and one on green paper. There is some staining on the text along the top of one of the copies on white paper.

List of Property taken under Execution, to be delivered to Alexander Hamilton, Sheriff of the Niagara District (printed blank). The form is blank, 183[?]. There are 3 copies, two printed on white paper and one on green paper. The font size and paper size vary slightly between the copies on green paper and white paper. The text is identical.

Sheriff’s Sale (printed blank), Sheriff’s Office, Niagara. The form is blank, 183[?]. Two identical copies.


Series III: Other Postal Material, 1784-1952, n.d.

Sub-series A: Postal Covers, 1822-1952, n.d. (mostly stampless)


The Honble. N. B. Felton, Comm. for the sale of Crown Lands, Quebec. The name George Hitchcock, Stonebridge, Jany. 2, 1829 is written on the reverse side. Postmark illegible.

Revd. Anthony Hamilton, 42 Castle St., Leicester Square, London. Postmark has a handwritten date of January 7, 1829. The location is illegible.

Hon. Mr. B. Felton, Commissioner Crown Lands, Quebec. Postmarked Grenville 27 May 1831 (date handwritten); and Montreal May 30.

Government Land Office, Quebec, L.C. Handwritten date, September 26, 1832. Postmarked Lac Coteau.

His Excellency Charles Sydenham, Governor in Chief, Province of Canada, Government House, Kingston. Postmarked Quebec Aug 27 1841, L.C.
Hon. John Stewart, Quebec. Postmarked Montreal JU 6 1842 L.C.

Joseph Bouchette, Bureau des terres, Montreal. Postmarked La Beauce, L.C., Jan 27 1851 (date handwritten); Quebec, Jan 28 1851; Ja 31 1851.

Scrap of paper with postmark Saint Anne La Pocataire, L.C., 26 Augt 1837 (date handwritten)


Scrap of paper with postmark for Trois-Pistoles, L.C., 15 October 1845 (date handwritten)


The Commissioner of Crown Land, Montreal. Postmarked Point St. Peter, L.C. 8 Feby 1846; Montreal FE 23 1846; another postmark is illegible.


Jean Langevin, Bureau des Terre de la Couronne, Montreal. Postmarked Quebec JA 28 1848 L.C; and Montreal JA 30 1848 L.C.
Mess. Sa[???] and Nelles, Grimbsy. Postmarked Niagara, C.W., MY 15 1848 B

Miss Rudyard at Mrs. Ashworths, Baring Crescent, Exeter, Devonshire. Postmarked Iver (no date); Uxbridge Oc 20 1848 C; and another illegible postmark.

Mr. Peter Bradt, Clinton, Jordan Post Office, C.W. Postmarked Niagara Falls, N.Y, Dec. 3; Queenston, U.C. De 3 1848; and Jordan U.C. Dec 4 48.


Monsieur le Commissionaire des Terres de al Couronne, Montreal. Postmarked Steamboat Letter, Quebec, OC 23 1849; and Montreal OC 24 1849 L.C.

John Auld, St. Paul Street, Montreal. Postmarked Steamboat Letter, Quebec, JU 8 1852; and Montreal JU 9 1852 L.C.

Jean Langevin, Bureau des Terres de la Couronne, Quebec. Postmarked St. Polycarp SP 18 1852; Montreal SP 19 1852 L.C.; Quebec[?] Sep 21 1852. Another postmark is illegible.

H. Boulton, Holland House, Toronto, Canada. Postmarked LC Mr 13; Florence; BC 13 MR 1854; and two other illegible postmarks.

Honourable A.N. Morin, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Crown Lands Department, Quebec. Postmarked Holland Landing, U.C. Ja 12 1855; Quebec, L.C. Jan 18 1855; and Toronto Ja 13 1855.

The Honourable Commissioner of Crown Lands. Postmarked Bytown Feb 8 1855 U.C.; Westmeath, U.C. Feb. 5 55 (date handwritten); and Quebec, Feb 12 1855, L.C.

Small embossed envelope with two clippings of poetry enclosed, March 8, 1855.

Mr. John Macriner, care of Mr. Wm. Rolph, Black Horn Inn, Toronto. Postmarked [Ing]lersoll, U.C. De 3 1855 and Toronto C.W. De 4.

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto, C.W. Reverse side is dated at Brampton Sept. 56, A. Ross. Postmarked Quebec SP 9 1856 and Brampton Sept. 7 1856 (date handwritten).


Mr. H.J. Boulton, [illegible], Canada W. Postmarked FE 5 LC; Crawley? B Fe 4 58; London ML Fe 5 58; and an illegible postmark (ends in ...arlwood.)

Andrew Russel, Asst. Commissioner, Toronto, C.W. Postmarked Gould, L.C. Feb. 4 1858 (date handwritten); Lennox Feb 6 1858; and Toronto Feb. 9 C.W.
Honourable L.N. Licotte[?], Toronto. Postmarked Cap-Sante (partial postmark), My 6/58 (date handwritten); 2 other postmarks largely illegible.

Monsieur le Consul de France, Quebec. Postmarked Napierville, May 1858 (date handwritten); Montreal MY 1858, L.C.; another postmark is illegible.


Wm. Kerby, Niagara. Postmarked St. Catharines SP 3 60 U.C. and Niagara SP 3 1860 U.C.

Mess. Hamilton, Box 666 Mrs. Simpson, Drummond, Montreal. Postmarked Quebec PM FE 5 61. Another postmark is dated FE 11 1861, L.C., but the city is illegible.

Hon. W. McDougal, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Quebec. Postmarked Aylmer-Ottawa JA 28 1863 O; another postmark is illegible.

George C. Bradt, Bailiff, Jordan, C.W. Postmarked Welland OC 13 66; Welland Rail Road OC 13 1866 Down; St. Catharines UC OC 13 66; Jordan C.W. OC 15 1866.

Mr. John Bell, Scarrboro, near the City Toronto, North America. Postmarked Quebec? MA 26 1868?; two other postmarks are illegible.


Mrs. Henry J. Bolton, [Humberford], near Toronto, Canada West. Handwritten date of April 1, 1868. Five postmarks, which are largely illegible.


Thos. Clark, St. Catharines. Left side has written D’Everardo vs. Eccles. Postmarked [Font]hill, date illegible; Welland Rail Road AP 7 1870 Down; two other postmarks are illegible.


Scrap of paper postmarked Saint Antoine L.C., January 15 63.

F. Langevin, Quebec, Avocat, Quebec. Postmarked Saint Antoine, L.C. June 21 75 and Quebec Ju 22 75.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Band, 41 Teddington Park Ave., Toronto, Canada. Envelope is printed on the left with the logo of the London International Stamp Exhibition, 1950. A postage stamp is included on the top right. Postmarked International Stamp Exhibition, 1950, London, 12:45 p.m. 6 May 1950.

Percy C. Band, 41 Teddington Park Ave., Toronto 12. The top left of the envelope contains the logo and address of the Canadian Red Cross Society National Headquarters. A 4 cent stamp is included at the top right. Postmarked Ottawa, Ontario, Canada 10 a.m. Jul 26 1952.

David Thorburn, Queenston. The name Wm. A. Ritchie appears elsewhere on the paper. A note to please forward the letter for Messr. Jones by S. boat is included. Postmarked Buffalo, N.Y. May 23; several other postmarks are illegible.

To the Honourable William Jarvis, Niagara. No postmarks or stamps.

Mr. B.H. Price, Fonthill, C.W. No postmarks or stamps.


Mr. Robt. Noderwell[], Goderich. Postmarked Port Sar[????], date illegible.

J. Davidson, Commissioner of Woods and Forests, Quebec. Postmarked Sherbrooke, Nov. 28 (date handwritten).


Printed envelopes, Manager, The Great North Western Telegraph Company. Envelopes are not addressed and contain no postmarks (3 envelopes).

M.L. Boeing, Dept. 3094, 630 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, U.S.A. The return address is the Post Office at Dagupan, Jose Reyna, Province Pangasinan, Philippine Is. A two cent Philippine stamp with postmark are included.

Miss Fanny Gibson, Clark P.O., Newtonville, Ont. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Revd. J. McLaurin, Martintown, C.W. Postmarked Lancaster MY (rest of date not legible), C. W.; two other postmarks are not legible.

Printed letterhead stationary for Fred Shorney Limited, Dispensing Opticians. There is nothing written on the sheet, n.d.

Sub-series B: Printed Postal Material, 1862-1928, n.d.
1.32 Tickets (printed blank) for the Royal Mail and Lake Ontario Express Line of Steamers, for passage from Montreal to Port Hope; Montreal to Toronto; and Toronto to Montreal, October 6-7, 1862, and October 20, 1862, signed by A. McDonald. (4 tickets)

Certificate of Post Office Registration (printed blank), for a letter registered this day addressed to Ed. Canada Gazette, Ottawa. Registered by N.P.R. Postmarked Montreal, C.E., OC 25 65.

Department Circular (printed) with a list of Post Offices which have been established in Canada between January 1 and June 30, 1867. A list of Post Offices closed and name changes are also included. The following page contains information on accounts and balances, noting that all accounts, claims and balances with transactions anterior to July 1, 1867 will have to be settled as soon as possible. After that date, post office accounts for Ontario and Quebec will form part of a General Account including the Post Office Revenue and Expenditure of all the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada. The only exception to this will be postage, bill, or other stamps and money order reserves on hand July 1, and taken credit for as such in the accounts to June 30, A. Campbell, Postmaster General, August 30, 1867. The circular is addressed to Pelham Union, County Welland. Postmarked Ottawa, C.W. (date illegible); Jordan, C.W., OC 5 1867?; another postmark is included but is illegible.

Post Office Department Order No. 2 (printed) to all Postmasters and other persons employed in the Postal Service of Canada, from A. Campbell, Postmaster General. The order provides a summary of the principal provisions of the Post Office Act, which will come into operation on April 1, 1868. The summary includes organization of the Department in relation to the Provinces and postage rates, Ottawa, March 1, 1868.

Monthly sheet of mails received at Pelham Union from Jordan for the month of April 1869.


Useful Information for Postmasters in charge of Post Offices on the revenue basis, Ottawa, 1928. Issued by authority of L.J. Gaboury, Deputy Postmaster General. Topics include rates, registration, duties, rural mail, special delivery, dead letters, money orders and mail bag security. Contains 90 pages, original cloth backed printed boards, binding stained with upper right corner of top board broken away.

Post Office Telegraph form (printed blank). Records the time sent, person sent to and the sender, charges, service instructions, and number of chargeable words. The form is not completed, n.d.

Sub-series C: Assorted Correspondence, 1784-1898
Letter from Ethan Allen, Ticonderoga, to the Hon'ble Johnathan Trumbull, Capt. General and Governor of the Colony of Connecticut (reproduction). The letter concerns the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary War in the United States. A transcription is included on the bottom of the page, May 12, 1775.

Letter to Mr. William Taylor from George Lyons, Detroit. The letter concerns the shipping of goods. He states that he has enclosed the account of goods received from Captain McKee. He notes that it is all that can be spared out of the Indian store at present, and that if Sir John Johnson’s requisition had come to hand a little sooner he would have been able to complete it. He thanks him for his attention in this matter, and his application to Sir John Johnson in this affair, although the quantity of goods received was less than was expected. Captain McKee expects there should be no prospect or hopes of the goods at Oswego coming forward early. He expects this will be the last vessel to ship to Fort Erie this season, and wonders what is best to be done respecting sending forward goods from Montreal next spring, November 1, 1784.

Letter (in French) to Monsieur Sullivan, Attorney, Montreal, from F.E. Globensky. The letter concerns a payment due to the writer, July 4, 1819.

Letter to Thomas Clark, Niagara Falls, from Adam Ekar, Clinton. The letter concerns a bond. The writer states that he will be starting for the States soon and wanted to inform Clark that immediately after making a bond with him, it was burned. He thinks he may not be able to pay for the land according to the agreement, and thinks it best that Clark destroy the bond held against him and let some other person have it, as he will not remain in the country, December 30, 1825. A note at the bottom in different handwriting states that 5 ½ of 22 in 4th Con., Gainsboro for £75, debt drawn by [Jos?] Hamilton, April 19, 1817.

Letter to the Honb. John Stewart, Quebec, from Thomas Turner, Montreal. He writes that he has annexed the amount for advertising in the Montreal Gazette agreeable to his directions, and asks that payment be remitted, June 27, 1827.

Letter to Mr. Joseph and A. Hardy, location illegible, from E. Barlow[?], St. Johns. The letter states that he has effected the request from his letter, but that the premium is high. However, considering the season and the danger of meeting with ice, it is as low as can be expected. The premium is £10, which has been advanced. It is asked that he be reimbursed as soon as possible. The bottom of the letter contains an account of charges, including transport of cargo on board the Schooner Orison from Annapolis to Newfoundland, April 4, 1829. Postmark illegible, except for handwritten date of April 29.
Letter to Samuel and Abraham Canfield, Oxford, Upper Canada, from Joel Canfield, Saybrook, Ct. The letter contains news of his children. His son Hezekiah will be leaving for the western country, and will pass through Canada. He states that Hezekiah will call on them with a view to making arrangements respecting his land, either improving or disposing of it, and asks that they provide assistance to him should it be required. His son Samuel has been in poor health lately, August 8, 1831.

Letter to E. Ermatinger, Merchant, St. Thomas, from J. Buchanan, Toronto. The letter states that Mr. Creighton[?] will be in your quarter. He has had a respectable introduction and favourable certificate recommendations, and would be entitled to confidence, November 11, 1834. Postmarked London Dec. 13 (date handwritten).

Letter to John Harris, Treasurer of Dist. Of London, Acting Postmaster, from Edw. Barton, Ingersoll, Oxford. The letter asks if the taxes have been paid on the east and west halves of Lot number 16. If there is money owing, he will come and pay when he is in London, March 12, 1835. Postmarked Oxford March 13 (date handwritten).


Letter to Rev. James Richardson, Toronto City, U. Canada, from W.H. Allen, Cazenovia, [N.Y.]. The letter states that H.F. Martin will start for Canada next week and can carry James Henry as far as Hamilton. He notes that about $72 will be required to settle all the bills of Jane and James. Unless otherwise stated, he will take Jane to Rochester and leave her with Martha. Additional money would be required to do this, February 26, 1836. Postmarked Toronto MA 3 1836 and FEB 26, N.Y. [city illegible].

Letter to Mess. Roberts [illegible], Merchants, Montreal, from John Baird, Ramsay[?]. The letter states that they will receive from John Baird 2 barrels of potashes, and that more will be forwarded in 2 days, October 1, 1836.

Letter to C.J. Mickle, Guelph, from A. Lillie, Brantford. He writes that it will be more convenient to defer his visit to Guelph to three weeks. His family is well. He intends to meet Mr. Roaf in Hamilton with Mr. Nell next Monday, November 10, 1837. Postmarked Brantford, date illegible.

Letter to Mr. Trokor[?] from J. Anderson. The letter offers the House and premises at Blind Land End for sixteen pounds a year, July 13, 1839.

Partial letter dated at Queenston, October 19, 1840. The bottom part of the page is missing. There is no signature or address. The letter concerns a fine given to A. [Destler?] of St. Davids respecting a licence given to him.
Letter to Mr. McQueen from Donald McCallum, Grenville. The letter concerns a bankruptcy hearing, July 4, 1842.

