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BIOGRAPHY

Abraham Joseph (1815-1866) was the son of Henry Joseph (1775-1832), a merchant of Berthier who began his career as a supplier of provisions to fur traders and the British army. Abraham moved to Montreal in 1832 and expanded business. He was a trustee of the Quebec Provident and Savings Bank, a director of the Banque nationale and President of the Stadacona Bank during its short life. He married in 1847 Sophia David, who had a sister, Fanny David, (1848-1927), hence the name of their eldest daughter, Fanny David Joseph.

INTRODUCTION

The collection consists of microfilms, originals and photocopies. The microfilm are described on the next page. The originals and photocopies consist of the following:

Personal diaries of Abraham Joseph, 1834-1877 (24 books). (See below for a more detailed description).

Xerox copy of Abraham Joseph's diary for May-October 1837. (53 pages).

Photostat of the Montreal Gazette, 8 May 1837, concerning Abraham Joseph's account of the coronation celebrations in 1837. (3 pages)

Miscellaneous, 1864-1940 (30 pages). Miscellaneous items relating to social, political and historical matters. Included is a genealogical chart of the Joseph family.

Prospectuses, photos, newspaper clippings, letters and other papers of Martin Wolff pertaining to mining companies in Quebec, 1916-1940. (1 cm.)

Correspondence of Miss Annette Wolff regarding family genealogical matters, 1971. (4 pages)

The finding aid consists of a detailed listing of the diaries of Abraham Joseph and his daughter, Fanny D. Joseph, with notations of the nature of the copy (original, xerox, microfilm). There is also a list of books, formerly the property of the Joseph family and now in the P.A.C. Library.

The diaries were microfilmed in 1956, 1959, 1964 and 1971 from originals lent for filming by members of the Joseph family and appear on reels M-185, M-186, M-200, and M-805. The diary for (May-October) 1837 had not been microfilmed and a xerox copy was obtained in 1971 from Miss Annette Wolff. In 1971 and 1977 Miss Annette Wolff presented several of the originals of the diaries, 1834-83. (6 cm). Another 17 of the original diaries were presented by Mr. Edward Cecil Joseph, 1837-1849 in 1972. (10 cm). Several of the diaries on microfilm are transcripts by family members of the original items.

DIARIES OF ABRAHAM JOSEPH AND HIS DAUGHTER, FANNY D. JOSEPH

Letter designation of Originals	Dates	Reel Numbers
A	1 December 1834-28 April 1837	M-185
B (Xerox copy only & 2 original pages)		
**C	8 November 1837- 6 May 1838	M-185
**D	7 May 1838-22 September 1839	M-185
E	23 September-17 December 1839	M-185
F	18 December 1839-6 April 1840	M-185
G	9 April-6 September 1840	M-185
H	7 September-29 November 1840	M-185
I	30 November 1840-28 January 1841	M-185
K	29 January-17 August 1841	M-185
L	18 August 1841-3 February 1842	M-185
M	4 February-30 September	M-186
N-	1 October-22 December 1842	M-186
O	23 December 1842-20 February 1843	M-186
P	21 February-26 September 1843	M-186
Q	22 October 1843-12 March 1844	M-186
R	12 March-27 October 1844	M-186
S	29 October 1844-30 January 1845	M-186
T	5 February-12 April 1845	M-186

** No Cover

Letter designation of Originals	Dates	Reel Numbers
U	13 April-5 November 1845	M-200
V	10 November 1845-22 August 1846	M-200
W	25 August 1846-5 January 1856	M-200
X	10 September 1846-1 January 1849	M-200
	6 February 1854-February 1877	M-805
	Notebook 1841-1845	
	Reminiscenses of Fanny David Joseph, 1822-83	M-200
	Journals of Fanny D. Joseph, 2 March 1871-24 June 1879	M-200
	Journal of Fanny D. Joseph, ca. 1876-1883	

BOOKS IN THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES LIBRARY

(transferred from the Manuscript Division in 1971)

Wolff, Martin, The Jews of Canada. Reprinted from The American Jewish Year Book,
Vol. 27 The American Jewish Committee N.Y. 1926.

Dawson's Press Guide, 1925-1926. A General Catalogue of Principal British, Canadian
American and Foreign Periodicals, Wm. Dawson & Sons, Ltd.
87 Queen Street East. Toronto 2. 64 pages.

Stork Margarine Cookery Service: Party Recipes, issued by the Stork Margarine
Cookery Service, London, March 1949, 16 pages.

Gurney Fashions 'n Foods, Gurney Products Limited, 380 Ste. Croix Boulevard,
St. Laurent, Quebec, n.d., 24 pages