

Title:	Letter to William Collver or John Roberts, 1849		
Creator:	[Eleanor Corman]		
Dates of Material:	1849	Record Group Number:	RG 433
Summary of Contents:	<p>1 personal letter which is written in 2 parts and dated July 31, 1849. The first part is written to “my dear Mr. Collver and co.” The writer mentions the “circuit” that she has traveled, and a conference which she attended. In regard to the circuit, she talks about her interest in the Welland Canal. The references all seem to be religious in nature. She asks Mr. Collver how he likes the new preacher and says that in a letter that the preacher published in the newspaper he refers to the “breaking of Jordan Chapel”. She says that a society of teetotalers has been established in her town and they are known as “Sons of Temperance”. She also mentions “my man Brown” who was there but has left, leaving her to have the circuit by herself. She signs off with “I am yours affectionately [Eleanor Corman].</p> <p>The second part of the letter is addressed to “my dear Mr. Roberts”. She asks him for some music that she would like, but cannot find in Kingston. She would like him to “come down and teach singing” this winter. She also asks him to give her regards to Mr. P. Beamer and family. She ends this part of the letter with “Nothing further yours affectionately [Eleanor Corman]”.</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>The letter measures 38 cm. x 25 cm. It is written on grey paper which is discoloured in some spots, particularly along the creases where it was folded. There is a small hole in the paper and one of the edges is torn away. There was tape on the letter which has left a residue and has gone through the page.</p> <p>There are 4 red postmarks on the outside of the letter and they are: Picton, July 31, 1849 Cobourg, August 2, 1849 St. Catharines, August 4, 1849</p> <p>There is one other postmark which is too faded to be legible.</p>		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>A "circuit" was a geographic area that encompassed two or more local churches. Pastors met each year at "Annual Conference" where their bishops would appoint them either to a new circuit or to remain at the same one. Most often they were moved to another appointment every year (usually Methodist).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circuit_rider_(religious)</p>		

Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	This letter was purchased from www.philbansner.com		
Subject Headings:	100	Corman, Eleanor	
	600	Roberts, John	
	600	Collver, William	
	650	Circuit riders -- Ontario	
Added Entries:	650	Methodist Church -- Ontario	
Related material held at other repositories:			
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