Letter to William Grant, Fraser Field, Glengarry, from Alex. Grant, [place illegible]. He writes that he is sorry about the trouble and vexation, and he supposes he will have to meet the whole expense. He has enclosed payment in this letter, September 19, 1842. Postmark location is illegible, but in U.C., SP 19 1842.

Letter (printed) to R. & W. Summer, Merchants, Grimsby, from James D. Mackay & Co., Hamilton. The letter announces the fall importations, including an assortment of teas, coffee, and tobacco, as well as numerous other items, November 1844.

Letter to Jas. Pringle, Cornwall, from A. McLean, Toronto. The writer asks that the enclosed claim be put up in his office, and to send it to him with the certificate in time to be brought before the Commission in July. He hopes that John has given him the claim which he left with him from the St. Lawrence, Cornwall, the Lot on which Aaron Welch resides. He hopes there will be no obstacle to it passing at the next meeting of the Board. He is leaving for Niagara to hold the Assizes there, May 19, 1845. Postmarked Toronto MY 19 1845 and [Cornwall] MAY 1845.

Letter (printed blank) to D. Devrardo, Supt. Com. Schools, Niagara District, Pelham, Fonthill, from Sisal Carter. The letter announces the school trustees for school section no. 5 in the Township of Bertie, including John Rose and John Troup, January 12, 1848. Postmarked Port Abino U.C. 12 Jan 1848 (date handwritten); Port Colborne U.C. 13 Jan. 1848 (date handwritten); Port Robinson U.C. 15 Jan. 48 (date handwritten); Pelham, U.C. 18 Jan. 48

Letter to Messrs. Miller and Boomer, Attorney, St. Catharines, from John Martin, Depy. Reg., for Agnew P. Farrell, Registrar, Dunnville. The letter concerns lots No. 8 & 9 in the Clement tract, Township of Canboro. The writer states that there is no mention of a patent having issued for these lots. He includes a transcript of the information in his books concerning these lots, December 3, 1850. Postmarked Dunnville U.C. DE 3 1850.

Letter to E.M. Proctor, Port Sarnia[?], Canada West, from P. Dean, location illegible. The letter discusses local flooding, his testimony at a murder trial in Mokelumne Hill [California], and mutual friends, June 12, [18]54. Postmarked San ???, Cal., July 1; [illegible] Valley, Ca (date illegible); London, U.C. Jy 26 1854; and Port Sarnia Jy 1854.

Letter to A.N. Richards, Barrister, Brockville, from John F. McDonald, Cornwall. The letter concerns a matter between the Montreal Assurance Co. and Alvin Kugar[?]. The writer states that he has been entrusted to accept a compromise of the debt in this cause. The bottom left corner of the page is missing. This affects the text, January 11, 1855. Postmarked Cornwall JA 11 1855 and Brockville JA 12 1855.
Note to W. Bletcher, Port Hope, from J. McDougall, by telegraph from Cobourg. The handwritten note states that he has received orders [for] no more lumber for Chicago, cannot load you. The note is on printed stationary from the Montreal Telegraph Company, October 1, 1857.

Letter to Mr. George Odell, Fredericton, New Brunswick, British America from Mr. [Rudyerd?], 7 Pembroke St., Oxford. The letter concerns a legacy left to the writer by his Aunt, March 9, 1858.

Letter to Mr. Charles Lee, Fredericton, New Brunswick, British America, from Oxford. The letter is unsigned. The back of the letter contains a logo for Henry Collingridge, dealer in tea, coffee and general grocery, Oxford. The letter concerns the estate of Miss Mary Odell, and how much interest the writer is entitled to from the money which she left him, March 16, 1858.

Letter (in French) to M. De Boileau, Consul de France a Quebec, from Charles Ruffier, St. Hilaire de Rouville (Lower Canada). The letter states that a power of attorney is being sent that must be legalized by the recipient. He does not know if it is needed by the governor, and leaves it to the recipient to decide, February 16, 1860. Postmarked several times, but many are faded and hard to read. Postmarks include: GRAND TR’K R. WAY FEB 16 1860; Belaieil L.C. FE 17 1860; and Quebec FE 17 60.

Letter to Miss Barker, Donald McPherson, Montreal, from D. Barker, Picton. The letter is to Barker’s sister and contains family news. It is noted that their grandmother has taken in a woman to help. The health of family members is mentioned, as well as an upcoming wedding. He notes that Kilburn is away for a few days and he is in charge of the bank until he returns, September 11, 1861. Postmarked Picton, U.C. SP 10 1861.

Letter (4 pages) from Joseph Banner, Labuan to his brother and sister. The letter states that he was unable to write sooner due to illness, and notes that the last letter he received from them states that they cannot find either Singapore or Labuan on an East Indian map. He thinks this may be because Labuan could be coupled with Borneo, and that he is as much in the neighbourhood of China as India. He mentions using engines to pump water and for hauling coals out of the workings. He notes that the manager must be waiting for advice from home, as the Company’s affairs are in a precarious state. It takes an average of 6 men here to perform the work of one Englishman at home. The company must have been misled by the unfounded reports of mangers, who he speculates may have been bribed into giving a favourable report. He notes that coals can be had out from England cheaper than they can be worked for out here. The island is small and uninhabited, with native huts here and there, and a few Chinamen or traders. He speculates there might be oil here, and writes briefly about A. Laverick and his brothers George and Joseph, June 14, 1864.
Letter signed Hastle[?], I pond [?]. The letter is written on Grand Trunk Railway letterhead stationary and concerns a payment. The writer notes that he cannot pay before the time he named. He writes that it is quite unnecessary to put the matter in a lawyer’s hands, which would only injure him. He would only be able to get American currency in that case, which is half the amount he would get at the named time. He notes that he has no intention of not paying, February[?] 23, 1865.


Letter (printed) from Benj. Eager, Victoria Flour Mills, Wellington Square. The letter states that the mill is now completed and open for custom grinding, March 2, 1875. The reverse side contains a handwritten account of payments by note and cheque.

Letter to Alec from John Trotter, Stockton-on-Tees. The letter concerns the Robson Trust and Hutchinson Trust, May 26, 1880.

Telegraph to Hon. J.B. [Plumb?], Niagara, from [illegible], Prospect House. The telegraph was sent by the Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies’ Lines. The note states that Prince George and I will be most happy to spend Friday with you. They will arrive by nine by train, but must leave by evening, September 27, 1883.

Letter to Mr. Ellwood, Lucan, Ont., from L.J. Lynch, Sunderland. The letter states that payment of two dollars is enclosed for his account. He apologizes for being behind but is hoping to send the balance in June or July. The coat has done him valuable service this winter. He notes there is a gratifying feeling of unity here among the different religious bodies than he has known in any other place. There are about half a dozen Masonic brethren here, and talk of a lodge in the future, April 2, 1888. Envelope is included and contains two Canada postage stamps. One is for three cents, and the other is a two-cent registered letter stamp. Postmarked Toronto AP 2 88.

Invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart from Mrs. Fremont, on Wednesday evening of the 14th, Progressive Euchre, January 1891.

Letter from Col. Alfred Egerton, Comptroller and Equerry, on Buckingham Palace Stationary. The recipient is unknown. The writer states that the Duke of Connaught wishes to thank him for sending a copy of “The Life of Sir Isaac Brock”, January 8, [18]95.

Letter to H.F. Wyatt, Aide-de-camp to the Governor-General, Toronto, from H.P. Dwight, President and General Manager of the Great North Western Telegraph Company of Canada. The letter states that they have searched for a message said to have been filed there by the Governor General, addressed to Signor Polo at Niagara Falls. The report of the Superintendent at Ottawa is attached, May 5, 1898. A copy of Senor Polo’s message
from Niagara Falls to Lord Aberdeen is included, sent April 21. Two other telegraphs are included, stating that is no such record of such a telegraph at their offices, May 5, 1898.

1.33 Letter (typewritten) to Joshua Adams, Barrister and Solicitor, Sarnia, Ontario, from J.A. Porter, Secretary to the President, Executive Mansion, Washington. The letter states that the President has asked that receipt of his letter be acknowledged, and to inform him that it has been referred to the Secretary of the Interior for consideration. A handwritten note on the back states that the letter regards Ben. White et al, ackg. rec. of memorial, March 4, 1899.

Two memorandums from Edward Harris, Port Dover. The memos concern Mr. and Mrs. Ryerse[?], who live next door to him and have shown him his letter. He asks to let him know what is to be withdrawn. The second memo discusses some complications of the situation, November 6, 1902 and November 11, 1902.

Letter (typewritten) to George Silverthorn, Ellston, Ont., from James Money[?], Simcoe. The letter concerns false statements that Charles Marsaw alleges Silverthorn has been spreading about him. It is advised that these statements discontinue and be retracted, or legal action may be taken, August 2, 1918.

Letter to Mrs. Gough from S. McCallum, Walkers. The letter concerns an order of butter to be picked up, January 23, 1920.

Telegram envelope addressed to M. Meek, Hotel du Pas de Calais, Paris. The telegram is in French and is addressed to Mrs. Meek, Toronto. The envelope and telegram are both stamped Paris, Commercial, August 12 1930.

Telegram envelope addressed to M. Week, Hotel du Pas de Calais. The telegram is in French and is addressed to Mrs. Week, Albany Avenue, Toronto. The envelope and telegram are both stamped Paris, August 13, 1930.

Letter (typewritten, with signature of the Secretary) to the Rev. R.B. Cumming, the Parsonage, Salford, Ontario, from John Co[?], Private Secretary to Princess Elizabeth. The letter thanks him for the kind message of goodwill to the Princess on this very happy occasion in her life, and asks that this be passed on to the London Conference of the United Church of Canada, November 21, 1947. Includes envelope with royal stamp, and postmarked London 21 Nov. 1947.

Letter (typewritten) to the Honourable Raymond O’Hurley, Minister of Defence Production, Ottawa, from J.W. Murphy, Member for Lambton West, Ottawa. The letter describes an incident in which the Vice President of Polymer took home catered leftovers from a business event, which he relates to provide insight into his character, June 25, 1958.

Cover, to the Auditors of the County of Norfolk, Simcoe, from the Sub Treasurer Office, Waterford. A note on the back indicates vouchers for schools in Townsend are enclosed. Contains three marked, one-cent Canada postage stamps. Postmarked Simcoe, date illegible.

Letter to Miss Rebecca Barker, Hallowell. The letter is unsigned with no date. The writer asks that the enclosed edging be sent to her mother. It is written that all is well and nothing is talked about but elections—hurra for Wilson and [Warden?].

Sub-series D: Envelopes, 1847-1907, n.d.

1.34 Envelope addressed to Edward Ermatinger, St. Thomas. Postmarked Delaware U.C. DE 15 1847 and Westminster U.C. Dec. 15 1847 (date handwritten).

Envelope addressed to Miss Silverthorne. There is the logo for the Montreal Telegraph Co., in the top left corner, 1847.


Envelope addressed to D.H. Ritchie, County Clerk, Goderich. Postmarked London NO 27 1852 and Bayfield 29 Nov 52 (date handwritten).

Envelope addressed to the Postmaster at Innerkip, from the P.O. Inspector’s Office, London, C.W. Postmarked London C.W. JY 7 66 and Innerkip 7/10/66. Another postmark is illegible.

Envelope addressed to S. Creelman, M.L.C., Halifax, Nova Scotia. Postmarked Senate Canada 24 1877; two other postmarks are illegible.

Envelope addressed to James Shanly, Deputy Registrar, London. Postmarked London [MY 27 82]. Another postmark is illegible. There are 4 U.S. postage stamps included.

Envelope addressed to Walter Shanly, Registrar Chancery Div., London, Ont., from Tho. Martin of Woodstock. Postmarked Registered Mail, Woodstock SP 29 85 and London SP 29 85. There are 3, three-cent Canada postage stamps included, as well as a two-cent registered letter stamp.

Envelope addressed to G. Sterling Ryerson, M.P.P, Toronto, from the Minister of Justice, Canada. Postmarked Toronto Canada OCT 2 93.
Envelope addressed to Colonel Ryerson, Toronto, from Militia and Defence Canada. Postmarked Toronto (date illegible) and Ottawa OC 17 96.

Envelope addressed to M.C. Cameron, Q.C., M.P., Ottawa, Ont. Postmarked Goderich AP 29 97 and House of Commons APL 30 1897.

Envelope, “On Her Majesty’s Service” printed at top. Addressed to Misses Sara S L[illegible] and Martha? [illegible]. There are 2 postmarks. One is illegible and the other one is partially legible London? 30 JU 99.

Envelope addressed to Thos. [illegible], Mitchell, Ont., from John Fennell & Son, heavy and shelf hardware, Berlin, Ont. Postmarked Berlin, Ont. AU 22 07; and Mitchell, Ont. AU 23 [07].

Envelope addressed to Miss Esther Brett, Toronto. The upper left corner has the logo for Y.M.C.A. Canada. Postmarked MY 27 18[??].

Envelope addressed to Mr. Haslett.

Sub-series IV: Land Documents, 1790-1920

Sub-series A: Upper Canada Land Grants, 1790-1874

1.35 Land grant to Matthew Forest. Only a small portion of the land grant remains. The name John Graves Simcoe appears near the bottom. A partial date is on the reverse side, 1790.

O4.1 Land grant to Jemima McIntyre, Township of Clinton, County of Lincoln, District of Niagara, daughter of Daniel McIntyre, U.E. The land grant is for 200 acres of land in the Township of Beverley, County of York, Home District, May 17, 1802. Signed by William Jarvis (Provincial Secretary of Upper Canada); Peter Russell (Auditor General); Thomas Scott (Attorney General) and P. Hunter (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink.

O4.2 Land grant to Sarah Crumb, Township of Louth, County of Lincoln, District of Niagara, wife of Brian Crumb and daughter of Isaac Vollick, a U.E.L. The land grant is for 200 acres of land in the Township of Townsend, County of Norfolk, District of London, March 13, 1806. Signed by William Jarvis (Provincial Secretary of Upper Canada); Peter Russell (Auditor General); Thomas Scott (Attorney General); and Alexander Grant (President administering Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink, vellum strip at the bottom and the hard seal displaying the Royal coat of arms.
O4.3 Land grant to Catherine Cryderman, Township of Cornwall, County of Stormont, Eastern District, wife of Joseph Cryderman and daughter of Michael Cline, U.E. Loyalist. The land grant is for 200 acres in the Township of Finch, County of Stormont, Eastern District, May 27, 1808. Signed by William Jarvis (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); Peter Russell (Auditor General); William Firth (Attorney General); and Sir Francis Gore (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink, ribbon at the bottom and the hard seal displaying the Royal coat of arms.

O4.4 Land grant to John Robert Small, Township of Cornwall, County of Stormont, Eastern District. The land grant is for one acre of land, with an allowance for the public highway, Town of Cornwall, March 8, 1809. Signed by P. Selby (Auditor General); Wm. Jarvis (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); William Firth (Attorney General); and Francis Gore (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink, ribbon at the bottom and the hard seal displaying the Royal coat of arms.

