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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Peter Russell correspondence copy book
<b>Reference code:</b>	74-010
<b>Date:</b>	Microfilmed [between 1971 and 1972] (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1 microfilm reel

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Peter Russell, president and administrator of Upper Canada (1796-1799) was born at Cork, Ireland, in 1733, the son Captain Richard Russell, 14th Foot. He entered the army at an early age, but in 1722 sold his commission and came to America as one of the secretaries of Sir Henry Clinton. At the close of the American Revolution, he returned to England; and in 1791, came out to Canada with Sir John Graves Simcoe, as inspector-general of Upper Canada. In 1792, he was appointed a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the province; and from 1796 to 1799 he was the administrator of the government, with the title of president. He died at York, 30 September 1801; and his property was willed to his sister, Elizabeth Russell, who left it to William Warren Baldwin. (Taken from *The Macmillan Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, fourth edition. 1978)

### Custodial history

The microfilm was created by the Archives of Ontario and it was purchased by Trent University.

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## Scope and content

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The item is a microfilm of a copy book of correspondence from and to Peter Russell, president administering the government of Upper Canada during the period November 1796 to March 1798. The correspondents include Captain William Claus, Superintendent of Indians and Indian Affairs, and Captain Joseph Brant. Included are copies of speeches made by Russell to "Brothers, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations" concerning their land grants on the Grand River, as well as speeches to "Brothers, Chiefs and Warriors of the Chippewa Nation".

## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the creator of the item.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The microfilm was purchased from the Archives of Ontario.

### Location of originals

Originals located at the Archives of Ontario.

### Related material

Associated material at Archives of Ontario and Library and Archives Canada (RG 10).  
For related records see: 74-1002.

### Note [General]

Finding Aid available in hard copy only in reading room

### Note [General]

Microfilm Set 5.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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## Access points

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- Brant, Joseph (subject)
- Microfilm collection (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Indigenous Studies (subject)
- Politics and Government (subject)
- Settlement and Surveys (subject)
- Six Nations of the Grand River (place)