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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Harley R. Cummings fonds. 2008 additions
Reference code:	08-022
Date:	1865-1963 (creation)
Physical description:	15 photographs : 13 negatives 19 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Harley Richard Cummings was born in 1909 in Bond Head, Ontario, the son of Dr. James A. and Mildred Cummings. In 1933, after obtaining an Honours BA from the University of Toronto and graduating from the Ontario College of Education, he began teaching at the Boys' Vocational School and the Glashan Intermediate School and York Street School in Ottawa. In 1942, he was a volunteer education officer with the Royal Canadian Air Force and later became a flight lieutenant. At the conclusion of World War II, Cummings returned to Ottawa and, over the next twenty years, was school principal at a number of schools. Of significant importance is Cummings' book, *Early Days in Haliburton*, which he wrote in 1962. It includes an introduction by Ontario Premier Leslie Frost. Cummings married Shirley Stotesbury in 1964. He died at the age of 90 on May 10, 1999.

Custodial history

Fonds was in the custody of Mrs. Shirley Cummings before it was donated to Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of Harley Cummings' research material for *Early Days in Haliburton*, published in 1963. Included are original wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements of the Ottawa logging company, Bronsons and Weston, with several documents relating to their York Branch operation. Documents relating to business transactions with the Boyd lumbering company of Bobcaygeon, and with individuals along the Peterson Road and Bobcaygeon Road who provided supplies and lodging for the workers comprise a part of the holdings. Mentioned are the Egan Farm in Dungannon Township, Hastings County, and the Bruton Farm on the Peterson Road in Haliburton County. There are references, too, to the operation of cadges between locations (commercial carriers which transported supplies by horses and sleigh/buggy). Also included are copy maps; photographs; notes; handwritten transcriptions of diaries of Alexander Niven and of Mrs. C.R. Stewart; and photographs of Lillian de Grassi Boyd, the Blomfield [Blumfield] family of Lakefield, and the Strickland homestead in Lakefield.

Notes

Physical condition

The Bronsons and Weston documents (1869-1885) which are located in Box 1 contain mould. Although each document is encapsulated in mylar, some multi-page documents need to be removed from the mylar in order to turn the pages. Researchers are requested to wear masks and gloves.

Immediate source of acquisition

Fonds acquired in 2008 from Mrs. Shirley Cummings.

Restrictions on access

None.

Accruals

This fonds along with 01-009, 02-009, and 04-006 is an addition to 00-001.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Business and Industry (subject)
- Lumber and Milling (subject)
- Literature and Publishing (subject)
- Settlement and Surveys (subject)
- Victoria County (place)
- Haliburton, Ontario (place)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Bronsons & Weston records

Date: 1869-1880 (creation)

Physical description: 12 folders of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
08-022/001(01)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1869-1872	
08-022/001(02)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1873-1875	
08-022/001(03)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1876	
08-022/001(04)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1877	
08-022/001(05)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1878	
08-022/001(06)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1879	
08-022/001(07)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1880	
08-022/001(08)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1881	
08-022/001(09)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1882	
08-022/001(10)	File - Bronsons & Weston wage lists, letters, receipts, accounting records, and agreements	1883-1885	
08-022/001(11)	File - Notations relating to timber licenses	1876-1880	
08-022/001(12)	File - Undated documents; envelopes		

Series 2: Early Days in Haliburton research and publication records

Scope and content: Series includes Early Days in Haliburton publication material and copied research material.

Physical description: 7 folders of textual records, maps, and photographs

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description

08-022/002(01)	File - Copy photographs (11); negatives (13)
08-022/002(02)	File - Time books, etc. (copies)
08-022/002(03)	File - Maps (copies)
08-022/002(04)	File - Book production material
08-022/002(05)	File - Diary of Mrs. C.R. Stewart 1865-1866 (handwritten transcription only)
08-022/002(06)	File - Diary of land surveyor Alexander Niven (1836-1911) (handwritten transcription only); also notes re an 1884 Niven diary 1869
08-022/002(07)	File - Research notes

Series 3: Photographs and broadsides

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
08-022/002(08)	File - Original photograph of the Blomfield [Blumfield] family, Lakefield, n.d.; copy photograph of the Strickland homestead, Lakefield, n.d.	n.d.	1 file of textual records and 2 photographs
08-022/002(09)	File - Original photograph of Lillian de Grassi Boyd (1858-1942), n.d., wife of Mossom Martin Boyd	n.d.	1 photograph
08-022/0S(01)	File - Broadside: Wood Working Machinery, Josiah Ross, Buffalo, N.Y. - depicts several pieces of machinery with detailed explanations <i>Note [General] :</i> Located in large Materials Cabinet - Drawer 52.	ca. 1870s	
08-022/0S(02)	File - Broadside: A Wonderful Book Store: Leary's Book Store, Philadelphia, Pa. <i>Note [General] :</i> Located in large Materials Cabinet - Drawer 52.	n.d.	