

The Law Society of Upper Canada Archives

John Shirley Denison collection

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Biographical Sketch

John Shirley Denison (1870-1951) was a prominent Toronto lawyer and Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada (1944-1947).

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1951 by John Shirley Denison's sister, Emily Denison.

Scope and Content

1803-1894; predominant 1834-1894
9 cm of textual records

Collection consists of records accumulated by John Shirley Denison, a Toronto lawyer. The collection is arranged into three series: records of James Joseph Foy, records of Sir Adam Wilson, and miscellaneous letter and seal. The collection consists of correspondence, certificates, notices, commissions and notebooks, primarily relating to James Joseph Foy and Sir Adam Wilson. Wilson was the adopted father of John Shirley Denison's mother, Julia Isabella Jordan. The collection also includes a Seal of George III and a letter from Edmund Yates.

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Records of James Joseph Foy

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James Joseph Foy (1847-1916) was a prominent Toronto lawyer, a member of the Ontario Legislature and Attorney-General of Ontario.

Scope and Content

1882-1894

11 p.

Series consists of correspondence sent to James J. Foy, regarding investment matters and western lands.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
985175-1-1	Letter from Archbishop Taché	20 Mar. 1882
985175-1-2	Letter from D.L. MacPherson	6 Apr. 1882
985043-1-3	Correspondence from Sir Charles Tupper	1888, 1894
985043-1-4	Letter from Charles H. Tupper	3 Aug. 1885

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Records of Sir Adam Wilson

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Biographical Sketch

Adam Wilson (1814-1891) was a politician, judge and Solicitor-General of Upper Canada. Wilson was the adopted father of John Shirley Denison's mother, Julia Isabella Jordan.

Scope and Content

1834-1863

8 cm of textual records

Series consists of records relating to the life and career of Adam Wilson. The series includes an articles of clerkship agreement, a call to the Bar certificate, commissions relating to militia appointments and his appointment as a Queen's Counsel, correspondence, a printed complaint, notebooks possibly used by Wilson during his term in the Legislative Assembly to record his thoughts and quotations for future speeches, a notice of dissolution of the partnership between W.W. Baldwin and Robert Baldwin, and a notice from the Halifax Post Office.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
985175-2-1	Admission fee receipt	25 Apr. 1834
985042-2-2	Articles of clerkship agreement	1834-1839
985042-2-3	Call to the Bar certificate	17 June 1839
985128-2-4	Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Lieutenant in Toronto Militia	16 Dec. 1847
985127-2-5	Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Captain in Toronto Militia	14 Apr. 1851
985175-2-6	Commission appointing Adam Wilson a Queen's Counsel	Nov. 1850
985126-2-7	Complaint of Alexander Davidson, of Hamilton, U.C., anent the maladministration of the law by Miles O'Reilly as Queen's Counsel, under the late government	1863
985042-2-8	Correspondence from John Sandfield Macdonald	Dec. 1862
985042-2-9	Letter from Justice Robert E. Burns	6 Dec. 1862
985042-2-10	Letter from C.S. Patterson	19 Feb. 1863
985175-2-11	Letter from Fred Cumberland	12 Jan. 1863
985175-2-12	Correspondence from Alexander Mackenzie	1863
985175-2-13	Letter from Bishop John Joseph Lynch	2 Mar. 1863
985175-2-14	Letter from Oliver Mowat	25 Nov. 1862

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Records of Sir Adam Wilson – cont'd.

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<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
991033-2-15	Notebook	1860
991033-2-16	Notebook	1860
991033-2-17	Notebook	1861
991033-2-18	Notebook	[between 1861 and 1862]
991033-2-19	Notebook	1862
985175-2-20	Notice re dissolution of partnership	18 Mar. 1840
985175-2-21	Notice from Halifax Post Office	1842

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Miscellaneous letter and seal

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1803, 1870

2 p.

Series consists of a Seal of George III torn from a parchment document, and a letter from Edmund Yates, a Victorian novelist, to one Claxton.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
985175-3-1	Seal of George III	1803
985175-3-2	Letter from Edmund Yates	27 Nov. 1870