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## Finding Aid - Logie-McQuesten papers (00005)

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# Logie-McQuesten papers

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## Summary information

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| <b>Repository:</b>                               | Hamilton Public Library (Ont.). Local History & Archives  |
| <b>Title:</b>                                    | Logie-McQuesten papers  |
| <b>Reference code:</b>                           | 00005   |
| <b>Date:</b>                                     | 1822-1948 (accumulation)  |
| <b>Physical description:</b>                     | 39 cm of textual records  |
| <b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b> | 2015-07-03 Revised by Jennifer Dell 09/20/2016 and revised again in February of 2017 by Archives Technician Kelly Bucci |

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Alexander Logie, son of William Logie and Anne Smith, was born in Rosefield, Nairnshire, Scotland, in 1823. He emigrated with his family to Canada. Alexander was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1843 as a Student-at-Law. He was called to the Bar in 1848 and practiced law in Hamilton, Ontario. On October 19th, 1854, he was appointed Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Wentworth and Halton, where he served from 1854 to 1873. He married Mary Ritchie Crooks (1827–1900), from the town of Niagara. They had three children: Anna Barbara (b.1856), Alexandra Helena, and William Alexander (1866–1933). Alexander was for many years an Elder and Trustee of Saint Andrews (now Saint Paul's) Presbyterian Church. He was one of the church leaders who personally guaranteed the loan for the building of the new church in 1854. Alexander Logie died December 10, 1873.

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### Note

Isaac Baldwin, son of Dr. Calvin McQuesten, studied law and was admitted to the firm of Proudfoot & Jones. When Proudfoot was elevated to the bench, the firm became Jones & McQuesten until they formed a partnership with Chisholm in 1882. Jones retired in 1886 and the firm became known as McQuesten & Chisholm. Isaac Baldwin was married to Mary Jane Baker (ca. 1848-1934) and they had six children: Mary Baldwin (1874-1964), Calvin (1876-1968), Hilda Belle (1877-1967), Ruby Baker (1879-1911), Thomas Baker (1882–1948) and Margarete Edna (1885-1935). None of their children married. In 1885, Isaac and his family moved to Whiterhern, the McQuesten's family home.

## Custodial history

Unknown. The Hamilton Public Library's Local History & Archives Department has no record of this acquisition.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of textual records relating predominantly to William Logie (1782-1853) and his son, Alexander Logie (1823-1873), Dr. Calvin McQuesten (1801-1885) an iron founder and manufacturer, and his son, lawyer Isaac Baldwin McQuesten (1847-1888), and the Logie-McQuesten law practice, its associates and clients. The records include business transactions such as mortgages, promissory notes, debentures, agreements, receipts and statement of accounts, legal records such as court documents, power of attorney records, estate papers and client files, property records such as land grants, deeds and leases, as well as correspondence and household account books.

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## Notes

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### Arrangement

Fonds has been divided into two sousfonds: Logie Papers and McQuesten Papers. The original finding aid was completed in 1981 and the material was arranged into series alphabetically by series title with an accompanying number sequence. The fonds was re-examined in February of 2017 and a decision was made to re-arrange the records according to the functions of the creators.

### Restrictions on access

None

### Finding aids

Calendars for each sous-fonds were created by E. Fudge in 1981 and updated June 2016. In February 2017, a new finding aid was created for the new arrangement of records by Archives Technician Kelly Bucci.

### Related material

The Archives of the Law Society of Upper Canada has a Alexander Logie fonds.

### Note [Sources]

Fudge, E. Logie–McQuesten Papers Calendar. (1981). Local History & Archives Department, Hamilton Public Library. Updated June 2016 and February 2017.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

## Collection holdings

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### Subfonds: Logie Papers

Creator: Logie, Alexander

Title: Logie Papers

Date: 1822-1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The subfonds consists of textual records pertaining mostly to Alexander Logie and his law practice, arranged in the following series: Business transaction records, legal records, correspondence, household account books, maps and genealogical records

Physical description: 12.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

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### Series: 00005-1 - Business Transaction Records

Title: Business Transaction Records

Reference code: 00005-1

Date: 1833-1878 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of records pertaining to business transactions, including mortgage documents, release of trusts and trustees, promissory notes, investment statements, cash statements, receipts and an agreement regarding apprenticeship.

