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James Buchanan Macaulay fonds

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Biographical Sketch

James Buchanan Macaulay was born in Newark, Upper Canada on December 3rd, 1793. After articling with D'Arcy Boulton, the attorney general, Macaulay was called to the Bar in 1821. In 1827, he was appointed a temporary Judge of Assize on the circuit in the western half of the province. In 1829, Macaulay was permanently appointed a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench. In 1849, he was appointed the first Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He retired from the bench in 1856, but in 1858 accepted the appointment as Judge of the Court of Error and Appeal. With the death of Robert Baldwin in December 1858, Macaulay was asked to complete Baldwin's term as Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Macaulay was elected Treasurer in his own right on November 26th, 1859, but died later that same day.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records in the fonds were acquired by the Archives in 1984 from an unknown source.

Scope and Content

1838
3 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Fonds consists of a bench book maintain by Justice James Buchanan Macaulay during the trial for treason of suspects who were alleged to have participated in the December 1837 Duncombe Revolt.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984076-001	Bench book	1838