

The Law Society of Upper Canada Archives

Juvenile Advocate Society fonds

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Administrative History

In February of 1821, students-at-law met in York, Upper Canada, to form themselves into an association called the Juvenile Advocate Society. Only students-at-law of the Law Society of Upper Canada were admitted into the new society. The first executive consisted of Daniel Sullivan, Benchler; Richard Robison, Vice Benchler; and, Robert Baldwin, Secretary and Treasurer. The Society conducted discussion and debate on points of law, as well as encouraged reading on legal issues. The Society played an informal educational role for law students at a time when no formal law school existed.

Scope and Content

1821-1826

25.5 cm of textual records

Fonds consists of records documenting the administration, proceedings, and debates of the Juvenile Advocate Society, a student society associated with the Law Society of Upper Canada, based in York, Upper Canada. Included in the fonds are correspondence, receipts, minute books, dockets, memoranda, and a membership roll. The dockets document financial matters, various proceedings, and constitutions and ordinances of the Society.

The fonds is arranged in seven series.

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Correspondence

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1821-1823

0.5 cm of textual records

Series consists of letters or drafts of letters written primarily by or addressed to Robert Baldwin (1804-1858), one of the most active and prominent members of the Society.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-001	Miscellaneous correspondence	1821-1823

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Dockets

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1823-1824

7.5 cm of textual records (4 v.)

Series consists of bound docket books used by members of the Society to document the activities and functions of their main organizational units. These units include the Committee of Direction, the Banc, the Forum and the Treasury.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-002	Docket of the Banc	1823-1924
984037-003	Docket of the Committee of Direction	1823-1824
984037-004	Docket of the Forum	1823-1824
984037-005	Docket of the Treasury	1823-1824

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Financial accounts

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1823

2 p.

Series consists of records pertaining to the financial activities of the Juvenile Advocate Society, particularly accounts of money spent and received, and items purchased. The records in this series were kept on a sessional basis, in accordance with the academic term.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-006	Account of monies received and paid	1823
984037-007	Account of monies received and paid	ca. 1823]

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1821-1823

8.5 cm of textual records

Series consists of records documenting the meetings and gatherings of the Juvenile Advocate Society. Though described as journals by Society members, these records are the formal minute books of the Society's sessional meetings. The records detail the nature of the proceedings, motions and resolutions passed, and the members present. The journals were created and organized according to academic term and document the Society's activities in the Hilary, Easter, Trinity and Michaelmas terms between 1821 and 1823.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-008	Minute book	1821
984037-009	Journal - Easter term - 1821	1821
984037-010	Journal - Trinity term - 1821	1821
984037-011	Journal - Michaelmas term - 1821-1822	1821-1822
984037-012	Journal - Hilary term - 1822	1822
984037-013	Journal - Easter term - 1822	1822
984037-014	Journal - Trinity term - 1822	1822
984037-015	Journal - Michaelmas term - 1822-1823	1822-1823
984037-016	Journal - Hilary term - 1823	1823
984037-017	Journal - Michaelmas term - 1823	1823

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Member rolls

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1823-1826

3 cm of textual records

Series consists of records pertaining to membership and the roles of individuals in the Juvenile Advocate Society. The records in this series illustrate the processes of becoming a member of the organization and being elected to an executive position such as Treasurer, Keeper of the Seal, Bencher, Solicitor, or Prolocutor. Records also document the names of prominent members of the Society from 1823 to 1826.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-018	Commissions	1823-1824
984037-019	Patent roll	1823-1826

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Memoranda

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1824

0.5 cm of textual records

Series consists of a memoranda book that documents the rules and regulations of the Chamber of the Banc, a main component of the Juvenile Advocate Society.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-020	Memoranda of the practice and rules of the Chamber of the Banc	1824

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1821-1825

5.5 cm of textual records (2 v.)

Series consists of two volumes documenting the constitutions, rules, regulations and purpose of the Juvenile Advocate Society. These records document the Society's role as a preparatory organization for the training of young lawyers in York, Upper Canada, with its emphasis on the functions of the Banc and the Forum, and as a social organization.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
984037-021	Ordinances of the Advocate Society	1821-1823
984037-022	Enrollments of the Advocate Society	1822-1825