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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Howard T. Pammett collection
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Date:	1819-1908; 1950-1975 (creation)
Physical description:	14 cm of textual records 21 photographs: b&w; 20 x 25 cm

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Howard T. Pammett was born in 1909 at Young's Point, Smith Township, and he grew up in Ashburnham (Peterborough East). He was educated at the local schools, including the Peterborough Normal School. During the Depression (1930's) he spent his time teaching and taking university courses in English and History. He did his masters in History at Queen's University in 1934. His thesis topic was on the Peter Robinson emigration from Ireland to Upper Canada in 1825. In 1941 he joined the federal government service under the Department of Labour. He retired in 1970.

Throughout his life, Howard Pammett has written numerous articles and books relating to the economic and social history of Peterborough and the surrounding Kawartha region. He is the co-author of "Through the Years in Douro 1822-1967" and the author of "Lilies and Shamrocks: a History of the Township of Emily in the County of Victoria."

Custodial history

The collection was compiled by and in the custody of Howard T. Pammett until it was donated to the Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

The collection consists of photocopies, originals and typescripts, brought together by Howard Pammett, of newspaper articles and unpublished articles on a variety of subjects such as Mossom Boyd, lumbering in the Kawarthas, Katherine Wallis, Peterborough Canoe Company, Trent Valley Navigation Company, and steamboats on the Trent-Severn system. The newspaper articles are from the "Progress of Peterborough" series by Pammett (Peterborough Examiner, 1950-51). The unpublished articles are "A Survey of Kawartha Lumbering 1815-1965" by Pammett and "The Peterborough Canoe" by Donald Cameron. There is also correspondence of Katherine Wallis, Mossom Boyd, and the Trent Valley Navigation Company.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The collection was donated by Howard T. Pammett.

Restrictions on access

None.

Related material

Associated materials located at the Library and Archives Canada, the Archives of Ontario and the Peterborough Museum and Archives.

For related records see: 69-002, 72-1003, 75-1024, 75-1025, 75-1035 and 88-011.

Note [General]

##FINDING AID

###Box 1

Folder

1: Trent Valley Canal

Copies of the following information:

- Correspondence, nd.; July 1868 - Jan 1903 including: letters to the Secretary of Public Works from various residents of the area

- a letter from Mosson Boyd to Sir John A. Macdonald, c. 1880

- correspondence of the superintending engineer of Trent River Navigation; letter from Samuel Hughes, then editor of the Lindsay Warden and later Sir Samuel, to Sir John A. Macdonald

- 6 Feb 1891 Map, from the Langton Journals, of the section from Balsam lake to Pigeon Lake

- Return of traffic through the lock as Bobcaygeon, year ending 15 Nov. 1869

- Statement of cost, capacity, earnings and expenses of steam barges

- Trent Valley Canal Commission: Evidence, M.M. Boyd, 4 Jan 1890

2: Trent Valley Navigation Company

Copies of the following information:

- Correspondence, May 1876 - June 1885; Feb 1900 - June 1908 includes correspondence of M.M. Boyd and W.T.C. Boyd accounts, June - Sept 1904

- Time tables, nd. 1900-1902

- Promotional essay "Coboconk to Lindsay", 1902. Sent to various newspapers

- Specifications for steamer Manita nd.

- Miscellaneous papers

3: Mosson Boyd and Trent Valley Miscellanea

- Advertisements, including one for the auction of timber limits, saw mill and lumbering plant which belonged to Mosson Boyd 16 Nov. 1892

- Grand Trunk Railroad System brochure: Kawartha Lakes Trent Valley Navigation Company trip ticket

- Funeral notice: Mosson Boyd 1883

- Reports of the Committee of the Privy Council 7 Nov 1887 regarding a claim for damage caused by flooding made by Catharine Parr Trail of Lakefield

