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## Finding Aid - Stewart family fonds (11-005)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Stewart family fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	11-005
<b>Date:</b>	1791-1944 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	12 cm of textual records 2 books 1 photograph 1 sketch 1 map 1 broadside

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Several generations of the Stewart family have lived in the Peterborough area. Thomas A. Stewart and his wife, Frances, were prominent and influential early citizens of Peterborough. Extensive biographical information on the Stewart family, plus friends, neighbours, and associates, may be found in [02-001] (<https://www.trentu.ca/library/archives/02-001>).

### Custodial history

Fonds was in the custody of Richard Stewart Kelly before it was donated to Trent University Archives in 2011.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of correspondence, journals, religious materials, and newspaper clippings related to the family of Thomas Alexander Stewart and Frances Stewart. Many papers originate from the family of their son, Henry Louis Stewart. Also included are a book about the Stewart family, Poole's history of Peterborough, a photograph of people at camp at "Indian Hill near Coldwater Ontario," a sketch of Auburn (the family homestead), and a map depicting townships with lots and concessions in the counties of Northumberland, Durham, Victoria, and Peterborough.

## Notes

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### Physical condition

All items are fragile

### Immediate source of acquisition

Fonds acquired from Richard Stewart Kelly in 2011

### Restrictions on access

None

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Stewart, Thomas Alexander (subject)
  - Stewart, Frances Anne (subject)
  - Textual records (documentary form)
  - Photographs (documentary form)
  - Maps and atlases (documentary form)
  - Drawings and sketches (documentary form)
  - Books (documentary form)
  - Posters and broadsides (documentary form)
  - Pioneers and Early Settlers (subject)
  - Settlement and Surveys (subject)
  - City of Peterborough (place)
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## Series descriptions

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Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
11-005/001(01)	<b>File - Correspondence and a diary page regarding trip through Manitoulin Island</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- John Stewart to Thomas Alexander Stewart regarding Tom's invitation to John to settle in Upper Canada (1824)</li><li>- Copies of letters dated 1826 which Harriet Beaufort wrote to Frances Stewart (these are in a booklet format and the pages are numbered 104-119)</li><li>- Thomas Sutton to Thomas Alexander Stewart re Frances's marriage settlement (1829)</li></ul>	1824-1902	1 folder of textual records

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Form letter from W.A. Scott, Captain Commanding announcing a full-dress parade of the 1st Volunteer Militia Rifle Company (October 1859)</li> <li>- A note from Charles Stewart (son of Frances and Tom Stewart) regarding the election for school trustee for Douro Township (1862)</li> <li>- A partial letter by Frances Stewart with pages missing (ca. 1866 or 1869)</li> <li>- A short note from Frances Stewart to her son Henry regarding some missing books that she found for him (1869)</li> <li>- A short note from Cecil Brown to his cousin Dunbar Stewart (grandchildren of Frances and Tom Stewart) regarding school matters (1874)</li> <li>- A short note from Edward S. Stewart to his cousin Dunbar Stewart regarding family greetings [187-]</li> <li>- A note from J.K. Stewart of The Stewart Society, Edinburgh regarding the annual report and list of members that year (1902)</li> <li>- A card from Emilie S. Mathias regarding visit to Plymouth Armistice Service [187-?] - [189-?]</li> </ul>		
11-005/001(02)	<b>File - Accounts of family deaths</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following records in booklet format: - Thomas Alexander Stewart: "Death of T.A. Stewart Esqr. 1847", an account by his daughter Ellen Dunlop (1847) - William Stewart: "Death of William Stewart Esqr. Killed by a gunshot 8th September 1864 at Stony Lake - Mrs. Ralleston's account", written in the hand of Ellen Dunlop - Frances Stewart: "Death of Mrs. T.A. Stewart, Feb'y 24th 1872", an account written by her daughter Ellen Dunlop - A handwritten copy of the Peterborough Review obituary by Catharine Parr Traill for "The Late Mrs. T.A. Stewart" (1872)	1847-1872	1 folder of textual records
11-005/001(03)	<b>File - Mathias' account of the Stewart's early years in Upper Canada (transcription also in folder)</b>	1822	1 folder of textual records
11-005/001(04)	<b>File - Handwritten sermons, prayers, writings with a religious focus, poetry, a religious newspaper, and a diary</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes many items that seem to have originated in Ireland. Some are addressed to Frances Stewart from Maria Noble, while others appear to be in Frances Stewart's handwriting. File includes the following, along with other religious writings not listed: - Minutes of Navan Church Mission meetings (1832) - Funeral Sermon - The Reformation in Ireland (1843) - An account of the London City Mission - A booklet of handwritten prayers with the name Ro't Evans Ellis (1791) - A religious narrative by Mrs. Charles E. Stewart (daughter-in-law of Frances and Tom Stewart) (1869) - A diary belonging to Charles Dunbar Stewart in Fort Hope, Ontario from January 1869 to December 1869	1749-1881	1 folder of textual records 2 volumes
11-005/001(05)	<b>File - Indenture between Henry Stewart (son of Frances and Tom Stewart) and Joseph Spenceley regarding Douro Township "Mill Reserve" property</b>	1857	1 folder of textual records
11-005/001(06)	<b>File - Ink sketch entitled "Auburn 1845" (artist unknown)</b>	1845	1 sketch
11-005/001(07)	<b>File - Ledger belonging to Thomas A. Stewart</b> <i>Scope and content:</i>	1807-1826	1 volume

	Ledger also includes an account of a trip from Ireland to Lisbon, Portugal via the "East India fleet" in 1812. Also included is a page dated 1826 of financial accounts relating to the "Peterborough School House".		
11-005/001(08)	<b>File - Newspaper clippings</b>	1888-1944	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes newspaper clippings that relate to the death of Rev. J.C.S. Mathias (1930); the death of Robert Chambers (1888); the visits of Mrs. A.E. Kelly, the daughter of Henry Louis Stewart, to Port Hope (1944); and the visit of George Stewart to Peterborough (1895).		
11-005/001(09)	<b>File - Book: A Sketch of the Early Settlement and Subsequent Progress of the Town of Peterborough' by Thomas W. Poole, inscribed "Henry L. Stewart from E.S. Dunlop"</b>	1867	1 book
11-005/001(10)	<b>File - Book: The Story of the Stewarts. Printed for the Stewart Society, Edinburgh</b>	1909	1 book
	<i>Scope and content:</i> A magazine clipping of "The Wonders of Scotland" with a coloured photograph of Tantallon Castle is included in the back of the book.		
11-005/002-OS(01)	<b>File - "Camp at Indian Hill near Coldwater Ontario"</b>	September 1871	1 photograph
	<i>Note [General] :</i> Located in map cabinet drawer 26. <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of a photograph of a group of individuals, including P. Gaudear, Joe, [Aubrise?], Barrow, Cameron, Dick, [Hallire?], Heath, Old Gaudear, G.A. Stewart, [Jarle?] Gaudear, H.L. Stewart, and Cooke.		
11-005/002-OS(02)	<b>File - Broadside: Auction sale of house and lot located on Ellen Street, Port Hope and owned by H.L. Stewart</b>	1878	1 broadside
	<i>Note [General] :</i> Located In map cabinet drawer 26.		
11-005/002-OS(03)	<b>File - Map depicting townships with lots and concessions in counties of Northumberland, Durham, Victoria, and Peterborough</b>	[18--?]	1 map : linen
	<i>Note [General] :</i> In map cabinet 26.		