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Charles Moss fonds

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Biographical Sketch

Charles Moss was born on March 8th, 1840, in Cobourg (Canada West) to John Moss, a brewer, and Anne Quigley. He married Emily Sullivan and they had nine children.

Moss was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada as a student-at-law in 1864 and was called to the Bar in 1869. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1881. Moss served as a Justice of the Court of Appeal (1897-1902) and Chief Justice of Ontario (1902-1912).

Moss served as a lecturer at the law school at Osgoode Hall (1872-1878) and oversaw the curriculum when the law school reopened in 1889. He served as a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada (1880 to 1897), a senator of the University of Toronto (1884), and president of the York Law Association (1891-1892). Moss received a knighthood in 1907. Moss died in Toronto on October 11th, 1912.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records in the fonds were donated to the Archives by Mrs. Edward Moss Davidson in 1985.

Scope and Content

1854, 1869-1873, 1887; predominant 1869-1873
1 cm of textual records (11 textual items)

Fonds consists of records relating to the legal career of Charles Moss. Records include an insurance policy, a letter to Chief Justice Thomas Taylor, and court admission certificates.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
985324-001	Insurance policy	22 Sept. 1854
985324-002	Court of Chancery admission certificates	1869, 1872-1873
985324-003	Court of Common Pleas admission certificates	1869, 1872-1873
985324-004	Court of Queen's Bench admission certificates	1869, 1872-1873
985324-005	Letter from Charles Moss to Thomas Wardlaw Taylor	28 Oct. 1887