

Title:	Bowslaugh Family fonds, 1860-1861, 1868, 1876-1877, 1880-1882, 1886-1890, 1892-1893, 1895, 1898-1899, n.d.		
Creator:	Bowslaugh, Edward; Bowslaugh, James; Bowslaugh, Alfred ; Bowslaugh, Mrs. E.		
Dates of Material:	1860-1861, 1868, 1876-1877, 1880-1882, 1886-1890, 1892-1893, 1895, 1898-1899, n.d.	Record Group Number:	RG 4
Summary of Contents:	<p>1.1 – 1.7 Diary and account book of Edward W. Bowslaugh, 1861, 1885-1889, 1892-1896, 1898 [1861 diary includes notes made by daughter Annie Olivia Bowslaugh. The 1885 account book includes notes and proposals for building materials in the Kingsville, Ont. area</p> <p>1.8 – 1.10 Diary of James Bowslaugh, 1868, 1876-1877, 1880-1882; 1868 diary includes notes by his wife, Anna Catherine Merritt</p> <p>1.11 – 1.12 Diary of unknown Bowslaugh family member, 1860-1861</p> <p>1.13 School notebook of Alfred Bowslaugh, 1890?, 1892, 1899</p> <p>1.14 Account of Mrs. E. Bowslaugh with E.J. Palmer, 1890</p> <p>Items separated from diaries and journals.</p> <p>1.15 Items separated from Edward W. Bowslaugh's 1885 account book, 1892, n.d.; includes Camp Ground Planing Mills invoices [4], Bowslaugh's Planing Mills [1], Detroit News clipping</p> <p>1.16 Items separated from Edward W. Bowslaugh's 1887 diary, 1888, 1898-1899, n.d.; includes notes, correspondence, tax assessment notice</p> <p>1.17 Items separated from Edward W. Bowslaugh's 1888 diary, 1889, n.d.; includes envelope from Robert Thomson, Hamilton, Ont., Camp Ground Planing Mills invoice, Mechanics' Lien Law clipping</p> <p>1.18 Items separated from Edward W. Bowslaugh's 1889 diary, 1889-1890, n.d.; includes postcard addressed to E.W. Bowslaugh from Mary, Camp Ground Planing Mills invoice, notes</p> <p>1.19 Items separated from Edward W. Bowslaugh's 1895 diary, 1887, 1895, n.d.; includes Hamilton Industrial Works Co. invoice, clippings, notes</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	24 cm of textual records.		

Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>Fonds consists of diaries and account books kept by Edward, James and an unknown member of the Bowslaugh family. Various invoices, newspaper clippings, correspondence and other papers found in the journals and account book are also included.</p> <p>Edward W. Bowslaugh (1843-1923) was the son of Jacob and Anna (Beamer) Bowslaugh. Edward Bowslaugh married Mary Southward, and the couple had six children, Edgar Morley, Edward Freeman, twins Alfred Malcolm and Alice Mary, Annie Olivia, John Jacob and Mabel Florence. Edward W. Bowslaugh was a farmer, contractor and owner of the Grimsby Planing Mills in Grimsby, Ont. and Bowslaugh's Planing Mill in Kingsville, Ont. The mills manufactured door and sash trim and other wood related products. Some customers contracted the firm to provide wood products for cottages being built at Grimsby Park, the Methodist camp ground. Some time before 1885 Edward Bowslaugh and his family moved to Kingsville, Ont. to open up a new planing mill and door and sash manufactory. He later sold the Grimsby Planing Mills to Daniel Marsh. The diaries and account books include many names of workers as well as friends and family members residing in the Grimsby and Kingsville areas.</p> <p>James M. Bowslaugh (1841-1882) was the son of Jacob and Anna (Beamer) Bowslaugh. James married first Anna Catharine Merritt and after her death in 1875 he married Mary Gee in 1877. James and Anna had three children, Eliza, James Herbert, George Hiram, all died very young. James and Mary Gee had one son, Charles Leopold Kenneth Frederich Bowslaugh, b. 1881. James Bowslaugh was a farmer and lumberman, much like his younger brother Edward. James' early diaries often note the activities of himself and his brother Edward. Both Edward and James were heavily involved in the Methodist church, teaching or leading Sunday school and attending prayer meetings.</p> <p>Alfred M. Bowslaugh b. 1873 was the son of Edward W. Bowslaugh and his wife Mary Southward. The school notebook is from his days as a student in Kingsville, Ont.</p>
Location:	Brock University Archives
Source Information:	

<p>Subject Headings:</p> <p>Added Entries:</p>	<p>600 Bowslaugh, Edward W. 600 Bowslaugh, James M. 600 Bowslaugh, Alfred M. 600 Bowslaugh family. 610 Grimsby Planing Mills. 610 Bowslaugh's Planing Mill 650 Planing-mills zOntario zGrimsby xHistory xSources. 650 Planing-mills zOntario zKingsville xHistory xSources. 650 Lumbering zOntario zGrimsby xHistory xSources. 650 Lumbering zOntario zKingsville xHistory xSources. 651 Grimsby (Ont.) xHistory. 651 Kingsville (Ont.) xHistory. 710 Grimsby Planing Mills. 710 Bowslaugh's Planing Mill.</p>		
<p>Related material held at other repositories:</p>	<p>Grimsby Historical Society – Eleanor Brubaker Collection, Edward W. Bowslaugh diaries.</p>		
<p>Described by:</p>	<p>Edie Williams</p>	<p>Date:</p>	<p>June 2010</p>