O4.5 Land grant to Thomas Gardiner, Township of Wainfleet, County of Lincoln, District of Niagara. The land grant is for 200 acres in the Township of Scott, County of York, Home District, July 7, 1809. Signed by William Jarvis (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); P. Selby (Auditor General); William Firth (Attorney General); and Sir Francis Gore (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink, ribbon at the bottom and the hard seal displaying the Royal coat of arms.

O4.6 Land grant to Elisabeth Merritt, Township of Wainfleet, County of Lincoln, District of Niagara, wife of David Merritt and daughter of Christina Sencebaugh, U.E. Loyalist. The land grant is for 200 acres of land in the Township of Garrafraxa, County of Halton, District of Gore, July 16, 1827. Signed by D. Cameron (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); S. Heward (Auditor General); John Robinson (Attorney General); and Sir Peregrine Maitland (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada). Printed on vellum with writing in black ink, ribbon at the bottom and the hard seal displaying the Royal coat of arms.

O4.7 Land grant to John Sencebaugh, Township of Wainfleet, County of Lincoln, District of Niagara, son of Christian Sencebaugh, U.E. Loyalist. The land grant is for 200 acres of land in the Township of Garrafraxa, County of Halton, District of Gore, July 16, 1827. Signed by S. Heward (Auditor General); D. Cameron (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); John Beverly Robinson (Attorney General); and Peregrine Maitland (Lt. Governor of Upper Canada).

1.36 Land grant to William Middleton, Township of Adelaide, County of Middlesex, District of London for 100 acres in the Township of Adelaide. Signed by F.B. Head. Two other signatures are illegible. There is a seal in the upper left corner, June 16, 1836.
Land grant to Harris Hall, Township of Seymour, County of Northumberland, District of Newcastle, for 100 acres in the Township of Seymour. Signed by F.B. Head, D. Cameron (Provincial Secretary to the Lt. Governor of Upper Canada); and Robert S. Jameson (Attorney General), February 24, 1837.

Land grant to Polly Hill, Town of Brockville, County of Leeds, District of Johnstown, daughter of Caleb Dawson, an U.E. Loyalist. The land grant is for 200 acres of land in the Township of Brooke, County of Kent, Western District, August 8, 1835. Handwritten copy of the original patent, Provincial Registrar’s Office, Toronto, January 21, 1874.

Sub-series B: Indentures, Deeds, Mortgages, Conditions of Sales, Insurance Policies, 1816-1920

Deed of Bargain and Sale between James Lewis, Township of Townsend, County of Norfolk, and Jabez Collier, Township of Windham. The sale concerns land in the Township of Charlotteville, County, County of Norfolk, District of London. Signed by Jabez Collier, Benj. Collier, and James Lewis, January 4, 1816. A memorial of the deed of bargain and sale is enclosed, 1816. There are no signatures on the document.

Indenture of bargain and sale between [Asahil?] Waterhouse, Thorold, Upper Canada, and T. Rose, Cambria, State of New York, January 8, 1828. The rest of the document is blank.

Indenture of Bargain and Sale between Almira Sevick, Township of Caistor, County of Lincoln, Niagara District, and Samuel Birdsall, Township of Canborough, for 200 acres in the Township of Enniskillen, County of Kent, Western District, January 18, 1838.

Deed of Bargain and Sale from Aurelin Simpson, Township of Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, to John Doel, City of Toronto, Home District. The sale is for 200 acres in the Township of Enniskillen, County of Kent, March 1, 1838.

Indenture of bargain and sale between William Walker of Brantford, County of Wentworth, and Maurice Connor and Cornelius Mahoney, Township of Townsend. The sale is for 90 acres in the Township of Townsend, County of Norfolk, Talbot District. Signed by all parties, August 28, 1846.

Indenture of bargain and sale between John Blair, Town of London, and David Chambers, London, for a half acre of land in London, January 9, 1849. The bottom right quarter of the document is missing.

Bond between Nehemiah Merritt, of Chedoke, Barton, County of Wentworth, and Anselm Hammond, Town of London. Signed by both parties, June 10, 1853.

Deed to Henry G. Stage, Township of Woodhouse, County of Norfolk, from David Buchan, Bursar, for 100 acres of land in the Township of Woodhouse. Signed by David Buchan, October 19, 1853. Contains a Bursar’s Seal, University and Colleges at Toronto.

Insurance Policy of Peter Bradt, Clinton, County of Lincoln, C.W., with the Washington County Mutual Insurance Company, Granville, N.Y. Signed by Nathan Doane, Vice-President, and S.W. Perry, Secretary, May 7, 1854. Postmarked Granville, N.Y., May 15.

Indenture of bargain and sale between Samuel Birdsall, Township of Canborough, County of Haldimand, his wife Sarah Birdsall, and Thomas Clark Street, Township of Stamford, County of Welland, for 100 acres in the Township of Enniskillen. Signed by Samuel and Sarah Birdsall, February 6, 1855.

Deed of Bargain and Sale between James Henderson, City of Toronto, County of York, and William Dickson, Town of Niagara, County of Lincoln. The sale is for 100 acres of land in the Township of Collingwood, County of Grey, October 4, 1855.

Agreement of Sale between the Trust and Loan Company of Upper Canada and George M. Smith, City of London. Signed by John Paton, Commissioner, and George Smith, December 17, 1858.

Deed between the Rev. George Salmon, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, to the Trustees of the Congregational Church in Simcoe, April 16, 1859.

Order foreclosing, between George Michie, Plaintiff, and William George et al., May 8, 1863.

Release of mortgage from the Trust and Loan Company of Upper Canada to Charles Montague, Township of Westminster, County of Middlesex. Signed by John Paton, Commissioner, and James Inland, Accountant, January 15, 1866.

Lease between the Canada Company and Thomas Swift, Township of Mulmur, County of Simcoe, November 5, 1873. Contains a paper seal of the Canada Company, Incorporated.


Mortgage between Patrick Grannan and William Grannan, City of London. Signed by Patrick Grannan, February 15, 1879. Five paper are enclosed with the mortgage. Three are receipts from the Western Assurance Company to Patrick Grannan, dated June 1, 1877; June 1, 1881; and June 1, 1883. One is a notice of insurance policy expiry from F.B. Beddome to Patrick Grannan, n.d. The last paper is an agreement between William Grannan and Thomas Moby for the sale of wood, London, June 21, 1853.
Deed between the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Company to Elizabeth Whelain, Township of Charlottesville, County of Norfolk, December 16, 1880.

Mortgage between William Steinhoff, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, Gretta Steinhoff, and Fanny Chadwick, Township of Windham. Signed by W. J. Steinhoff and Gretta Steinhoff, June 6, 1900.


Insurance Policy of Charles E. Eaid with the Western Assurance Company. Signed by C.C. Foster, Secretary, April 24, 1905.

1.41 Conditions of Sale by Auction of the Land Mentioned in the Annexed Particulars (typewritten), Simcoe, November 30, 1907. Also contains a Memorandum of Purchase, involving William Yokom, Township of South Walsingham, County of Norfolk, and Charles Alexander, Township of North Walsingham, County of Norfolk.

Declaration (typewritten) of Miles Holmes, auctioneer, regarding the sale of land at auction of George Wingrove, Township of Walsingham, County of Norfolk, deceased. Signed by Miles Holmes, December 1907.

Conditions of Sale by auction (typewritten). The document concerns the sale of property of Annie Elizabeth Dell, late of the Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, June 1920. Contains a Memorandum of Purchase, April 11, 1920.

Sub-series C: Clergy, Crown, and School Sale Grants, 1853-1859

1.42 Clergy Sale Grant to Peter E. Young, for 100 acres in the Township of Walsingham, County of Norfolk. Signed by Jno. Ross, Attorney General; A. Morin, Secretary; and the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine [James Bruce], Governor General of British North America, July 15, 1853. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Clergy Sale Grant to David Kyle, for 200 acres in the Township of Charlottesville, County of Norfolk. Signed by A. Morin, Commissioner of Crown Lands; O. Chauveau[?], Secretary; and the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine [James Bruce], Governor General of British North America, September 2, 1854. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Crown Sale Grant to David Weatherly and others, for 100 acres in the Township of Woodhouse, County of Norfolk. Signed by Joseph Cauchon, Commissioner of Crown
Lands; Geo. E. Cartier, Secretary; and Edmund Walker Head, Governor General of British North America, June 14, 1855. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Crown Sale Grant to John Bloomfield for 100 acres in the Township of Charlotteville, County of Norfolk. Signed by Geo. E. Cartier, Secretary, and Edmund Walker Head, Governor General of British North America, January 19, 1856. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

School Sale Grant to Matthew Phillips for 200 acres in the Township of Middleton, County of Norfolk. Signed by E. Cartier, Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the Secretary [signature illegible], August 19, 1857. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Crown Sale Grant to Thomas Lyley, for 100 acres in the Township of Houghton, County of Norfolk. Signed by Andrew Russell, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, and the Secretary [signature illegible], March 23, 1858. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Crown Sale Grant to James Thompson, for two acres, Township of Charlotteville, County of Norfolk. Signed by Andrew Russell, Commissioner of Crown Lands; C. Allyn, Secretary, and Edmund Walker Head, Governor General of British North America, October 18, 1858. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

Crown Sale Grant to James Covernton, for 100 acres, Township of Charlotteville, County of Norfolk. Signed by Andrew Russell, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands; C. Allyn, Secretary; and Edmund Walker Head, Governor General of British North America, January 14, 1859. Contains a paper seal attached in the upper left corner.

**Sub-series D: Diagrams, Maps, and Surveys, 1854-1892, n.d.**

1.43 Survey from 2nd Concession to 5th Concession, by Michael Groyer, Surveyor of H.W., August 29, 1854.

1.44 Diagram and description of a lot. Location and date not included. Signed by James Hamilton.

1.45 Diagram of lots showing concessions and lots around Beamsville, n.d.

1.46 Diagram of lots in concessions III, IV and V [Jordan?]. Includes lot numbers and the owners’ names, n.d.

1.47 Diagram of lots in St. Johns. Includes lot numbers and the owners’ names, n.d.

1.48 Diagram (partial) of lots in Stamford Township. Includes lots numbers and the owners’ names, n.d.
O5.1 Diagram of lots in Con IV, Humberstone. Includes lot numbers and the owners’ names, n.d.

O5.1 “Glenridge” City of St. Catharines, St. Catharines Improvement Company Ltd. A diagram of lots and lot dimensions around Geneva Street, Ontario Street, Dittrick Street and Willowdale Avenue. The right part of the diagram is missing, as well as the top left corner. This affects the text/diagram, n.d.

O5.1 Map of St. Catharines, Merritton, Thorold, and Port Dalhousie. Some streets and lots are visible but not labeled.

0 Map of Purtorah (coloured), adjoining Sault Ste. Marie: Purtorah lands and town sites for sale, Toronto, August 31, 1892. Includes an extract from a report by J.C. Bailey, Civil Engineer, December 31, 1891. Includes extracts of letters to Colonel Arthur Rankin from George Olds, General Traffic Manager, C.P.R. Co., April 15 1890, and from T.G. Shaughnessy, Assistant President of the C.P.R., May 17 1890. Brief information provided on “Railways now at the ‘Soo’” and ‘Western Population of 10,000,000”. The Purtorah lands to be sold by Arthur Rankin are said to consist of 3000 acres in the Township of Rankin, District of Algoma, Ontario, to be offered for sale at auction on September 28, 1892 in Toronto. The claim is made that the lands are located on the banks of the river near the International Bridge at Sault St. Marie with railway lines planned to Chicago in time for the International Exposition to be held there in 1893.


Sub-series A: Wills, Agreements, Court Records, and By-laws, 1781-1954

1.49 State of the Affairs of Williams, Wright, and Lyons of Detroit, Merchants, June 18, 1781. Two pages.

1.50 State of affairs between Mr. McNeil and the defendants, which was amicably settled, 1784. One page.

1.51 Oath of Hyram Barnum, Ottawa District, before Donald McDonald, Justice of the Peace. The oath concerns land in the 11th concession, Township of Cumberland, and No. 1 in the Township of Gloucester that Barnum claims is not fit for an immediate settlement, March 15, 1823.

1.53 Account of Rev. W. Betteridge with John Douglas. The invoice is for reins, saddles, and whips, and covers the period from August 1840 to November 1842.

1.53 Summons (printed blank) to Rev. Betteridge, Defendant, to the Woodstock Court House, to answer the complaint of John Douglas, on March 3, 1843. Signed by J. Elliot, Clerk, and dated February 4, 1843.

1.54 Summons to Appear (printed blank), First Division Court for the County of Oxford. The form is completed and lists the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company as the Plaintiff and R.H. Burtch as the Defendant, May 3, 1862. Attached is a premium note for £60 from R. H. Burtch to Thos. A. Graydon of the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Co., March 27, 1856. A handwritten note is also attached stating that R. H. Burtch, Woodstock, owes $14.40 plus interest to the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Catharines, October 1, 1859.

1.54 Summons to Appear (printed blank), First Division Court for the County of Oxford. The form is completed and lists the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company as the Plaintiff and George Allan as the Defendant, May 3, 1862. Attached are two premium notes from George Allan, to Thos. H. Graydon of the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Co., October 23, 1857 and October 24, 1860. A handwritten note is also attached stating that George Allan, Woodstock, owes $5.65 plus interest to the Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company of St. Catharines, October 1, 1860.

1.55 County Court, County of Lambton Record, Samuel Cann suing the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen, October 19, 1865. 2 pages handwritten. The last page contains 9 Ontario law stamps in varying amounts, totaling 350 cents. Each stamp contains a handwritten name (illegible) and the date December 13, 1865.

1.55 County Court, County of Lambton Record, John Cuthbertson suing the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen, November 20, 1867. 2 pages handwritten. The last page contains 13 Ontario law stamps in varying amounts, totaling 450 cents. Each stamp contains a handwritten name (illegible) and the date December 11, 1867.

1.55 County Court, County of Lambton Record, Sameul Cann suing the Corporation of the Township of Enniskillen, February 11, 1868. Contains the First Count, Second Count, and Pleas, 3 pages handwritten. The last page contains 11 Ontario law stamps in varying amounts, totaling 330 cents. Each stamp contains a handwritten name (illegible) and the date June 10, 1868.

1.56 Confession of Debt in the first Division Court for the County of Oxford (printed blank). The form is completed and states Charles L. Wood as the Plaintiff and John Hopper, William Lovering, and William Bishop as the Defendants. Signed by D.M. Perry, Woodstock, February 12, 1869. Attached is a handwritten note signed by John Hopper promising to pay Wm. Lovering the sum of forty dollars for value received with six
percent interest paid, Woodstock, Dec. 24, 18[??]. A Summons to Appeal (printed blank), County of Oxford, is also attached. The form is completed and states Charles L. Woods as the Plaintiff and John Hopper, William Lovering and William Bishop as the defendants. The summons contains a 40 cent law stamp January 30, 1869.

1.57 Agreement between Mary Whitmore, Village of Dunnville, County of Haldimand, wife of John Whitmore, and Robert Dunn and Archibald Harshaw, City of Montreal, Quebec. The agreement concerns the payment of a debt and is signed by Mary Whitmore, John Whitmore, Robt. Dunn & Co., and C. Crawford, March 31, 1874.

