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### **Summary information**

**Repository:** Trent University Archives

**Title:** Tinney family fonds

**Reference code:** 95-1001

**Date:** 1891-1894; 1918 (creation)

**Physical description:** 1 volume

6 prints

4 photographs

## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

#### Note

William Tinney, Sr. arrived in Cavanville (Cavan) in 1870 and set up a family business in blacksmithing. Cavanville was nicknamed Tinney Town after William and his sons John, Hector, Albert, William and Harry. William Sr. established a blacksmith shop and later a carriage shop, which carried out the business of buggy sales and trade-ins. The shop was located just east of the four corners. There were approximately twelve men employed and William Sr.'s sons worked at the various trades involved in blacksmithing. William Sr.'s daughter, Annie, cooked for everyone. The Tinney homestead was a large red brick house west of Cavan Store. In 1908 Albert and Harry assumed management of the business. Albert later had a General Motors Agency and his son, Donald, continued to operate the business until 1970. (Taken from: \_This Green and Pleasant Land: Chronicles of Cavan Township\_. The Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society, 1990.) John Tinney also operated the blacksmith shop at one point. Hector Tinney was involved in the World War I and based at Kinmel Park Camp, near Rhyl in North Wales, and later at Etaples in France.

### **Custodial history**

This fonds was in the custody of Terrence Cottrell until it was donated to the Trent University Archives.

## **Scope and content**

This fonds consists of a blacksmith's account book belonging to John Tinney of Cavan, Ontario and a small pocket diary kept by a soldier, Hector Tinney who served overseas in World War I. Also included in the fonds are a number of post cards of Belleville, Ontario, Trenton in Ontario as well as a photograph of Hector Tinney and the Tinney blacksmith shop.

#### **Notes**

#### Title notes

• Source of title proper: Title based on donor of fonds.

#### **Immediate source of acquisition**

This fonds was donated by Terence Cottrell, of Wolfe Island, Ontario.

#### **Restrictions on access**

None

#### **Related material**

For related records see the L.N. Easterly account book (76-011), Miscellaneous journals: businesses and schools collection (88-014) and Millbrook and Cavan Historical Society fonds (95-002).

### **Note [General]**

This fonds was previously called the Terence Cottrell fonds.

#### Other notes

• **Publication status**: Published

## **Access points**

- Isolated manuscripts (documentary form)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Prints (documentary form)
- World War I (subject)
- Business and Industry (subject)
- Military Records (subject)