

<b>Title:</b>	Proposal for Construction of Brock's Monument, Queenston, newspaper fragment, 1824		
<b>Creator:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1824	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 471
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>1 page of a newspaper containing a proposal for the building of Brock's Monument</p> <p>One of the articles on this page is entitled <i>Proposals</i>. This article states that proposals to Commissioners Thomas Dickson, Thomas Clark and Robert Nichol will be received up until March 21, 1824 for persons wishing to submit a proposal to work on any part, or all of the Brock Monument. The job has been broken down into sections including: foundations, bases, shaft, lantern, mortar, carpenter works, iron work and plaister work. The article is from Francis Hall, engineer, Queenston and is dated February 24, 1824.</p> <p>The page appears to be a "classified ads" page and contains advertisements for goods and services offered.</p>		
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	The page measures 31 cm. x 50 cm. It is extremely fragile and has been taped in numerous areas. It is slightly discoloured and a piece is missing from one of the corners. The edges are jagged and someone appears to have written in ink along one of the margins.		
<b>Other Notes:</b>	<p>Brock's Monument is owned by Parks Canada and maintained by the Niagara Parks Commission in collaboration with the Friends of Fort George and Niagara National Historic Sites. It is located in Queenston Heights Park atop the Niagara Escarpment.</p> <p>On March 14, 1815, Parliament passed an act to erect a monument to the memory of General Isaac Brock. A design by engineer Francis Hall was selected. He envisioned a 135 ft. tall Tuscan column, made out of stone with a winding staircase inside. By the spring of 1824, work had begun on the monument. In June of that year, the cornerstone was laid and William Lyon Mackenzie was in attendance at the ceremony. It was on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1824 (the anniversary of Brock's death) that 6000 people traveled to Queenston to inter the remains of Brock and Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonell. This was the second burial for both.</p> <p>After 3 years the tower had reached 135 feet, but there was no inscription at the base, the fence around the observation deck had not been installed and</p>		

	<p>there was no statue of Brock. Hall submitted a plan to finish the statue, but he was turned down and a simple ornament was placed where the Brock statue should have been.</p> <p>A massive blast of gunpowder destroyed the monument in 1840. It is alleged that an American sympathizer with the Upper Canada Rebellion, Benjamin Lett, set off the blast. Brock and Macdonell's bodies were reburied in the Hamilton Family Cemetery in Queenston.</p> <p>The monument was rebuilt, with work beginning in 1853 and completed in October of 1857. The official inauguration took place in 1859, again, on October the 13<sup>th</sup>. William Thomas (designer of St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto) was the architect. Brock and Macdonell were once again laid to rest in separate vaults at the statue.</p> <p>In 1968, Brock's Monument was declared a national historical site. In 2005, it was closed to the public due to safety concerns, but it reopened in 2010.</p> <p>Sources:</p> <p><a href="http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/brocks-monument-queenston-heights">http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/articles/brocks-monument-queenston-heights</a></p> <p>and Burying General Brock : a history of Brock's monuments / Robert Malcomson. [Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.] : Friends of Fort George, c1996. FC 443 B8 M29 1996</p>
<p><b>Subject Keywords:</b></p>	<p>Canada -- History -- War of 1812 -- Monuments.</p> <p>Brock's Monument (Queenston, Ont.)</p> <p>Thomas, William, 1799-1860</p> <p>Hall, Francis, 1792-1862</p> <p>Macdonell, John, 1785-1812 -- Monuments.</p> <p>Brock, Isaac, Sir, 1769-1812 -- Monuments.</p>
<p><b>Location:</b></p>	<p>Brock University Archives</p>
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<p><b>Related material:</b></p>	<p>Brock's monument / transcribed by William J. Stevens. St. Catharines : Niagara Peninsula Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, [1984] FC 3153 Q8 Z54 1984</p> <p>Finding Brock's monument: a report of the find on Queenston Heights / Christopher Cooper; research assistant and editor, Nena Wagner ; [illustrations by Christopher Cooper]. Brantford, Ont.: March Press, c2002. FC 443 B8 C66 2002</p> <p>Letters of 1812 / [supplied by General Cruikshank]. Brock's Monument, 1824, 1840, 1853 /Janet Carnochan. Statement of Mr. J.A. Murphy. An appreciation of the late Lt. W.J. Wright, M.A. /by Janet Carnochan. Narrative of the early life of Catharina Haideen, a native of Missolonghi, Greece, prefaced by a description of events leading to the destruction of that place. Kindly supplied by Mrs. Wilkinson of New York, Mrs. Paffard's daughter /[Janet Carnochan]. Emigrants in Niagara, 1847 /[Janet Carnochan]. Claims of United Empire loyalists, 1784-1790 /[Janet Carnochan]. Inscriptions and graves /[Janet Carnochan].-- [Welland Ont.? : Welland Tribune Print?, 1917?]. FC 3154.4 N56 no.31</p> <p>Brock really is big in Canada. Guernsey: Guernsey Post Office, 1996. FC 443 B8 B88 1996</p> <p>Burying General Brock : a history of Brock's monuments / Robert Malcomson. [Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.] : Friends of Fort George, c1996. FC 443 B8 M29 1996</p>		
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