

Title:	Letter to Alexander Hamilton by Samuel Street, July 20, 1833		
Creator:	Samuel Street		
Dates of Material:	July 20, 1833	Record Group Number:	RG 866
Summary of Contents:	<p>A letter by Samuel Street to Alexander Hamilton, Postmaster, Queenston dated at Fall Mills, July 20, 1833. The letter is one page and concerns Mary's Estate. The letter states that "<i>I did not get your late sisters' books till yesterday aftn the receipt of your letter advising that they were forwarded by Mr. Forsyth's stage. I cannot now say on what day I would visit you and your brother John to come up.</i>" It is signed by Samuel Street and postmarked Chippawa.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	1 letter (folded)		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:	<p>Samuel Street was born in Connecticut in 1775. He came to Chippawa, Upper Canada in 1787 to live with his uncle Samuel Street after his father was killed in New York. His uncle was involved in mercantile affairs in the Niagara Peninsula, which helped Samuel Street Jr. in establishing successful businesses and partnerships in later years. As the son of a Loyalist he was also entitled to 200 acres of land, but his uncle successfully petitioned for an additional 400 acres. In 1798, Street struck up a partnership with Thomas Clark, an important merchant in Queenston. They parted ways the following year, but renewed their association around 1809. The result was the firm of Clark and Street, a business that proved to be one of Upper Canada's largest, and endured until Thomas Clark's death in 1835. Initially the business centred on two milling complexes, the Falls Mills and Bridgewater Mills. Both mills were destroyed by fire in 1814 and only the Falls Mills was rebuilt. The success of their milling operation provided Clark and Street with a large amount of capital. They utilized this capital by money-lending, and became one of the largest financiers in Upper Canada. Samuel Street died in August, 1844 in Port Robinson, Upper Canada, leaving his fortune to his son Thomas Clark Street, and his four surviving daughters.</p>		

	<p>Alexander Hamilton (1790-1839) spent most of his life in Queenston, Ontario. Alexander was a businessman, militia officer, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Judge, and Postmaster. He had a lasting impact on the community and was important in the history of Upper Canada. Alexander's father Robert Hamilton was a successful businessman, and his mother Catherine was a member of the prominent Askin family. His wife, Hannah Owen Jarvis, was the daughter of first provincial secretary and registrar William Jarvis.</p>		
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