1.58 Calendar of Prisoners to be tried at the Assizes on October 25, 1875. County of Wentworth, City of Hamilton. The form includes the name of the prisoner; the crime; by whom committed; date of committal; age; remarks; and sentence.

1.59 Return of Convictions (printed) made by her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace within the County of Welland from December 8, 1885 to March 9, 1886. The list includes the name of the Prosecutor; Defendant; nature of charge; date of conviction; name of convicting justice; amount of penalty, fine or damage; time when paid or to be paid to Justice; to whom paid over by said Justice; and remarks. Certified by L.D. Raymond, Clerk of the Peace, March 9, 1886.

2.1 Statutory Declaration by Frank Reid and Edward Ilton. The declaration concerns the posting of a hand bill, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, February 11, 1889.

2.2 Memorandum of Agreement between Edward Collins, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, and the Simcoe Lacrosse Club of Simcoe, May 1, 1897. The agreement concerns the Lacrosse team practicing in the horse ring on the agricultural grounds. Signed by E.E. Collings and F.E. B[?], and S.W. Chadwick.

2.3 Letters of Administration granted to Alice J. Aikenhead, upon the goods, chattels and credits of Charlotte W. Chambers, King’s County Surrogate’s Court, State of New York. Signed by Michael McGoldrick, Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court, September 20, 19[??].

2.4 Probate of the last will and testament of Daniel O’Mahony, Township of Norfolk, April 14, 1906.

O4.12 By-law No. 575 to provide for construction and repair of County Roads under By-Law No. 558 and 571, of the County of Oxford. Wm. Holmes, Warden, and U.E. Birtch, County Clerk, December 6, 1907.

2.5 Order of Canadian Home Circles Proof of Age. An envelope containing a blank assessment form and copy of family record for the Order of Canadian Home Circle; typewritten instructions for providing proof of age; handwritten notes on the stationary of Kelly & Porter, Barristers and Solicitors, Simcoe; and a typewritten proof of age form for Bridget Smith, Township of Windham, County of Norfolk, September 30, 1909.
2.6 Affidavit of Benjamin Chadwick, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, and Clara Hoag, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, concerning distribution of advertisements regarding property of Thomas Matthews, Township of Houghton, County of Norfolk, November 10, 1916.

2.7 Affidavit of Charles Terhune, Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, concerning distribution of advertisements regarding property involved in a mortgage between Harmon Rice and Fred Always, March 1920.

2.8 Writ of Fieri Facias in the Supreme Court of Ontario (printed blank). The form is to the Sheriff of the County of Norfolk, regarding Sarah L. Brock. Signed by E. Harley, Senior Registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario. A one dollar Ontario law stamp is included, November 19, 1927.

2.9 Notes on the Minnie F. McCall estate, Simcoe, Ont., 193[?]. The notes are written on stationary of the Office of the County Clerk and Treasurer, County of Norfolk.


2.10 Bank of Montreal deposit slip of Jonathan Porter, Law Office, September 8, 1939[?]. The total deposit amount is $185.35.


**Sub-series B: Blank Legal Forms, ca. 1850-1880, 1905, n.d.**

2.12 Ven. Ex. Assumpsit (printed blank), Canada. The form is blank. Contains an Upper Canada seal. Signed by L. Heyden[?], 185[?].

Writ of Revivor (printed blank), Upper Canada. The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 186[?].

CA. SA. (Where Court or Judge decides matter of account). The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 18[??].

CA. SA. Residue Debt. The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 18[??].
Fi. Fa. [writ of Fieri Facias], Canada. The form is blank. Contains and Upper Canada seal. Signed by L. Heyden[?], 18[??].

Fi. FA. (On judgement against Garnishee disputing debt). The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 18[??].

Writ of Assignment of Dower (printed blank), Ontario, County of Oxford. The form is blank, with the exception of the County. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 18[??].

Writ of Fieri Facias, Ontario. The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal. Signed by Alex Macdonell and W.M. Ross, 188[?].

Ejectment (printed blank) from Sir John Beverly Robinson, Chief Justice at Toronto. Signed by Chas. [illegible]. The form is blank, and summons the receiver to appear in court in an action of ejectment, in which the plaintiff seeks to recover certain premises, n.d.

Civil Subpoena (printed blank) from Sir John Beverly Robinson, Chief Justice at Toronto. Signed by Chas. [illegible]. The form is blank, n.d.

2.13 Writ of Execution (printed blank) in detinue—to Levy Value. The form is blank. Contains the Queen’s Bench seal. Signed by W.M. Ross, 18[??].

Marriage Certificate (printed blank), Province of Canada. The form is blank, 18[??]. There are two identical copies.

Fi. FA. Assumpsit (printed blank), Canada, from James Buchanan Maccaulay, Chief Justice at Toronto. The form is blank. Signed by S. Heyden[?]. Contains the seal of the Court of Common Pleas, Upper Canada, in the upper left corner, 18[??].

Criminal Subpoena (printed blank), Ontario. The form is blank. Signed by W.M. Ross. Contains the Queen’s Bench process seal, 18[??].

Criminal Subpoena (printed blank), Canada, from John Beverly Robinson, Chief Justice at Toronto. Signed by Chas. Small[?]. The form is blank, 185[?].

Form of Declaration of Inability to Read (printed blank). The form is blank, 188[?].
Letter (printed) from J.M. Platt, Warden, Kingston Penitentiary Warden’s Office. The letter states that a drop in the price of manilla hemp has enabled them to reduce the price for pure manilla twine, June 28, 1905.

**Series VI: Assorted Correspondence, 1804-1943**

*English Letters, 1804-1850* (contains letters from England)

2.14 Letter from Jane Pope. The letter is pasted to a sheet with a postmarked cover pasted underneath it. The cover is addressed to Thos. Hatch, Junior United S. Club, Charles St., London, August 10, 1834. Postmarked August 14, 1834. Postmark contains no location but has a crown at the top. The letter expresses concern for the recipient, stating that they have finally discovered where she is, and have been worried about her well-being. The writer hopes that they will be permitted to see her either at home or abroad, April 7, 1804. The top right corner of the letter is torn and has been taped together. This interferes with the text.

Letter to Sir John Musgrave, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, from Ed Grave[?], Pruitt[?]. The letter concerns a legal matter. The writer states that the evidence he expects to produce will satisfy the Commissioners that he has a right to the Estate. He will write to him by Saturdays post, August 19, 1804. There are several postmarks which overlap and are largely illegible.

Letter to John Hodding, Sarum, from W.G. Maton, Spring Gardens, London. The letter concerns an account, and whether all payments have been made. He asks to be informed who still owes, and encourages him to take the proper steps in the Court of Chancery for those still owing, April 16, 1819. Postmarked AP 27 1819.

Letter to Thos. Parker, Pelican Insurance Office, Spring Garden, London, from Jno. Flow, Tiverton. The letter concerns the settlement of the estate of Mr. P. Strong. The executors request that the recipient meet to arrange for payment of an annual premium in a policy on the life of Geo. Boyer, May 5, 1822. Postmarked MY 8 1822 and Tiverton 182[?].

Letter to Howard Gibson and Co., Stratford, Essex, from T. and W. Southall, Birmingham. The letter asks the recipient to send us[?] to W. Sutton & Co., at the church yard tomorrow if possible, or the next morning, Jan[?] 28, 1835. Postmarked Birmingham, Ja 28 1835. There are two other postmarks which are illegible.

Letter to J. Todd, Registrar of [Wetts?], London, from Edward Davies, Deepfield Ettingshall, W[?]Hampton. The letter is a post office order for a search of the will of Edward Davies or Davis, 1841. Postmark illegible.

Letter to Mess. Hale & Austen, Holborn, London, from Mr. Pryse, Buscot Park. The letter concerns property in Wales and legal issues concerning its ownership and management, December 1, 1845. One postmark is illegible; another has a date of DE 2 1845.

Letter to E.S. Burton, Moor Hall, Daventry, from W. Brooks Gates, Dep. Reg., Registrar’s Office, Northampton. The letter concerns an inquiry about tithes in the years 1684, 1702, 1783 and 1807. There is no mention made of such tithes payable to the Vicar as eggs, apples, etc. The writer awaits further instructions before making any more extracts or copies, June 22, 1850. Postmarked Weedon Ju 23 1850, and Northampton Ju 22 1850. Another postmark is illegible but could be Daventry, Ju 24 1850. Two one-cent postage stamps are included.

John Clapham Correspondence, 1820-1822

2.15 Letter from John G. Clapham, Quebec, to Messrs W & J Hutchinson. The letter contains an account statement of sundry packaged to them. He notes that money is very scarce and asks that the amount of the duties and freight owing be sent by return of post if possible, May 25, 1820. No postmark.

Bill of Lading (printed blank) for goods shipped by John Clapham on the boat called the Lady Sherbrooke, bound for Montreal, eight bales merchandise, to be delivered to W & J Hutchinson. Signed by John Rayment, May 30, 1820.

Bill of Lading (printed blank) for goods shipped by John Clapham on the boat called the Telegraph, bound for Montreal, six bales, to be delivered to Messrs. W & J Hutchinson. Signed by P.H. Moring, May 31, 1820.

Letter to J.G. Clapham, from Wm. & James Hutchinson, Montreal. The letter concerns a payment. The writer states that it is not necessary to pay the freight, as it has been paid by J. Spragg. It is noted that they have had applications from the steamboat Lady Sherbrooke and Telegraph for the freight of goods, and have referred them to him. It is asked that he do the same, June 13, 1820. No postmark.

Letter to Messrs. W & J. Hutchinson from J.G. Clapham, Quebec. The letter concerns payments. The writer states that he has called on the different steamboats to collect money due to him. He has received the amount owing, and used this money to settle other debts, June 21, 1820. No postmark.
Account of Messrs. W & J Hutchinson with J.G. Clapham, Quebec. The invoice is for postage, duty and freight, from October 19, 1818 to September 20, 1819. The top right part of the page is missing. This affects the text, September 18, 1820. No postmark.

Letter to Messrs. W & J. Hutchinson, Merchants, Montreal, from J.G. Clapham, Quebec. The letter concerns a payment due. The writer states that he has enclosed several invoices for duties and freight, and asks that payment be made as soon as possible, as he is very needy just now, October 9, 1820. Stamped STEAMBOAT.

Letter to Messrs. W & J Hutchinson, Merchants, Montreal, from J.G. Clapham. The letter states that there is an enclosed bill of lading for 12 bales woolens, which could not be sent sooner because of the heavy rain. He also states the amount of duties and freight. The bottom right part of the letter is missing. This affects the text, October 12, 1820. No postmark.

Bill of Lading (printed blank) for goods shipped by J.G. Clapham to W & J Hutchinson on the steamboat Swiftsure, twelve bales merchandise, to be delivered to Montreal. Signed by J. Wildgoose, October 12, 1820.

Account of Messrs. W & J. Hutchinson with J.G. Clapham, Quebec. The invoice is for postage, duty and freight, from October 28, 1818 to February 14, 1821. The bottom left part of the page is missing. This affects the text. No postmark.


Captain C.H. Chadwick Correspondence, 1876-1877

2.16 Letter to Capt. C. H. Chadwick, Cushing, Maine, from his son C.W. Chadwick, Baltimore. The letter contains news of the weather and a bad storm which pushed many vessels to shore. They had a very good run down to the Capes and up the Bay. Today they are loading with corn bound to Providence R.I. Mr. Vesper’s wife is dead and will be buried at Thomaston. There were 48 vessels lost in that gale of wind besides what was damaged and four missing, April 4, 1876. Envelope included with a 3 cent U.S. postage stamp. Upper left corner stamped [Ve]sper & Co., Ship Brokers, Baltimore, MD. The upper left corner of the envelope is torn which affects the text. Postmarked Baltimore MD Apr 4.

Letter from C.H. Chadwick, Cushing, to his son. He writes that he has been unwell but is better now. He was not able to do anything, although there was much work to be done, such as mackerel to [catch?] and haying to do. He does not have much time to write, August 7, 1876.
Letter to Capt. Chadwick, from H. Rose & Co., Ship Brokers and Commission Merchants, Boston. The letter is written on printed letterhead stationary. The writer has been informed that Capt. Chadwick has taken charge of the Schooner Jennie F. Wilby and will soon be ready for business. The writer has cargo of ice and boards to be transported to and from various cities, and asks that if he is interested in chartering any of the above freight to please write to them, September 20, 1877.

H.W. (Wilford) Griffin Correspondence, 1876-1878

2.17 Letter to Miss D.M. Porte, Picton, Ont., from Wilford, Oshawa. The letter discusses mutual acquaintances, his search for a place to live, and a description of a church and church service, April 30, 1876. Includes an envelope, which is postmarked Oshawa 76 and Picton MY 76. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Letter to H. W. (Wilford) Griffin, Oshawa, Ont. The letter discusses mutual acquaintances. Most of the letter contains cross-writing/cross-hatching and is very difficult to read. The writer notes at the end that patience will be needed to read the letter, as it cannot be read very well. Includes an envelope, which is postmarked Picton JY 26 76 and Oshawa JY 76. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Letter to H.W. (Wilford) Griffin, Hamilton, Ont., from Sarah, Picton. The letter is difficult to read but often refers to God. Some pages contain cross-writing/cross-hatching, September 3/76. Includes an envelope with two postmarks. The locations are not legible. The date on one postmark is SP 6 76. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Letter to H.W. Griffin, Hamilton, from Sarah. The letter is addressed to “my dear valentine”. She discusses her activities and mutual acquaintances, February 14, 1878. Includes an envelope postmarked Picton FE 14 78 and Hamilton FE 15 78. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Envelope addressed to H.W. Griffin, Hamilton, Ont. Postmarked Picton NO 11 78; Trenton NO 11 78; and Hamilton NO 12 78. A three cent Canada postage stamp is included.

William Doran Correspondence, 1885

2.18 Letter to Mr. Doran, Stipendiary Magistrate, North Bay, from B.F. Moore, North Bay. The letter concerns a tender for a proposed look up at North Bay, for the sum of five hundred dollars, July 4, 1885.
Letter to William Doran, from Hugh Mooney, Builder, North Bay. The letter concerns a tender for a proposed look up at North Bay, for the sum of $837.00, July 6, 1885.

Letter from Charles Seitz, North Bay. The letter concerns a tender for a proposed look up at North Bay, for the sum of $925.00, July 5, [1885].

Letter to C.F. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, from William Doran, Stipendiary Magistrate, District of Nipissing, North Bay. The letter states that tenders for the construction of a look up in North Bay are enclosed. He recommends Hugh Mooney, as he is reliable. He asks to be informed of his decision, July 7, 1885. Stamped Department of Public Works, Toronto, July 10 85.

Agreement to build a look up at North Bay in accordance with the plan and specifications in the hands of William Doran, Stipendiary Magistrate, for $837.00, by September 1, 1885. Signed by Hugh Mooney, Richard Bunyan and A. McHarry, North Bay, District of Nipissing, July 15, 1885. Stamped by the Department of Public Works, Toronto, Ontario, 17 July 85.