Physical description: 2cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### Series: 00005-2 - Legal Records

Title: Legal Records

Reference code: 00005-2

Date: 1822-1875 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of textual documents of a legal nature, including property records, power of attorney records, estate papers, client files, marriage contracts, and cemetery deeds and burial plot payment receipts.

Physical description: 8cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-1 - Property Records**

Title: Property Records

Reference code: 00005-1

Date: 1829-1871 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of land ownership materials, including land grants and deeds, records documenting the transfer of land ownership, such as an indenture between George Hamilton and David Farley regarding land in Hamilton, and land grants for the Township of Harvey. Subseries also contains a memorial deed of partition, leases, a petition for a claim on land lots, a certificate of a land survey, notices for sale of properties, receipts for payment of taxes and rents, acknowledgements for receipts of land and money, as well as correspondence and lot surveys concerning the town of Preston, Ontario.

Physical description: 3.5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-2 - Power of Attorney Records**

Title: Power of Attorney Records

Reference code: 00005-2

Date: 1853-1857 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of power of attorney records granting Alexander Logie the power of attorney for Jane H. Logie, Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Alexander Campbell and Margaret Glen Rae Grome.

Physical description: .25cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-3 - Estate Papers**

Title: Estate Papers

Reference code: 00005-3

Date: 1853-1868 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of records pertaining to the estates of Alexander Logie and William Logie, including the last will and testament of William Logie, the last will and testament of Anne Logie, as well as records related to the receipt of an inheritance by Alexander Logie, outlining the dispersal of funds given to C.S. Ross, executor of the will of William Logie. The subseries also contains statements of assets and liabilities for both William and Alexander Logie.

Physical description: .5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-4 - Client Files**

Title: Client Files

Reference code: 00005-4

Date: 1837-1874 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of documentation for two clients of Alexander Logie; Donald Frederick Campbell of Brampton, Ontario, and Sir John A. MacDonald of Kingston, Ontario. The documentation for Donald F. Campbell includes receipts and correspondence related to the sale of furniture, an assurance policy and receipts for premium fees, records related to the valuation of land and certification of title for lots in Chinquaconey (now Brampton, Ontario), correspondence related to a dispute between Owen Nowlan and Alexander Logie, Richard H. Rae, Donald F. Campbell and Thomasina Catherine Campbell, as well as a marriage contract between Donald F. Campbell and Thomasina Catherine Brega. The documentation related to Sir John A. MacDonald includes deeds for lots in Moore Township, statements documenting land sales, in such locales as Dover, Moore and Sombra, as well as correspondence between Sir John A. MacDonald and Alexander Logie, mostly concerning land sales and politics.

Physical description: 2.5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-5 - Marriage Contracts**

Title: Marriage Contracts

Reference code: 00005-5

Date: 1822 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of a marriage contract between Captain William Logie and Anne Smith, who wed in Edinburgh, Scotland on March 8th, 1822.

Physical description: .25cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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**Subseries: 00005-6 - Cemetery Deeds and Burial Plot Payment Receipts**Title: Cemetery Deeds and Burial Plot Payment ReceiptsReference code: 00005-6Date: 1838-1875 (date of creation)Scope and content: Subseries consists of deeds for Burlington Cemetery in Burlington, Ontario, and Cataragui Cemetery in Kingston, Ontario, as well as payment receipts for coffins, plots and interments.Physical description: 1cm of textual materialsPublication status:

Published

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**Series: 00005-3 - Correspondence**Title: CorrespondenceReference code: 00005-3Date: 1833-1901 (date of creation)Scope and content: Series consists of correspondence from various locales in Ontario, such as Lindsay, Port Hope, London, Kingston, Peterborough, Glasgow, West Flamborough, Elora, Toronto, and Hamilton, predominantly regarding the sale of land and mortgage payments. A letter addressed to Major Logie from Gordon includes a lock of hair.Physical description: 1.5cm of textual materialsPublication status:

Published

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**Series: 00005-4 - Household Account Books**Title: Household Account BooksReference code: 00005-4Date: 1869-1909 (date of creation)Scope and content: Series consists of an account book listing an inventory of household furniture and goods owned by A. Logie, as well as a ledger, identified as a farm book, documenting transactions throughout the year.