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- Excerpts from Public Archives of Canada RG11(III) Public Works : photographs of steamers and small craft, and of Fenelon Falls, Rosedale and Cameron Lake
 - 4: Trent Canal Articles
 - Copies of the following articles
 - "Trent Navigation: Fenelon Falls Canal", 1882
 - "Reasons Why the Trent Canal Should Find its Outlet at Port Hope", 1900
 - "Through the Lakes", c. 1900-1901
 - "Ports Hope's Position Defined", 1904
 - 5: Mosson Boyd Lumber
 - Correspondence, Sept 1850 - May 1872 accounts, 1849 - 1880
 - Miscellaneous lumbering papers
 - Grand Trunk Railroad: lumber tariffs 1895 Slide regulations 1852
 - 6: Katherine E. Wallis
 - Correspondence:
 - J. Wallis to Mosson Boyd 9 Nov 1875
 - Katherine Wallis to Howard Pammett 3 Dec 19---
 - Clara C. Haultain to Hugh Wallis 24 march 1950
 - Notes regarding Isabella Valancy Crawford
 - "Reminiscences of Life with Katherine E. Wallis"
 - notes about Katherine E. Wallis
 - "Bazaar and Fancy Hill" at Merino 14 July 1851
 - Notes about James Wallis
 - 7: Emily Township, Upper Canada
 - Settlement pattern, 1819-1838, dates July 1843
 - Land grant to Samuel Cottnam 19 June 1824
 - Bylaw No. 7 9 Feb 1850 re: animals running at large
 - Petition re: mill privilege of William Cottingham in the village of Metcalfe (Omeme) 14 Dec 1850
 - Peterborough
 - Bibliography
 - Souvenir booklet: The Annual Convention: Master House Painters and Decorators of Canada, Peterborough 1909
 - 8: "Progress of Peterborough" articles by Howard Pammett, Peterborough Examiner 1950-1951 (see Appendix "A" below for a list of chapter headings)
 - 9: Unpublished articles and speeches
 - "A Survey of Kawartha Lumbering 1815-1965" By H.T. Pammett nd. - At Work and Play on the Waters of the Fenelon/Bobcaygeon Area" speech by Howard Pammett Oct 1974
 - "The Peterborough Canoe" by Donald Cameron 18 March 1975
 - 10: Miscellanea
 - Letter of William Lyon Mackenzie to William Chewett relating to a survey 16 March 1829
 - Advertisement: Edouard Remenyi, great violinist, to play in Peterborough 10 April 1880
 - Proceedings of Twelfth Annual Meeting of stockholders, Bank of Toronto 15 July 1868
 - "La Grippe Number" of Bobcaygeon Independent 24 Jan 1890
 - Sketch of the County of Victoria from Illustrated Atlas of the Dominion of Canada, Beldon Toronto, 1881
 - report on living and working conditions of refugee Polish girls at St, Georges de Beauce, P.Q. 23 Sept 1947
 - APPENDIX "A" (re Box 1 Folder 8)

"Progress of Peterborough"

###Box 1

Chapter I & II: Introduction and Early Indian Exploits, Champlain's Travels in Peterborough County

Chapter III: Mohawk and Iroquois Ousted - Indian Wars of the Kawarthas

Chapter IV: Indians Cede Kawartha District in 1818. White Traders Among the Mississagas

Chapter V: Progress of Peterborough

Chapter VI: British Napoleonic war, Immigrants Settle. 1818-1827

Chapter VII: Early Settlement in Emily and Cavan 1819-1825

Chapter VIII: The First Settlers in Smith - Record of Familiar Names.

Chapter IX: First Building On City Site * Scott's Plains, Founded in 1820

Chapter X: Big Estates - Pioneers own Small Holdings in Otonabee

Chapter XI: First Settlement of Percy and Asphodel

Chapter XII: Stewarts and Reids Settle in Douro- Pioneer Hardships of Irish Gentry

Chapter XIII: Genial Peter Robinson 37 - Gets Irish Pauper Settlers

Chapter XIV: Emigrants Sail from Cork to Kingston

Chapter XV: The Irish Arrive At Scott's Plains

Chapter XVI: Peterborough Becomes a Log Hut Village with Government House and Irish Shacks

Chapter XVII: 224 Heads of Irish Families Given Lots. Cabins of Primitive Log Design Built

Chapter XVIII: First Irish Pioneers in Western Townships. Ancestors of Ops, Emily Ennismore and Smith

Chapter XIX: Irish Settled in the Eastern Townships. Familiar Names from Douro to Marmara

Chapter XX: Peterborough Gets Its Name; First Houses, [Taverns], Shops Appear: Governor Dines

Chapter XXI: Priests and Teachers Come to Peterborough. First Mills and Otonabee Bridge Built

Chapter XXII: Irish Settlers In There First Farm Year. Fare Well on State Bounty, Cleared the Land

Chapter XXIII: The Immigrants Settle into The New Life. Survey of Settlement: The Cost and Condition.

Chapter XXIV: Land Values Rise and Speculators Profit as New Community Forges Steadily Ahead

Chapter XXV: Expansion is Like a Booming Frontier Town. Shops, Bakery and Post Office, First Piano

Chapter XXVI: British Gentry Lured to Kawartha Wilds. Lakefield is Cradle of Upper Canada Winters

Chapter XXVII: Gentle Folk's Ways and Views In The County in 1830's

Chapter XXVIII: Bad Roads, First Steamers, Large Canal and Loch Projects

Chapter XXIX: Progress In The Townships. Villages Sprout from Mills

Chapter XXX: "Almost Miraculous Growth" in Mid '30's. Mansions, Churches, 20 shops, Big Village

Chapter XXXI: Peterborough Fears American Invasion. Democracy Denounced as wild Notion

Chapter XXXII: Rebellion Troubles Passed. Local Government, Roads to Fore

Chapter XXXIII: Dams Built, Industry Starts and Great Lumber Era Begins

Chapter XXXIV: Thirteen Schools Had Blackboards By 1850. Numerous Churches Set Up and Lodges Come