Letter to C. F. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, Toronto, from William Doran, Stipendiary Magistrate, North Bay. The letter concerns Mr. Mooney’s tender for the construction of a building. Mooney was unable to get sureties and would no longer try. His tender was accepted and he is preparing to start work, July 15, 1885. Stamped by the Department of Public Works, Toronto, Ontario, July 17, 85.

James A. Millen Correspondence, 1899-1930, n.d. (see also Millen family financial records)

2.19 Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from M.S., Stoney Creek. The writer discusses her activities and mutual friends, October 27/99.


Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from his cousin Hugh Millen, Minneapolis. The letter states that they are happy and not sorry at all to have left Fruitland, although they have nothing against the place or the people. They did not like the Dakotas because of the weather and wild animals. He describes the prairies. He notes that this city is wealthy and there are many fine buildings. There is also much business done here and wages are high, January 14, 1900. Postmarked Minneapolis, JAN 14 1900; Hamilton JAN 16 00; and Fruitland JA 16 00.

Letter to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from Jant. R. Carpenter, Lakeview. The letter is an invitation to spend Friday evening, February 9, with them. It is asked that a reply be sent, January 27, 1900. Postmarked Fruitland JA 27 00.
Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from [illegible], Stoney Creek. The writer thanks him for getting the books, and discusses school and mutual friends, January 31, 1900.

Envelope to James A. Millen, Fruitland. Postmarked Stoney Creek FE 5 00; Hamilton FE 5 00; and Fruitland FE 6 00. Includes a two cent Canada postage stamp.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from Minnie Stewart, Stoney Creek. The letter refers to the events of a party held the previous evening, April 5, 1900.

Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from Jeanette, R. Carpenter, Lakeview, Fruitland. The letter is an invitation to a party this afternoon, August 4, 1900.

Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from [Helen]. The writer discusses her activities and mutual friends, August 27, 1900. Postmarked Fruitland AU 29

Letter from Lila Kelly, Glen Meyer, to her cousin. The letter concerns family matters. Stella was over Sunday, and said she wished you would come up for Christmas. She has not been back to Tilsonburg but expects to go after Christmas. She asks that a song be sent for Stella and her to sing New Year’s Eve, December 11, 1900.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from Stell, Glen [Meyer]. The top and left edges of all four pages is missing. This interferes with the text. The letter discusses the weather, mutual friends, taking up the guitar, choir practice, and a case of smallpox in the next township, n.d. Partial envelope (back side only). Postmarked Tilsonburg DE 12 00; Hamilton DEC 12 00; and Fruitland DE 13 00.

Envelope addressed to James Millen, Fruitland. Postmarked Glen Meyer DE 00. A two cent Canada postage stamp is included. The back of the envelope is missing.

Letter to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from Albert Truesdale, Halifax, N.S. The letter is on Army Correspondence and Reading Room, Halifax, N.S. Young Men’s Christian Association, letterhead stationary. He writes that he had a very fine Christmas and New Year, and that the food is very good. He thinks they will sail on the 10th. At present, there are 900 men and horses, Jan. 3, 1901. Postmarked Halifax N.S. JAN 2 02; Hamilton JAN 6 02; and Fruitland JA 6 02. Includes a two cent Canada postage stamp, which is partially torn and missing the right half.

Letter from Lila M. Kelly, Glen Meyer, to her cousin. She writes about her activities and mutual friends, February 21, 1901.

Envelope addressed to James A. Millen, Fruitland. Postmarked Glen Meyer FE (19)01; Tilsonburg FE 22 01; Hamilton FEB 22 01; and Fruitland FE 23 01.

Letter to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from his cousin Pattie, Cottam. The letter contains family news. She thanks him for the invitation to visit, but is unsure if she will be able to make it. She suggests he prepare to come there instead, April 23/01. Postmarked
Cottam AP 23 01; Ess[?] AP 23 01; Hamilton AP 24 01; and Fruitland AP 24 01. Includes a two cent Canada postage stamp, which is partially torn.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from Stell, Glen Meyer. The letter discusses the weather and a picnic at Port Burwell. She asks to borrow a piece of music, June 21, 1901. Postmarked Glen Meyer JU 21 01; Tilsonburg JU 22 01; Hamilton JUN 22 01; and Fruitland JU 24 01.

Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from Minnie Stewart, Fruitland. The letter states that she is leaving for a few days and asks him to reply to this letter at Woodburn, or to leave it at the P.O., and she will get it Thursday or Friday night. She mentions an upcoming picnic that Maggie, Mabel Brown, and Lizzie will be attending, July 8, 1901. Postmarked Fruitland JY 01. The corner of the envelope is torn. This affects the postmark.

Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from his cousin Lila, Glen Meyer. She asks that he reply as she is very anxious to hear from him. She plans to come down for Christmas if she receives an answer from him, October 21, [19]01. Postmarked Glen Meyer OCT 01; Tilsonburg, OC 22 01; Hamilton OCT 22 01; and Fruitland OC 23 01. A 2 cent Canada postage stamp is included.

Letter to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from Albert, Halifax, N.S. The letter notes his activities and movements, stating that he will leave Halifax on the 14th. He will try to answer all the letters that he receives on the water or in Africa. It will take 33 days to get to Cape Town, January 10, [1902]. Postmarked Halifax N.S. JAN 10 02; Hamilton JAN 13 02; and Fruitland JA 13 02. Includes a two cent Canada postage stamp.

Letter from Lila Kelly, Glen Meyer, to her cousin. The letter states that she plans to visit in the summer holidays. There is a lot of sickness and death there, February 19, 1902.

Letter to Lieut. J.A. Millen, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont., from Lizzie Cleland, Carluke. The letter discusses mutual friends and the weather. She writes that she will try to come this summer, April 28, 1902. Postmarked Renforth AP 23 02; Hamilton APL 28 02; and London AP 28 02.

Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from his cousin Stella, St. Ann’s. The letter contains family news. Melissa was married Tuesday at Smithville. She apologizes for not writing sooner but she injured her thumb and was not able to write for a while, July 4, 1903. Envelope included, postmarked St. Ann’s JY 4 03; Hamilton JUL 4 1903; and Fruitland JY 6 03.

Letter to Lieut. James Millen, 77th Regiment, Niagara-on-the-Lake, from his parents, Geo. and Caroline Millen, Fruitland. The letter discusses their health, the weather, and mutual friends, June 18, 1905. Postmarked Hamilton JUN 19 1905 and Niagara JUN [date illegible]. Includes a two cent Canada postage stamp, which is partially torn.


Letter to James Millen, Fruitland, from Helen. She apologizes for not writing sooner but has been ill, and notes that she found his pin, n.d. Postmarked Hamilton JAN 15 1906 and Fruitland [JA] 16 06. Contains a 2 cent Canada postage stamp.


Letter to James A. Millen, Toronto, from Helen E., Montreal. She discusses the weather, mutual friends, and her activities, n.d. Postmarked Montreal AUG 20 1906.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Toronto, from Helen, Hamilton. She writes that the strike is on, and there was an awful time Monday afternoon when eggs and stones did fly. Every car window was smashed. She went down to Elsie’s yesterday and called on friends, November 15, 1906. Postmarked Hamilton NOV 15 1906.

Partial invoice of Sandwell Bros, Sewer Contractors, July 8/07.

Letter to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from Helen, Solina. She writes about the company downstairs on the verandah, and attending church in the schoolroom, as the seats in the church were being painted, July 21, 1907. Postmarked Oshawa JUL 22 07. Another postmark is illegible. Includes two one-cent Canada postage stamps. One of the stamps is partially missing.

Statements from the Hamilton Provident & Loan Society. Contains three attached statements. The first two are receipts for mortgage payments to Jas. A. Millen, October 19, 1907 and April 21, 1908. The last statement is a payment notice, due November 1, 1907.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Fruitland, from W.L. Sawdon, Carpenter and Builder. The letter concerns the cost for building a veranda at the back of his house in Hamilton, January 6, 1908. A reply by Millen is included on a separate sheet of paper. He writes that he can not accept the tender as he can get the work done at a lower price by a Stoney Creek carpenter, January 15, 1908. Both letters are included in the same envelope, which is addressed to Mr. J.A. Millen from W.L. Sawdon, postmarked Hamilton JAN 7 1908; and Fruitland JA 7 08.
Letter (typewritten) to James A. Millen, Fruitland, from the Fruitland community. The letter wishes him well on his departure from the Fruitland community, and acknowledges his musical talent and community contributions. The last two pages contain the handwritten names of those community members who sent the letter, June 9, 1908.

Letter to J.A. Millen, Hamilton, from Mrs. M. G[illegible], New York City. The letter states that his letter has been received, and there is room for him and his wife, June 13/08. Postmarked New York JUN 13 1908 and Hamilton JUN 14 1908.


Memorandum to Capt. Ja. Millen, Surrey, Eng., from the Royal Bank of Canada, Stony Creek. The memo states that a draft for £23/3/4 is enclosed, which can be negotiated at the London City & Midland Bank without charge, October 11, 1916.

Invoice (printed blank) to Mrs. Milne for Township of Barton Taxes for 1916. The property is in Gladstone Park, survey lot 133, November 7, 1916. The reverse side contains a handwritten statement of account of Capt. Millen received from Ethel. The items on the account include the gas bill, plumber, Barton taxes, and paint.

Letter to J.A. Millen, 119th Battn., Hythe, Kent, from the Capital and Counties Bank Limited, Godalming. The letter states that an updated pass book is updated and enclosed. He will be please to transfer the account to any bank named, April 17, 1917.

Invoice from J & H. Gridley Ltd., Timber and Builders’ Merchants, Godalming. There are two attached invoices, each for one load of dust, dated January 16, 1918 and January 21, 1918.

Letter to Mrs. J.A. Millen, Hamilton, from her husband, Edinburgh. The writer recounts his activities during his stay in Edinburgh. He notes several U.S battle ships were anchored, as well as the Queen Elizabeth. He describes St. Giles Cathedral in detail. He notes he is in good health and will try to enjoy the last week of his leave as much as possible, November 2/18. Postmarked Edinburgh Nov 3 18.

Policy renewal invoice to James A. Millen, from Payne & Hardy Ltd., Hamilton, January 20, 1930.

Postscript of letter, no name, no date. The writer states that they had a dream about the recipient, which they will share in their next letter.

Letter to Jimmie from Mrs. A. McConnell, Shuswap, B.C. She was sorry to hear that his barn burned down, and hopes he did not lose any horses or cows. She mentions incidents of an Indian shooting his wife, and an Indian being hanged for shooting a white
man. It is noted that they are a very quiet lot who live across the river and never do any harm to anybody. She mentions their place in the mountains. She will send pictures of her husband and a friend, Mr. Phillips, and her sister and herself, July 29.

Letter from [Helen]. The writer mentions her time in Guelph and other activities, June 19.

Letter from [Helen]. The writer notes that she will not be going down to Rob’s as planned. She invites him to visit on Sunday, or Thursday, n.d. Postmarked Fruitland [date illegible].

Letter to James Millen from Minnie Stewart, Fruitland. The letter is an invitation to come down tomorrow with his cousin to spend the evening, n.d.

W.A. Charlton Correspondence, 1911, 1917-1918

Letter (typewritten) to the Honourable C.J. Doherty, Minister of Justice and Acting Postmaster General, Ottawa, from W.A. Charlton, Toronto. The letter concerns a job for a deaf mute person in the dead letter office. He congratulates Doherty on his success in the election, December 22, 1911.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, Ont., from W.A. Charlton, Toronto. The letter concerns business matters. He writes that he received the letter from John Powell, claiming $12, and supposes there are other similar matters that need to be resolved. He will try to procure a situation for Frank Harris. He is hurried and can only write a short letter. A handwritten note on the left edge states that he has written to the Hon. C.J. Doherty, acting Postmaster General, and he has enclosed a copy of the letter to him, December 22, 1917.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, House of Commons, Ottawa. The letter concerns Mr. Porter, Collector of Customs. He writes that he has had a talk with one of the ministers about Mr. Porter and will take the matter up again at the first opportunity. He thinks his salary is fifteen hundred dollars. He has talked with the Minister of Colonization and Immigration about giving Mr. Porter authority to issues passports and was referred to Mr. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration. He is very busy with correspondence in connection with the Military Act, April 23, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, Ont., from W.A. Charlton, House of Commons, Ottawa. The letter concerns business matters. He writes that he has written Mr. Porter this morning after three interviews with the Minister of Customs on his account, and will do everything possible to get him a higher salary. He received a letter from Mr. De Wolf in answer to his letter of recommendation for Rose. He asks if he
could get a copy of the telegram which J.D. Reed, Acting Minister of Agriculture, sent him from Ottawa on December 3, May 2, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, House of Commons, Ottawa. The letter concerns business matters. He thanks Rose for sending a copy of the telegram he requested. He states that he is very disappointed that the Government has granted exemptions to certain citizens, and then cancels those exemptions in a few months. He relates the case of Spencer Gale, who asked for an exemption to work on his uncle’s farm, May 7, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, House of Commons, Ottawa. The letter concerns Mr. Porter. He writes that he interviewed John McDougald, the Custom Commissioner on behalf of Mr. Porter. McDougald said that he would take Charlton’s statement as an application and do the best he could. He had a talk with the Deputy Postmaster General and told him that the Inspector had been at the Simcoe office. Dr. Coulter is sympathetic and will do anything he can under the regulations, May 9, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, House of Commons, Ottawa. He writes that he saw the Minister of Justice after receiving his letter, but was told this was a matter for the Department of the Secretary of State. He then interviewed Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, who said the matter would be attended to right away. He notes that there has been a great deal of trouble about these things and in many cases officials claim more than they were entitled to. He is writing to him and has enclosed a copy of the letter, May 22, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, from W. A. Charlton, Ottawa. The letter concerns several Deputy Returning Officers in the County of Norfolk who have not received pay for their services during the last election. He was told by the Minister of Justice to contact him. He cannot provide the particulars of each claim, but can have it sent in if necessary, May 22, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W. A. Charlton, Toronto. He states that he is pleased that Miss Snyder has been recognized by the officials in Ottawa. In reference to the Postmastership in Simcoe, he has spoken to several officials, who are all anxious to see justice done to him in the event of a vacancy. He will continue to do everything possible in his interest. He has arranged to meet with the P.O. Inspector and Senator McCall about rural mail routes from Simcoe to Silverhill, May 28, 1918.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, Toronto. He states that in he will be in Toronto all next week, if he would like to have a personal interview. With reference to Mr. Porter, he has met with Mr. McDougald and Mr. Sifton, and had reason to expect the matter would have been settled long ago. However, he feels that
Mr. Sifton has very little sympathy for anyone and that Mr. McDougald may not have the necessary influence, July 11/18.

Letter (typewritten) to A. Geo. Rose, Simcoe, from W.A. Charlton, Toronto. The letter concerns previous correspondence concerning the settlement of Rose’s resignation. Four pages, August 23, 1918.

Amy Heaps Correspondence, 1912-1919, n.d.

2.22 Certificate of Honor awarded to Amy Heaps, Toronto Public Schools, City of Toronto, for regularity and punctuality of attendance, combined with uniformly good conduct, 1912.

Letter to Amy Heaps, Toronto, from Sid Maynard. He asks that some pictures be sent. He was recently inoculated, which has made his arm stiff and makes it difficult to write. He also asks that the enclosed letter be delivered, as it saves stamps. Includes an envelope with a 2 cent and a 1 cent Canada postage stamp. Postmarked Camp Borden, Ont., JUL 24, 1916.

