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CHAPMAN, Henry Samuel (fl. 1823-1853). Agent.

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Photocopies, n.d. 10 pages. Finding Aid No. 301.

Henry S. Chapman (fl. 1823-1853) arrived in Canada in 1823, and shortly became an editor in Montreal. He was appointed agent in England for the Special Committee of Correspondence in 1834. In 1842, he was appointed a judge in New Zealand, and though he did not return to Canada, he maintained an interest in Canadian affairs.

Presented in 1914 and 1934 by Sir Frederick Chapman.

Finding Aid No. 301 provides a brief description of the contents of volume 1 and a descriptive list of the items in the scrapbook (volume 2). Volume 3 contains copies of material in volumes 1 and 2, while volume 4 contains a mere 10 pages of miscellaneous material.

Correspondence and papers relating chiefly to Chapman's sympathy with the radical cause in Lower Canada and to his position as agent in England for the Special Committee of Correspondence, 1835-1853. The papers include letters and correspondence from Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine, Louis-Joseph Papineau and Jacob De Witt, (Originals, 109 pages; volume 1). Also available in photocopies in volume 3; a few items are available in transcript.

Draft of a History of Canada, (incomplete), covering the period from Major-General Sir Isaac Brock to Lord Aylmer (Originals, 173 pages; volume 1). Photocopies and transcripts are also available in volume 3.

Scrapbook, 1832-1839

Chapman kept in connection with his mission to England as agent of the Special Committee of Correspondence. It includes the resolution of the Special Committee appointing him as agent, 24 December 1834. In addition to clippings on British politics, material on the Constitutional Association, and news of the rebellion, there is a report on the St. Maurice Forges, 1835 and copies of Mackenzie's Gazette, 28 and 29 June 1839 (Originals, 221 pages, volume 2). A few items are available in photocopies. Also included are notes on the scrapbook (Transcript, n.d. 4 pages; volume 2).

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