Chapter XXXV: Commerce and Schools Flourish in 1840's Fine houses Built

Chapter XXXVI: Village Business Thrives. 1,906 Inhabitants By 1848

Chapter XXXVII: Peterborough Canny in Financing Rails As Projects and Rival Lines Boom in 1850's

Chapter XXXVIII: Lumber Industries Sensational Expansion Following Civil War and Railway Laying

Chapter XXXIX: Prosperity Develops County Tho' Half the People are Under 17

Chapter XL: Villages of District in 1850's. Some Flashes in the Pan

Chapter XLI: Elections, The Militia In the 1850's Simcoe St., Siege; Riot Act

Chapter XLII: Churches, Schools and Homes Multiply. Fine Carvings and Patent Elixirs Appear

Chapter XLIII: Incorporation 1850: Livestock Roamed, Business Boomed and Fires Plagued

Chapter XLIV: Teachers at \$300. a Year; Churches Divided. Orators, Circuses, Flatcars Came to Town

Chapter XLV: Opportunities of the 1850's Started Some to Fortunes

Chapter XLVI: Counties Grow; Lincoln Shot. Militia for Fenian Raids
 Chapter XLVII: Otonabee Boats, Rail, First Chemong Floatway Booms and Bursting, Bridge Opened
 Chapter XLVIII: Northern Townships Surveyed; Road Systems Developed
 Chapter XLIX: Rough Life of the Kawartha Lumbermen. When Timber was Worth Million Dollars Year
 Chapter L: HRH The Prince of Wales Visits; Town Trust Created
 Chapter LI: Bustling Decade of 1860-1870. Fires Keep Sweeping Town
 Chapter LII: In the 1860's When Dentists Sold Insurance and Melodeons
 Chapter LIII: As Many Hotels and Taverns as Houses! And Whiskey in the 1860's was .25c a Gallon
 Chapter LIV: Mechanics' Institute Library Opens 1868. Crowded School Classes of 80 to 144
 Chapter LV: Orgy of Railway Speculation in 1870's. As Politicians, Financiers Spawned Lines
 Chapter LVI: Did Sir William Mulock Dance Jig for Bonus? Other Phases of Railway Finance, building
 Chapter LVII: Local Finance Tried to Improve Kawarthas. Federal Government Showed Little Interest
 Chapter LVIII: Haliburton biggest Lumbering Area in the 1870's. Numerous companies Active In The District
 Chapter LIX: Boyd of Bobcaygeon Record of Expansive Timber Period
 Chapter LX: Industries of District Survived 1873 - 1879 Depression well
 Chapter LXI: Minerals In Kawarthas Attract Promoters. Trapping Lags with Commerce Advance
 Chapter LXII: Villages in Northern Parts. Haliburton County Created
 Chapter LXIII: Millbrook Incorporated 1880, Omeme in 1874. Bobcaygeon's Importance Grows
 Chapter LXIV: School Summer Holidays in 1870's is 4 weeks; Kawarthas Take On Cottage Popularity
 Chapter LXV: Village Development in 1870's. Pioneer Leaders Die Off
 Chapter LXVI: Industrial, Residential Expansion in 1870's
 Chapter LXVII: Polluted Water was Excuse of 1870's To Quench Thirst With Stronger Drink
 Chapter LXVIII: Peterborough Christians overcame Depression and Expanded Rapidly in Early Days
 Chapter LXIX: 1870's Opened To Peterborough New Era in Sports
 Chapter LXX: Recall Annual Boat Excursions, Big Event For Peterborough People 70 Years Ago
 Chapter LXXI: First District Telephones Installed In Lumber Office
 Chapter LXXII: Writings of Isabella Valancy Crawford On Highest Plane of City Poet's Works
 Chapter LXXIII: Iron Fences, Hitching Posts and Hedges Marked Coming of Age of Taste In City
 Chapter LXXIV: Town's Business Changes. "From Old Stand" in 1870's
 Chapter LXXV: "Exclusive" Street Between Two Breweries
 Chapter LXXVI: Italians and Irish Battle As Rails Laid To Omeme
 Chapter LXXVII: Bands, Banquets Greet 1st Ottawa Train
 Chapter LXXVIII: Million Dollars Spent on Canal To 1889 Trent Called "Wild Project" In Parliament
 Chapter LXXIX: Daily Steamers Plied All Over The Kawarthas In 1880's
 Chapter LXXX: Anybody Now Remember Beaubocage, Alice Ethel, The Golden Eye, the Dora?
 Chapter LXXXI: Peterborough In the 1880's had Prosperity Despite Collapse of Lumber Trade
 Chapter LXXXIII: Hospital Founded; Regattas, Dr. Barnardo's Home in 1880's
 Chapter LXXXIV: Change From Village Mills
 Chapter LXXXV: C.G.E. and Other Industries Come To Town. Cozy Days when Tax Rate was 15 Mills
 Chapter LXXXVI: Town Enters 20th Century Equipped and Confident

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Literature and Publishing (subject)
- Business and Industry (subject)
- Arts (subject)
- Victoria County (place)
- Trent Valley and Canal (place)