Physical description: 2cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: 00005-5 - Maps**

Title: Maps

Reference code: 00005-5

Date: 1839 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consist of one hand-drawn map of Italy that was drawn by Alexander Logie.

Physical description: .25cm of textual material

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: 00005-6 - Genealogical Records**

Title: Genealogical Records

Reference code: 00005-6

Date: 1838-1850 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of birth, death, and marriage information for the Barclay and Smith families, and includes a lament by Anne Logie on the death of her infant daughter, Barbara.

Physical description: .25cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subfonds: McQuesten papers**

Creator: McQuesten, IsaacMcQuesten, Dr. Calvin

Title: McQuesten papers

Date: 1832-1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subfonds consists of textual records mostly pertaining to Dr. Calvin McQuesten and his son, lawyer Isaac Baldwin McQuesten, arranged in the following series: business transactions, legal records and correspondence.

Physical description: 25 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: 00005-1 - Business Transaction Records**

Title: Business Transaction Records

Reference code: 00005-1

Date: 1836-1920 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of records pertaining to business transactions, including mortgage documents, a debenture register containing debentures issued by the Township of Barton to various individuals and organizations, promissory notes, receipts and statements of costs, accounts and payments, authorizations of payments and non-payments, bonds, bank drafts and cheques, copyright and patent documents, statements and agreements on partnerships, as well as tenders and agreements for work and renovations.

Physical description: 12.5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: 00005-2 - Legal Records**

Title: Legal Records

Reference code: 00005-2

Date: 1832-1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of documents of a legal nature including, property records, power of attorney records, estate papers, court documents and client files.

Physical description: 10cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-1 - Property Records**

Title: Property Records

Reference code: 00005-1

Date: 1832-1903 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of property records including, land grants and deeds, leases, searches for lot title deeds, land lots, and releases of liens on land.

Physical description: 7.5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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**Subseries: 00005-2 - Power of Attorney Records**Title: Power of Attorney RecordsReference code: 00005-2Date: 1846-1882 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of power of attorney records granting Calvin McQuesten power of attorney for William Ormiston, as well as granting Isaac Baldwin McQuesten power of attorney for Calvin McQuesten, Stephen Payson Sawyer, Thomas Craigie, Frank Sawyer, P.G. Sinclair and John Harvey. The subseries also contains 2 letters of guardianship regarding the Sawyer family, and 1 letter of trusteeship concerning Knox Church.

Physical description: 1cm of textual materialsPublication status:

Published

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**Subseries: 00005-3 - Estate Papers**Title: Estate PapersReference code: 00005-3Date: 1875 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of records pertaining to the estates of Calvin McQuesten and Isaac Baldwin McQuesten, including statements of assets, liabilities, life and property insurance.

Physical description: .5cm of textual materialsPublication status:

Published

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**Subseries: 00005-4 - Court Documents**Title: Court DocumentsReference code: 00005-4Date: 1846-1874 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of a court document related to a case from the State of New Hampshire, USA in the names of Edward Lerner versus Calvin McQuesten. This subseries also includes documentation from the Provincial Secretary's Office regarding Isaac Baldwin McQuesten's

Commission as Notary Public, as well as the Department of State in Ottawa regarding a release of judgment being referred to the Minister of Justice.

Physical description: .25cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Subseries: 00005-5 - Client Files**

Title: Client Files

Reference code: 00005-5

Date: 1862-1948 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Subseries consists of legal documents relating to two family estates; the Grierson family estate and the estate of Mary Wallace. Documents in the Grierson file include correspondence and estate papers such as deeds, mortgage sales and payments, power of attorney records and two fire insurance polies. The Mary Wallace file contains some letter correspondence from the law firm Chisholm, McQuesten & Welby to Kate Millar, regarding a watch that was bequeathed to her by her friend, Mary Wallace.

Physical description: .75cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: 00005-3 - Correspondence**

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: 00005-3

Date: 1856-1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of correspondence including a letter of resignation from Calvin McQuesten to the President and Directors of the Gore Bank, letters acknowledging receipts of payments, as well as a thank you letter addressed to Isaac Baldwin McQuesten. This series also contains letters of condolences from various individuals to Isaac Baldwin McQuesten regarding the death of his father, Calvin McQuesten.

Physical description: 2.5cm of textual materials

Publication status:

Published

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