Letter to Amy from S.J. Maynard, Bramshott Camp, England. He asks where Jim is in England, as he would like to write to him. Half of the 170th are drafted into the trenches, but he doesn’t know if they will send him across, December 4, 1916.

Envelope addressed to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto. Includes a 1 penny postage stamp. Postmarked Bramshott Camp B, 5 DE 16.

Letter to Amy from Sidney Maynard, Bramshott Camp, England. He writes that they are a long way from Blackpool, but only fifty miles from London. Christmas was very quiet and dull, January 2, 1917.

Letter to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto, from Pte. S. J. Maynard, West Sandling, Kent. The writer states that he received the photos, which have made him feel homesick. He finds it lonely since all the boys of the old battalions have gone to France and there are all strangers in the camp. He adds that there has been lots of rain and it is very muddy. He doesn’t know if he will be sent to France, but is sick of hanging around in the camp, August 8/17. Includes an envelope with a 1 penny stamp. Postmark location is cut off, 2 JA 17.

Letter to Amy from Pte. S.J. Maynard, East Sandling, Kent. He writes that he saw her photo in the Sunday School leaflet. He is in school again, this time to learn sniping. He asks if she has heard from Jim, June 12, 1917.
Letter to Frank from Percy, Toronto. He writes that he has a good paying job at a jewelers’ plate printing. There was a corn roast Saturday night and he took Amy Heaps. He asks if he has seen either of his brothers, one who is at West Sandling and the other at Whitley Camp, September 4/17.

Letter to Amy from S.J.M, France. He thanks her for the letters and asks if he can keep the snaps she sent. He thinks she is quite taken up with Percy, according to a letter Frank received from Percy, which he has enclosed. He has moved to a farm with about 20 others, but it is quite crowded, October 26, 1917.

Envelope addressed to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto. Postmark location is illegible, 12 NO 17. Stamped “Passed by Censor”.

Letter to Amy from Sidney, France. He thanks her for the package she sent, which he received while on the front line. He enjoyed the maple cream and cigarettes. He does not have much news, as he can only write about things not relating to war, November 30, 1917.

Letter to Amy from Sidney, France. He thanks her for the Christmas card and photo. He has just come out of line for Christmas and expects to be out for a month on rest. He has seen Jim, who is well. He notes that he has been away for two Christmases and hopes to be back for the next one, December 22, 1917.

Active Service envelope addressed to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto, from S. Maynard. Postmark location illegible, DE 24 17.


Envelope addressed to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto. The location on the postmark is illegible, JA 25 19. Stamped “Passed by Censor”.


Partial letter. One side has Y.M.C.A. Canada letterhead. The reverse side reads “with best of love and millions of kisses from your sweetheart [Sidney], n.d.

Letter to Amy from Pte. S.J. Maynard, W. Sandling, Kent. He thanks her for her letters and hopes she is in good health. He asks if she is still working at the same place or at Simpson’s, August 12.

Envelope addressed to Miss Amy Heaps, Toronto. Postmark location is illegible, AP 5 [16 or 18].

Opened by Censor tag, n.d.
John Porter Correspondence, 1939-1943, n.d.

2.23 Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, High Counselor, Simcoe, from George W. Wands, Secretary, High Court of Ontario Independent Order of Foresters. The letter states that the paper and envelopes ordered by the High Standing Committee for members is at the printer and should be ready in a few days, and thanks him for his support, January 26, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to Attorneys in Ontario who have been on a Division of Commission basis with us, from R.A. Wharton, President, Canada Bonded Attorney and Legal Directory Ltd. The letter states that the Law Society of Upper Canada has found that a division of collection commissions by a Solicitor with someone not a Solicitor is not ethical, and states how this will affect their operations, January 31, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, High Counselor, Simcoe, from Frank E. Hand, Supreme Chief Ranger, Independent Order of Foresters. The letter encourages him to find new members among his family, March 6, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, Simcoe, from Frank E. Hand, Supreme Chief Ranger. The letter concerns the benefit certificate of Milton Porter, March 30, 1939. Another letter is attached, to Miss Addie E. Wilson from the Supreme Chief Ranger, concerning the cash surrender value of the benefit certificate, March 8, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) from Herbert Johnson, Supreme Regent, Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, New York City. The letter states that a check is enclosed, representing his share of the surplus for the year 1938. They have achieved unsurpassed financial stability, and membership is growing, May 1, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, High Counselor, Simcoe, from George W. Wands, High Secretary, High Court of Ontario Independent Order of Foresters. The letter states that there will be an upcoming important meeting of the High Standing Committee, May 16, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to W.S. Harrington, Napanee, Ont. The bottom edge of the page is missing where there would be a signature or name. The letter concerns who will place a wreath on the grave of the First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, June 9, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Barrister, Simcoe, from W.S. Herrington, A.F. and A.M. Grand Lodge of Canada, Napanee, Ont. The writer states that he is sorry he was unable to visit when he was in the area, and hopes that he will be able to come down to the Grand Lodge this year and visit, June 10, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to every member of a high standing committee of the Independent Order of Foresters, from Frank E. Hand, Supreme Chief Ranger, Independent Order of
Foresters, Toronto. The letter concerns fundraising for the Special Fraternal Fund in support of the Aged Members’ Home and the Sanatorium for the arrest of Tuberculosis and relief from cancer, August 1, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to companions and brothers of the Independent Order of Foresters, from Frank E. Hand, Supreme Chief Engineer, Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto. The letter concerns fundraising in support of the Sanatorium, Aged Members’ Home benefits, and home for the care of orphans, August 1, 1939.

Letter (handwritten) to Mr. Porter, from Lyle F. Large, Brantford. The letter states that he is sorry the neighbours have not been all that he wished and hopes he has no further annoyance. He expects to come down Wednesday and asks that the front door key be placed under the stone by the front step so he doesn’t have to stop by his office in Simcoe, August 11, [19]39.

Letter (typewritten) to Mrs. C.E. Spencer, Waterford, Ontario, from Geo. W. Wanda, Secretary, High Court of Ontario Independent Order of Foresters, London. The letter expresses condolences for the death of her husband, and states that death claim papers are enclosed to be completed by the beneficiary and returned, September 14, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, High Counselor, Simcoe, from George W. Wands, High Secretary, High Court of Ontario Independent Order of Foresters. The letter states that an upcoming meeting will discuss important issues including Social Medicine for members, and fraternal work with the tubercular Sanitorium and the Old Age Home, October 26, 1939.

Letter (printed) to members of the Independent Order of Foresters, from George W. Wands, High Secretary, London, Ont. The letter states that the semi-annual password for the use of the Court is enclosed. If assistance is required to secure new members, it is advised that the High Secretary be contacted, November 15, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Barrister, Simcoe, from E. Sweet, Harley, Sweet & Slemin, Barristers, Brantford. The letter states that if he sends him a picture of E. Company, he will do his best to identify the members, November 18, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from H.M. Jackson, President, Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe. The letter states that the annual subscription to the Anniversary Fund of the Hospital is due, and much needed as a result of increased costs of materials due to the War, November 22, 1939.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, Simcoe, from Ward (Dr. Woodsworth Elliott), Durango, Colorado. The letter asks how he can obtain information regarding a franchise he holds on the Bullshead Oil Co. of Alberta, January 8, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Barrister, Simcoe, from Steele, Briggs Seed Co. Ltd. The letter thanks him for the confidential report upon the Norfolk Co-op. Company, January 15, 1940.

Letter (printed) from Fred K. Anstie, Recording Secretary, Court Hope No. 1, Independent Order of Foresters, London, Ont. The letter concerns the payment of dues, March 18, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Barrister, Simcoe, from E. Sweet, Harley, Sweet & Slemin, Barristers, Brantford. The letter states that his son Major G.E.F. Sweet has been in Ottawa on election duty, which means his work has been very much increased. He has been able to interview several old-timers of the Dufferin Haldimand Rifles, and will need to change some names of those he thought had already been identified. He will meet with the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Dufferin Haldimand Regiment and will get back to him after this meeting, March 30, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, High Counselor, Simcoe, from George H. Wands, High Secretary, High Court of Ontario, Independent Order of Foresters. The letter states that there is an upcoming meeting of the High Standing Committee, April 13, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) from William C. Root, Supreme Regent, Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, New York City. The letter states that a check is enclosed, and that it is evidence of their financial soundness. The number of active and functioning councils is on the increase. A booklet is enclosed on the Juvenile Certificate, a service in behalf of the sons of our members, May 1, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to John from Spencer Large, Brantford. The letter states that he may take the cottage on Saturday the 29th, June 19, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to John from Spencer Large, Brantford. The letter states that Mrs. Large will be at the Lake next week for a day, and can leave the key at his home or office on her way back, June 21, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to John Porter, from Frank E. Hand, Supreme Chief Ranger, Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto. The letter concerns an accident on the Queen Elizabeth Highway and how Mr. and Mrs. Hand are healing, November 12, 1940.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from H. Jackson, President, Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe. The letter concerns fundraising for the Anniversary Fund of the Hospital to help reduce deficits and provide treatment, December 1, 1940.
Letter (typewritten) to Parishioners from Chas. Martin and Henry Fort, Church Wardens, Simcoe. The letter concerns fundraising for an anti-deficit campaign, December 18, 1940.

Letter (printed) to Mrs. J. Porter, from the Norfolk Golf and Country Club Limited. The letter notes that fees for the 1940 season are due, and provides information on the procedures to resign, 1940.

Telegram to John Porter, Simcoe, from Marie. The telegram states that mother passed away Friday, and asks that Aunt Teasie and Cora be advised, July 19, 1941.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Court House Square, Simcoe, from Spencer Large, Waterous Ltd., Brantford. The letter thanks him for the cheque. He notes that the weather at Ryerse must be more livable that in Brantford, where the heat is very oppressive, July 29, 1941.

Practicing Certificate to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from the Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall, November 6, 1941.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, from H. Jackson, President, Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe. The letter concerns fundraising for the Anniversary Fund, which has greatly reduced deficits and been used to provide treatment, December 1, 1941.


Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from Arthur Slaght, M.P. for Parry Sound. He apologizes for not writing sooner, and states that if the problem with Mr. Symington is still open, he would be happy to write a letter on his behalf, August 31, 1942.

Letter (typewritten) to Mr. J. Porter, Simcoe, from H. Symington, Power Controller, Department of Munitions and Supply, Montreal. The letter concerns the potential need to remove the gas equipment in his furnace, September 9, 1942.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from H.M. Jackson, Chairman, Board of Governors, Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe. The letter discusses the work of the hospital and encourages donations, December 14, 1942.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Simcoe, from A.W. Winter, Secretary Treasurer, Norfolk Law Association. The letter is a reminder that the 1942 annual fees are due, December 14, 1942.

Letters (typewritten) between Jonathan Porter, Simcoe; Emerson, Office of the Treasurer of Winnebago County, Rockford Illinois; and the Registrar General, Department of Provincial Secretary, Ontario. There are six letters which are attached,
concerning obtaining evidence of the birth of Mrs. Porter (Hattie A. Laning, born in Villa Nova, Ont.), in order to conform with the Pension Law granting pensions to County employees. The letters are dated from January 15 to February 4, 1943.

Letter (typewritten) to Jonathan Porter, Court House Square, Simcoe, from Emerson, Office of the Treasurer of Winnebago County, Rockford, Illinois. The letter thanks him for sending the birth certificate for Hattie, February 8, 1943.

Letter (handwritten) to Jack and Douglas, from May Wallace, Simcoe. The letter is to her cousins and concerns Miss Polley. She writes that she may board with her instead of the County Home, if they feel that is best, April 1.

Letter (handwritten) to Mr. J. Porter, from Mrs. J.A. Wallace. The letter states that she has received $17 for boarding Miss Polley for April. She adds that Miss Polley does not seem to need any supplies at present, n.d.

List of Presidents (handwritten). Names include Geroge J. McKee; Hal. B. Donly; Judge Boles; Jonathan Porter; A.C. Lea; and B.W. Anderson, 1913-1939.

Letter (typewritten) to W.S. Herrington from J.P. Only the second page of the letter is included. It is noted that he often thinks of the time he and Stobbs spent on the old farm, and is in good health, n.d.

Flash Bulletin, Court Hope No. 1, L.O.F., W. Arthur Noble, Chief Ranger, and Fred K. Anstie, Recording Secretary. The bulletin concerns upcoming events, including meetings and social gatherings, as well as new membership applications and the presentation of the Annual Report, n.d.

Postcards, 1878-1935, n.d.

Canada Post Card to Tho. Coulter[?], Treasurer, Stratford, from Henderson & Sewall[?], Toronto. It is asked that the tax certificate they asked for on Lot 23, Con. 8, Wallace be sent, May 23, [18]78.

Canada Post Card to Edgar A. Bogart, Toronto, from his mother, Barrie. The writer states she plans to return tomorrow evening, and that everyone is getting on well. She writes that it is Court week here and the Grand Jury inspected the jail yesterday, September 14, 1881.

Canada Post Card to Kalbfleich[?] & Shaver, Tavistock, P.O., Ont., from H. Ruttle, South Lake. The writer states that he wired last week to find out if items had shipped, and if not, to ship 500 more. He has not heard back and asks to be sent the items immediately, or to let him know, October 7, [18]81.
Canada Post Card (printed) to Chas. M. Beck, Penetanguishene, from James Sargant, Secretary, Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society, Toronto. The post card is a notice of assessment for money due in association with the death of Norton Kingsland, July 13, 1886. Postmarked Toronto AU 12 [18]86.

Canada Post Card to Mess. Beaty, Hamilton & Cassels, Toronto, from L.P. Colle. The card states that the cheque due on the 15th has not been received, and asks that it be sent, January 24, [18]87. Postmarked Kingston JA 24 87.


Post card to Mrs. Henry Nelles[?], Baltimore, Md., from Connie[?]. The post card is a note to her mother. She notes that she is busy trimming the kitchen for Xmas, and is glad she is coming home, n.d. Postmarked ST. Catharines Canada DE 12 87; and DEC 14 6 A.M. (location illegible)

Canada Post Card to Mess. Beaty, Hamilton, & Casels, Toronto, from L.P. Colle, Woodlands, Portsmouth. The post card states that remittance to the 15th was received, and that he expects they have received acknowledgement of a cheque, August 20, 1888. Postmarked Kingston AU 20 88.

Canada Post Card to Daw McDonald, Picton, N.S. from J. Abbott, Sydney. The writer notes he does not know anything about the fishing tackle. They have just arrived here and on Monday go to N. Sydney. The weather has been very bad all along but is fine just now, May 3, 1889. Postmarked Picton, N.S. MY 6 89.

Postcard to Mess. Beaty, Hamilton & Cassols, Toronto, from L.P. Colle[?]. The card states that the cheque was received, May 18/89. Postmark partly illegible, May 20 1889.

Post card to Mess. Cox and Yale, St. Catharines, Ont., from Rice Lewis & Son, Ltd., Toronto. The note concerns the account of R. Carroll. The writer has heard that they are winding up his affairs and would like to know if this is the case, September 12, 1889. Part of the text is missing from a surface tear. Postmarked Toronto Canada SEP 13 7 P.M. 89; St. Catharines, Ont. SP 14 89.

