

Title:	Hugh Alexander Papers, 1811-1816 [photocopy]		
Creator:	Hugh Alexander, 1780-1816		
Dates of Material:	1811-1816	Record Group Number:	RG 137
Summary of Contents:	<p>1.1 Correspondence numbered 1-99, 1811-1816; includes transcriptions [photocopy]</p> <p>1.2 Correspondence unnumbered, 1811-1812, 1814 [photocopy]</p> <p>1.3 Fort Erie Account Book, 1812 [photocopy]</p> <p>1.4 Duplicate correspondence, 1811-1816 [photocopy]</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	5 cm of textual material. Materials are in excellent condition.		
Other Notes:	<p>Hugh Alexander, b. 1780 arrived in Niagara shortly after his birth. He attended school and later apprenticed as a clerk. In 1797 he was granted 200 acres of land in Bertie township and became a merchant and trader in Fort Erie. He was the owner of a sailing vessel, the Chippawa, which he used to transport goods in the area. The ship was lost and/or confiscated as a result of War of 1812 skirmishes on Lake Erie. By 1812 Hugh Alexander was in business together with his brother Ephraim. The Alexander's storehouse, store and house were burned by the British military when they abandoned Fort Erie ahead of the invading American military in late May 1813. At the time of the burning, Hugh Alexander was engaged as a Lieutenant with the 3rd Lincoln Militia. Prior to this Hugh Alexander had established a second mercantile in Stamford, opposite the green. Misfortune was to strike at this location as well when the British military abandoned the whole of the Niagara area to the invading American forces and the Stamford location was looted. After the end of the hostilities Alexander went on to rebuild his storehouse in Fort Erie and to re-establish his store in Stamford. Hugh Alexander died on November 2, 1817 and is buried in the Stamford Presbyterian Cemetery.</p> <p>Source: George A. Seibel, <i>The Niagara Portage Road: 200 Years 1790-1990</i>. Niagara Falls: City of Niagara Falls, 1990, p. 259-262.</p>		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	Materials are photocopies obtained from originals? at an unknown date.		
Other responsitories/archives:	Records held elsewhere: Joseph Powadiuk collection, 1811-1976, Trent University Archives [9: Niagara peninsula documents: H. Alexander account and letter book transcripts, 1811-1816; copies of pages from Cruikshank's "History of the Campaign - Niagara Frontiers" regarding H. Alexander; copy of article "When Fort Erie was Distributing Center for Middle West" from the Welland County Historical society, with map, 1927; five newspaper clippings re Niagara on the Lake and Fort Erie]		
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