Post card to Messr. Cox & Yale, Barristers, St. Catharines, from Wm. [Lewis?], Mount Forest. The note states that he has referred the matter to Finance Committee, which will report in a few days, likely favourably, June 11, 1890. Postmarked St. Catharines Ont. JU 13 90.
Post card to Mr. Judson Crow, Ridgeville, Ont., from Clarke Snure, Clerk’s Office, Jordan. The note states that there is $100 personal property assessed in Union School Section No. 5, Louth, for 1890, July 28, [18]90. Postmarked Jordan Ont. JY 28 90.

Canada Post Card to Mr. Garnham, Treasurer, Straffodville, Ont., from B.L. Michael, Aylmer[?]. The writer asks that a cheque be forwarded to him by the express office, August 13, [18]90.

Post card to J.C. Crowe, Ridgeville, Ont., from C. Snure, Jordan. The note requests the amount required from this Township for School purposes in Union School Section No. 5, Louth, August 20, 1891. Postmarked Jordan Ont. AU 19 91; and Ridgeville Ont. AU 20 91.

Post card to J.C. Crowe, Ridgeville, Ont., from [Clarke] Snure, Jordan. The writer asks for the amount required in U.S.S. No. 5 Louth, August 16, [18]95. There is a surface tear which affects some text. Postmarked Jordan AU 16 9[5] and Ridgeville Ont AU 17 95.

Canada Post Card from W. McIlvride, Stayner, Ont., to the Dairy Supply Co., Listowel, Ont. The writer asks to be sent bandages and rennet. He adds that he will send the money as he receives an answer, July 1, [18]97. Postmarked Listowel, Ont. JY 3 97 and Stratford, Ont. JY 3 97.

Canada Post Card from Ja. Basteto, Newmarket, to E.A. Bogart, Kingston. The writer states that he received the stamps this morning, August 21, [18]97. Postmarked Newmarket, Ont., AU 21 97 and Kingston AU 22 97.

Post card (printed blank) to Mr. Jack Loonies, Attica, Wyoming Co., from J. Orr, Postmaster, Pittsfield Post Office. The post card is a notice that an item is being held in the office because the required postage was not placed on it before mailing. It is requested that one cent in postage be sent so that the item can be forwarded, n.d. Postmarked Pittsfield AUG 13 1906.

Private Post Card (printed) to Mr. Thomas Roney, Mitchell, from the Guelph Carriage Top & Hardware Co., Guelph. The post card contains a list of products. A notice at the bottom indicates Mr. Moncur will call around June 12. Postmarked Mitchell JN 5 07; Goderich JUN; and Exeter JUN 3 07.

Private Post Card to Thomas Roney, Mitchell, from the Guelph Carriage Top and Hardware Co., Guelph. The post card contains a list of products. A notice at the bottom indicates Mr. Moncur will call around April 22. Postmarked Mitchell, AP 14 08.

Private Post Card to Mr. Thomas Roney, Mitchell, from the Guelph Carriage Top and Hardware Co., Guelph. The post card contains a list of products. A notice at the bottom indicates Mr. Moncur will call around July 14. Postmarked Mitchell JUL 10 and Forest JUL 5 10.
Canada Post card (printed) to Mr. Loren Buck, Granville, N.S., from the Granville Ferry, N.S., by order of the Committee. The post card is a notice to the ratepayers of the Granville Ferry that on March 6, 1922, a poll will be held to decide the question of street lighting in the Village, February 24, 1922. Postmarked Granville Ferry, N.S., FE 25 22.

Canada Post Card to Mrs. R.S. Harder, Hamilton, Ont., from Cam. The post card is addressed “Dear Mum” and mentions upcoming tests, and a race at the Summit Ski Club near Richmond Hill, n.d. Postmarked Toronto Ont., FEB 27 1935.

Canada Post Card to Mr. R.S. Harder, Hamilton, Ont., from Cam, Upper Canada College. The post card is addressed “Dear Dad” and mentions being busy with tests the last couple of weeks, and skiing in the College Ski Race, n.d. Postmarked Toronto Ont. FEB 27 1935.

Post card, Universal Postal Union, Canada. There is a Canada postage, 2 cent postage stamp attached. The post card is blank.

Canada Post Card (blank).

Canada Post Card to United Kingdom (blank).

Series VII: Other Materials, 1776-1983

Sub-series A: Receipts, Invoices, etc., 1784-1926, n.d.

William Parker (London Merchant) Invoices, 1815

O5.2 Invoice to Mr. William Parker (for A.A. Gordon) from John Jacob. The invoice is for various kinds of silk and cloth, totaling £1931 11 8, London, February 22, 1815. Part of the bottom edge is missing. This does not affect the text.

Invoice to Mr. William Parker from Ripley, Wiss, & Ripley. The invoice is for various kinds of silk and cloth, totaling £1378 17 8, February 22, 1815.

Invoice to Wm. Parker (bot for A.A. Gordon), from Rutters & Pryor, Umbrella Manufacturers & Whale-bone cutters. The invoice is for cotton, silk and gingham, totaling £407 9 0. The invoice is a printed form, London, February 23, 1815.

Invoice to Mr. W. Parker (for A.A. Gordon), from Thomas Sharp. The invoice is for casks of stone blue and boxes of starch, totaling £91 8 10, London, March 4, 1815.
Invoice of sundry goods shipped by William Parker on board the Minevra, James Mackie Master, for Quebec to be forwarded thence to Montreal in craft, being by order and for account & risk of Adam Ann Gordon, Merch, there and to him consigned. The invoice is a list of various items including silk, cloth, spices, raisins, and figs from many merchants (Ripley, Wiss & Ripley; Graham Railton & Co., etc.), totaling £11,028 17 4, London, April 1815.

Invoice to Adam Ann Gordon in account with William Parker of London. The invoice contains a list of goods and the names of merchants, with the amounts paid from January 28 to April 7, 1815.

**Hugh Douglas Receipts, 1869-1896**

2.25 Receipt to Duncan Douglas from Hugh Douglas for $582, for first instalment and interest on mortgage, St. Thomas, November 30, 1869.

Receipt to George A. Tuttle from James Appelman[?], for one years interest on his mortgage, Aylmer, October 5, 1873.

Receipt to Duncan Douglas from Hugh Douglas for $578.50, for an instalment payment of mortgage and interest, due November 16, 1873. Dated at St. Thomas, February 14, 1874.

Receipt to George A. Tuttle from James Appelman, for interest on his mortgage from October 4, 1875 to October 4, 1876, Orwell, October 2, 1875.

Receipt to Duncan Douglas from M.F. Roberts, Treasurer, for $104.75, being the full amount of his tax in connection with the yarrow[?] drain, Lyons, May 29, 1888.

Note to R. Middleton, St. Thomas, from W. Middleton. The note states that Mary is dead, and to notify Hugh Douglas. The funeral is tomorrow, September 3, [18]90.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from Jas Row, Avon, December 16, 1892. The receipt acknowledges two different payments, the second paying the account in full.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from P. McLaughlin[?], for $6.00,in full payment to date, March 12, [18]93.

Note by H. Douglas certifying that he has released two cows which he holds in a chattel mortgage of N. C [illegible], Aylmer, March 30, [18]93.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from J. [illegible] for payment in full to date, February [18]94.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from P. Larf[?] or Lars[?], Aylmer, Ontario, for payment in full of account to date, October 20, 1894
Receipt to H. [illegible] from Jno. Hauberg[?] for 2.00 overpaid on apples, Aylmer, November 30, 1894.

Letter to Hugh Douglas, Aylmer, Ontario, from E. Daly & Co., London. The letter states that payment of $9.00 has been received and placed to credit. Today an order has been shipped by express to Aylmer. The express charges are prepaid. The writer asks to be notified if it arrives safely, March 5, 1895.

Receipt to H. Douglas from Beech Baker, in payment of $1.50 for cutting wood, Malahide, April 1, [18]95.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from Beech Baker for payment in full to date, Aylmer, October 17, 1895.

Receipt to Hugh Douglas from P. Lars[?] or Larf[?], for payment in full of his account for professional services, Aylmer, May 8, [18]96.

Invoice (printed blank) to H. Douglas, Aylmer from Tibbitts & Son, dealers in groceries, crockery, glassware, seeds, fruits, confectionary & c., New York Grocery. The invoice is for various items including oatmeal, sugar, pepper, and flour, June 24, 1896.

Letter to Hugh Douglas, Aylmer, from Peter Baughue, Orwell. The letter acknowledges payment received, August 30, 1896.

Millen Financial and Legal Documents (mostly receipts & invocies), 1900-1925, n.d. (see also James A. Millen correspondence)


Receipt (printed blank) to Geo. Millen from the Vinemount Butter and Cheese Company, for ten dollars, being 20% on 10 shares in the Company. Signed by E. Smith, Secretary Treasurer, May 29, 1901.

Receipt (printed blank) to Geo. Millen from E.D. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, Vinemount Butter and Cheese Company, October 26, 1901.

Receipt (printed blank) to Geo. Millen Sr. from the Vinemount Butter and Cheese Company, for ten dollars, being 20% on 5 shares in the Company. Signed by E. Smith, Secretary Treasurer, June 7, 1902.

Receipt (printed blank) to Geo. Millen, from the Vinemount Butter and Cheese Company, for ten dollars, being 20% on 5 shares in the Company. Signed by E. Smith, Secretary Treasurer, July 9, 1903.
Receipt (printed blank) to J.A. Millen from Alex Metherell, for $40 on Lots 133-4, Gladstone Park, April 25, 1914.

Letter to Helen Millen from Alex Metherell, Hamilton. The letter states that the half year’s interest on lot no. 134 in Gladstone Park will be due in January, and to please send payment, December 21, 1914.

Letter to J.A. Millen from Alex Metherell, Hamilton. The letter states the half year’s interest on lot no. 133 in Gladstone Park will be due in January, and to please send payment, December 21, 1914.

Notice of Assessment made in 1915 to Jas. Millen, No. 1 Ward.

City of Hamilton tax invoice (printed blank) for 1915 to Jas. Millen. Stamped paid February 15 1916; August 16, 1915; and September 14, 1915.

Township of Barton Tax invoice (printed blank) for 1915 to J.A. Millen, November 1, 1915. Stamped paid December 14, 1915.

Letter to George Millen, Fruitland, from D.M. Cameron, Hamilton Provident & Loan Society, Hamilton. The letter states that the mortgage, deed of land, statutory declaration, and insurance policy associated with the loan are enclosed, November 3, 1916.

Township of Barton Tax invoice (printed blank) for 1916 to J.A. Millen, November 7, 1916. Stamped paid January 10.


Letter (typewritten) to George Millen, Fruitland, from G.G. Bourne, Secretary, Niagara Peninsula Growers Ltd., Grimsby. The letter states that his application for stock has been accepted by the directors, and one share of Capital Stock of the Company has been allotted, November 30, 1921.

Estate of George Millen Cash Statement, June 16, 1922. Four pages typewritten, prepared by Treleaven & Treleaven, Barristers.

Letter (printed) from the Niagara District Grape Growers Limited, St. Catharines. The letter states that a copy of the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders is attached. It is stated that the continued operation of the Company requires your contract for grapes, without exception. Further information can be secured at the Company’s office in St. Catharines, or from the list of executives of local associations listed below. The second page contains the resolution. There are some handwritten notes in pencil on the first page, as well as the back of the last page, February 20, 1925.
Receipt to the Estate of George Millen from the Stoney Creek Growers Co-operative Ltd. Signed by E.H. Corman, President, and J.A. Lotriage[?], Secretary-Treasurer, June 30, 1925. A Canada excise two cent stamp is included in the upper right corner.

Bond by Applicants for Letters Probate or other grant by Trustees in the matter of the Estate of George Millen, March 21, 1922. Attached is a Statement of Succession Duty, supplementary memo, October 30, 1925.

Envelope addressed to Mr. James A. Millen, 11 Delaware Ave. Hamilton, from Wardrobe & Wardrobe, Hamilton.

Envelope addressed to Lieut. J.A. Millen, Witley Camp, Surrey. There are two half-pence postage stamps included. The upper right side of one is torn. Both are postmarked [Aldershot?] 10 AP 18.

Envelope with printed header “On His Majesty’s Service”. Some notes written in pencil are included on the front.

Miscellaneous Receipts, Invoices, Inventories, etc., 1784-1926

2.27 Receipt to the Earl of Hardwick of his Majesty’s exchequer for 60 pounds, 5 shillings, and 4 pence, in part of an order for 1005 pounds. The order is dated August 21, 1784, to the writer, for one quarter to October 10, 1784. Signed by Tho. Gibbon. The Duke of Portland is written at the bottom left of the page.

Report, Ferry Boat, Queenston. List of sundry goods for exportation at Sandwich, U.C., February 16, 1825.

Memorandum of Public Lands held by auction in York on October 2, 1820. One page. The note concerns lands in Toronto and Midland District. Signed by James Fitzgibbon, Agent, York, April 11, 1825.

Drummond Hill Hotel Receipt (handwritten) for payment for a stallion colt of Lieut. [illegible] of the 70th Regiment, signed by Matthias Lampman, October 13, 1825.

Receipt (handwritten) for payment of a stallion colt by Matthias Lampman near Lundy’s Lane in the Upper Province, signed by [illegible], Montreal, March 10, 1827.

Invoice to Mr. Archd. McEwan, Mount Pleasant, from Buchanan Harris & Co., Hamilton. The invoice is for groceries and includes herring, raisins, and sundries, July 15, 1847. Postmarked Hamilton C. W. Jy 15 1847; Brantford U.C., Jy 15 (year not legible); and Mohawk U.C. July 16 47 (date handwritten).

Invoice (printed blank) to John Pettit, Grimsby, from C. [Arnold?], Secretary, Niagara District Mutual Fire Insurance Company, St. Catharines. The letter states that an
assessment of 5% on the premium notes is due, and requests that payment be made punctually, December 17, 1849. Postmarked Grimsby C.W. DE 19 18[49]; St. Catharines U.C. DEC 19 184[9].

Receipt to C.W. M. Gilbert, South Dorchester, from H. Roberts, Treasurer. The receipt is for the payment of back taxes on part of lot number three, 9th concession, South Dorchester, for the years 1842 and 44, February 2, 1852.

Invoice (printed blank) to James Kintrea from John McIntyre, Importer of Groceries, Wines & Liquors, Crockery and Glassware, Woodstock. The invoice is for various items, including ale, fish, syrup, and salt, 1863.

Invoice (handwritten) to Mr. Kintrea from Wm. Currie, Woodstock. The invoice is for plastering and furnishing material, December 22, 1863.

Copy (handwritten) of a resolution passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of South Norwich. The resolution concerns the collection of land taxes due by Mr. Kintrea to the Township. Signed by John Cooper, Township Clerk, December 22, 1865.

Order slips (printed blank) for coal. There are 12 slips, each for one load of coal, containing the gross weight, tare, and net proceed. The slips are tied together. The name A. Schwartz, Clerk Hay Market, is at the bottom of each slip, Montreal, September 9-10, 1869.

Receipt (printed blank) to the treasurer of Petrolea from H. Ingram, Treasurer, County of Lambton, for $1292, February 1, 1897. Folded in an envelope addressed to P. Barclay, Treasurer, Petrolea. The envelope contains a 3 cent Canada postage stamp. Postmarked Petrolea Ont. FE 4 97.

Invoice (printed blank) to Wm. Seale, Grand Metis, from J. Alleyn, Sailmaker, Quebec. The invoice is for sails, cleats, and straps, April 1898.

Invoice to Mr. James Phelps from Cowan, Cowan & Gray, Barristers & Solicitors, January 29, 1926.

Sub-series B: Certificates, 1825-1950

2.28 Certificate (handwritten) stating that Edward Thompson has taken two horses from Canada. Signed by Duncan Warren, Deputy Collector, Customs House, Port of Fort Erie, January 31, 1825.

Certificates (printed blanks) concerning the appraisal of property of John Woodruff, late of the Town of Porter, Niagara County, State of New York. One certificate states that William Chittenden and Ruben [Brighton?] will impartially appraise Woodruff's personal
property, November 13, 1828. The other certificate states that their appraisal has been
determined to be one thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars, and seventy-five cents,
November 13, 1828. The certificates are attached.

Marriage certificate (handwritten) of John Hugal, Township of Toronto, County of Peet,
and Lavina Ellen Baker, Township of Trafalgar, County of Halton. Married and signed
by Appleton Jones, Minister of the M.E. Church in Canada. Also signed by John A.
Blackwell, January 19, 1853.

Certificate of Qualification as a First Class Teacher for Miss Mary Anne Love, of the
Protestant faith, County of Oxford. On the reverse side there is a printed comparative
merit table, upon which the certificate is granted. Signed by Geo. Murray, Chairman,

Certificate (debenture) from the Province of Ontario, Canada, in aid of the Port Dover
and Lake Huron Railway. There are two certificates, both for $100, signed by A.P.
Brown, Treasurer, and Benjamin Hopkins, Warden. Dated at Woodstock, County of

Certificate of Naturalization, State of New York, County of Kings City, Brooklyn, to
Edward Aikenhead. Signed by C.W. Thomas, Clerk, August 12, 1885.

Certificate of Discharge, for seamen discharged before the Superintendent of a
mercantile marine office in the United Kingdom, a British Consul, or a Shipping Officer in
British possession abroad. The certificate is for J. P[illegible], discharged at Halifax.
Signed by A. McPhail, Master, and H. Lake, Superintendent, March 26, 1901.

Marriage Certificate of Joseph Armstrong and Bessie Beale Aikenhead, according to the
rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America and in
conformity with the laws of the State of New York. Signed by Richard Aikenhead, Fred
Armstrong and J. Blacklock, August 7, 1906.

Commission appointing Arnold Aldrich to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the County
of Norfolk, March 2, 1950. Also contains an oath of Arnold Aldrich, Village of Delhi,
County of Norfolk, to the Office of Justice of the Peace, March 16, 1950.


Instructions to the Officers appointed to Recruit in New York for the Service of the
United States of America (reproduction). A broadside recruiting for the Revolutionary
War, 1776.
Proclamation by William Lyon Mackenzie to the Inhabitants of Upper Canada (reproduction). A proclamation issued from Navy Island after the 1837 rebellion in Upper Canada led by Mackenzie, December 13, 1837.

Rules and Regulations for Ferries (printed), Antoine Daigneau, St. Clement, 1841, and Réné Lippé, 1842. There are four pages, two in English and two in French. The bottom half of each page contains handwritten tariffs. Antoine Daigneau’s tariffs are to ferry from St. Clement to Isle Perrot & Cascades and to convey on shore passengers from rafts, 1841. The bottom part of this page is missing. Réné Lippé’s tariffs are to ferry over the River L’Assomption, to and from the north shore and vice versa, 1842. The next two pages appear to contains the same information in French.

Notice of Meeting (handwritten) for a general meeting at the Police Office, Niagara, to consider the propriety of changing the name and of altering the Constitution for Niagara, July 18, 1857.

Advertisement for the sale of machinery for the manufacture of Woollen goods, at the Norfolk Woollen Mills, on November 16, 1880, by Peter Mabee, Auctioneer, Village of Port Dover. The left side of the advertisement is missing. This affects the text.

2.30 Advertisement for an Oyster Supper, Lynnville, March 9 [ca. 1884]. A good program of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Readings, Recitations & c. Featuring W.S. Perry, Simcoe’s Comic Singer.

O Judicial Sale, pursuant to the judgment in the cause of Doble vs. Doble, in the Village of Uxbridge, on December 2, 1885, by Thomas Poucher, auctioneer. A list of property to be auctioned is included. (in oversized drawer)

O4.10 Proclamation, Electoral District, South Riding of the County of Norfolk. The presence of the said Electors is required at the Hall, Vittoria, Township of Charlotteville on May 29, 1890. Augustine James Donly, Returning Officer, May 14, 1890.

2.30 Citizen’s Meeting to express views on different subjects that seem to be uppermost in their minds at the present time, Friday April 25, 1930, Town Hall, Walsingham Centre. For the purpose of considering Magisterial Justice in the County of Norfolk and if though advisable to have the County divided for the above mentioned purpose.

O Proclamation, Electoral District of Haldimand-Norfolk. The presence of voters is required at the Town Hall in the Village of Jarvis, on September 29, 1937. A list of polling places for various townships and villages is included. Robert Henry Davey, Returning Officer, September 9, 1937. (in oversized drawer)

2.30 Advertisement for the Woodlan steel spring flexible and reversible one and two horse disc harrows. The advertisement notes to contact W. H. Emmett, St. Catharines,
Ontario, or Patentee, W.S. Wooland, Smithville, for the right to manufacture in Canada or the United States, n.d.

Advertisement for Bradt’s improved Patent Bee-Hive, Clarke Snure, Agent, Jordan, Ont.

Advertisement for Toy Symphonies. A performance will be given in the lecture room every evening. Admission 10 cents, n.d.

Auction Sale in Wainfleet (printed), Wednesday July 17. J.G. Pettigrew, Auctioneer; William Ricker, Proprietor; A. Lampman, Clerk. The auction will include horses, cattle, and implements.

O4.11 Anniversary Services and Tea Meeting, Abingdon Presbyterian Church, Sunday, November 12. The meeting on following night in the Agricultural Hall in the interest of Presbyterian Church.

**Sub-series D: Account Books and Journals, 1798-1905**

2.31 Account book labeled December 24 1798 to December 25, 1799. Entries are from December 25 1798 to May 1800. Entries are for various expenses, including lunch and dinner, lodging, sugar, shoes, gloves, coach, and sundries. The outer envelope is labeled memoranda from Geo. Rouvier[?]. The right edge of the envelope is missing. This interferes with the text. The upper left corner of the envelope contains the crest for the County of Oxford, W.L. MacWhinnie, Registrar, Woodstock, Ontario.

2.32 Account book of William D. Warner, 1873. Entries are for various items including flour, corn meal, bran, oats, peas, lumber, boots, and furniture, 1869-1891. “Sharpvill” is written on the inside of the back cover. Contains 86 pages. Only the first 65 pages are completed.

2.33 Business account book showing assets and liabilities, contra, stock in company, and accounts with individuals, 1873-1881. Contains 242 pages. Only the first 92 pages are completed.

2.34 Account book of Garth & Co., Montreal. Entries include interest, sundries; merchandise; salary; profit and loss; rent; iron foundry; insurance; and tools and patterns; 1888-1910. Contains 166 pages, most of which are completed. An envelope pasted in the front contains a letter to John H. Garth, President, The Garth Company, Montreal, from P.S. Ross and Sons, Chartered Accountants, Montreal. The letter states that two copies of annual statements of the Company from last August are enclosed. The statements are not included. It is also instructed that an entry be made in the Company books concerning the estate of Charles Garth, December 8, 1905.
Personal journal. The name A.E. Carey, Esq., Harrow Estate, [illegible] appears on one of the first few pages. The entries are brief and cover 154 pages. They largely concern parish work and the weather, September 1886-June 1893. The inside cover of the other side of the journal contains the name “Ernest [illegible], with Mrs. Thomas Walter’s kind regards and best wishes. Every day will I bless God and praise His name for ever and ever. We are bought with a price. Herefore [illegible] God in your body and your spirit which are GOD’s “, July 25, 1891. The first eight pages on this side contain poetry. The cover is loose.

Sub-series E: Forms, 1844, n.d.

Form for the Assessment of the Rateable Property of Townships in Gore District, 1844. The form is blank. Contains columns for the names of householders; descriptions of lots, houses, mills, shops, cattle, carriages; and amount of rateable property.

Canadian Northern Railway Customs Report forms (printed blank). Four attached pages of numbered blank forms. Each page contains three identical slips. The first page contains slips for transporting the undermentioned freight billed. The second page contains slips for describing property in apparent good order. The third and fourth pages contains slips for order as to the disposal of the undermentioned freight, n.d.

Sub-series F: Voters Lists, 1874-1962

Poll Book, Division 3 of Walsingham, 1874. Contains the names of voters polled, and whether they were for or against a by-law to expend the Municipal Loan Fund Money on the Plank Road.

Poll Book, Division 7 of Walsingham, 1874. Contains the names of voters polled, and whether they were for or against a by-law to expend the Municipal Loan Fund Money on the Plank Road.

List of Voters for the Township of Woodhouse in the Electoral District of the South Riding of Norfolk, Polling District No. 6. Contains the full name, occupation, and qualifying property or residence, 1889.

Canada Elections Act Urban Preliminary List of Electors, Electoral District of Welland, City of Welland, Urban Polling Division No. 27. Printed by the Welland Printing Company Limited. The list is sorted by street and includes Edgar St.; Lillias St.; Niagara St.; Norway Ave.; Parkway Dr.; Price Ave.; and Thorold Rd. West. Three pages, May 7, 1962.
Sub-series G: Published/Printed Material/Research, 1845-1968

O5.4 Report of the Select Committee of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, on the Petition of the Toronto and Lake Huron Rail Road Company, Montreal, February, 1845.


2.40 *When an Armistice Ended* by Fred Williams, from the *Mail and Empire*, November 21, 1936.


Sub-series H: Prints & Photographs, n.d.

2.43 Coloured photographs of two different portraits of Isaac Brock.

2.44 Photograph of the Brock Monument, Queenston Heights Park, Queenston. Black and white, 6 x 9 cm, n.d.

2.44 A Christmas card pasted to a piece of paper, featuring people ice skating and playing hockey, with the caption “A Merry Christmas”. Handwritten below on the paper is “To Nellie, with love from Martin Atkinson[?]”, n.d.

Sub-series I: Newspapers, 1800-1952

Upper Canada Gazette

2.45 February 15, 1838. An article on the cover concerns the recent passing of an Act erecting the County of Norfolk into a separate District, by the name of Talbot.

March 8, 1838. The first page contains a schedule of titles of bills passed during the Provincial Parliament. Several acts relate to treason, such as the act to authorize the apprehending and detention of persons suspected of High Treason, Misprision of Treason, and Treasonable Practices. These acts relate to the recent rebellion in Upper Canada in 1837.
October 4, 1838.

November 22, 1838. The first page contains a proclamation about the “late unhappy revolt”, and extending “Royal mercy and forgiveness to the deluded and misguided subjects”. The article states that numerous pardons have been granted, but others have been liable to punishment by their misconduct.

Canada Gazette

2.46 January 20, 1849.

March 31, 1849.

May 10, 1849.

December 4, 1869. One page, containing only a notice of the Sale of Real Estate under the Insolvent Act of 1864.

Ontario Gazette

2.47 March 4, 1868.

March 4, 1868. Extra. Contains a list of bills assented to in the Legislative Assembly. A note (printed) is included on stationary from the Attorney General’s Office stating that County and other Officials of the Province of Ontario to whom the Ontario Gazette is supplied are expected to file and preserve the paper and have it bound yearly, J.S. Macdonald, Toronto, March 10, 1868. Both the letter and the gazette are stained. This interferes with some of the text.

March 7, 1868. Contains a list of bills assented to in the Legislative Assembly.

March 14, 1868.


William Lyon Mackenzie’s newspapers (reprints)

O4.13 The Colonial Advocate. York, April 15, 1830.


Mackenzie’s Toronto Weekly Message, July 16, 1859.

Mackenzie’s Toronto Weekly Message, July 30, 1859.
Other newspapers

O5.5 Ulster County Gazette, Kingston, January 4, 1800. Contains a speech by John Adams, President of the United States, to the House of Representatives, an English account of the Battle of Zurich, and the death of George Washington. (2 copies)


O The Norfolk Reformer. Simcoe, Ont., July 24, 1890.

Sub-series J: News Clippings, 1811-1983


2.49 Entries on marine news and accidents from various newspapers, including the Kingston Chronicle; St. Catharines Journal; the Colonial Advocate; the Globe; the Toronto Mail; the Mail & Empire; and the British Canadian, 1811-1952.

2.50 Lists, 1839-1870. Contains an alphabetical list of losses on the Great Lakes of Steamers built before 1868; a list of wrecks on Long Point since 1864, printed in the British Canadian, Simcoe; and Car Ferries of the Great Lakes.

2.51 Marine news clippings, 1948, n.d. Contains “marine memories” clippings featuring profiles of marine accidents; an article on Gibraltar Point Light; and an article on the Lyman M. Davis.

Other news clippings, 1899, 1983

2.52 Other news clippings, 1899, 1983. Contains “An Imposing Scene at Niagara Camp: Saturday was Review Day and people swarmed in from all points to see the sham fight”, July 3, 1899; and news clippings from the Toronto Star on the Toronto Islands.

Sub-series K: Poetry, n.d.

2.53 Poetry by A.H. Ward, n.d. Contains typewritten poems, including The Lane of Life; Castles; An Unknown Hero Sleeps Here; the Child’s Touch; Torpedoed; and Life’s Garland.

Sub-series L: Other/Miscellaneous, 1842, 1877, n.d.

2.54 List of books by E. Jolliffe. Categories include Adult Classed, Adult Fiction, and Juvenile.

Excerpt (handwritten) from Benjamin Brook’s *The Lives of the Puritans*, 1813. A note at the bottom states that this may be what he wants, and is signed. The signature is illegible.

Notes on two index cards, concerning Indians and violence. It mentions Radisson’s description of Indian tortures; the illustrations in Charlevoix *History*; and the anecdote of Professor G.L. Rutledge’s execution of the regicide judges.

Partial Review (handwritten) of J.S. Buckingham’s book *America: historical, statistic and descriptive*, 1841. The review is incomplete, consisting of pages 8 to 12, ca. 1842.

A Regular old True Blue Tory (handwritten song lyrics). As sung at the south seeds election, to the tune of John Brown. The lyrics mention A.N. Richards, John A. McDonald and David Ford Jones, n.d.

An unidentified set of handwritten song lyrics.

List written in German, May 6 1877. Stamped Güter Expedition 31 5 77 Mulhausen; and Stadt-Amann-Amt Zurich.

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Related Material:

RG 634, Canada Post Office Documents, 1833, 1835, n.d.

RG 640, Alexander Hamilton fonds, 1809-1842, n.d.