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PONTON, William Nisbet (1856-1939). Lawyer, Militia Officer.

Originals, 1830-1939. 4.6 m. Finding Aid No. 373.

Colonel W.N. Ponton was born in Belleville, Ontario, and educated at Upper Canada College, the University of Toronto, and Osgood Hall. He practiced law in Belleville where he apparently specialized in the administration of property and estates, and served for 27 years on the Belleville Board of Education in addition to acting as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Colonel Ponton was an executive of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario. Registrar of the Canadian Bar Association, President of the Ontario Bar Association, a member of the Council of the Canadian Red Cross, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada A.F. & A.M., a Fellow and Vice-President of the Royal Empire Society, a Senator of the University of Toronto, Vice-President of the Old Boys' Association of Upper Canada College, and a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. He commanded the 15th Battalion "Argyll Light Infantry" from 1892 to 1901.

Most of the papers were presented in 1966 by Mrs. G.B. Zimmerle of Belleville, Ont. and in 1967 by Mrs. Robert Hyndman. Some correspondence was acquired in 1961, other files in 1979 and the two letterbooks in 1972. Printed material was transferred to the National Archives Library; some photographs were transferred to the National Photography Collection; a number of maps were transferred to the National Map Collection; and a number of items were transferred to Picture Division.

The Finding Aid No. 373 is a list of correspondence by author and a list of subject file titles.

Correspondence, n.d., 1830-1939. 1.4 m (volumes 1-7).

Ponton family correspondence, n.d., 1857-1939, including World War I letters from W.N. Ponton's sons; correspondence from others, n.d., 1880-1932, including letters from prominent Canadian and British figures of the day; Hutton family correspondence, n.d., 1830-1886; general correspondence, n.d., 1880-1938; and legal correspondence relating to estate and property administration.

Subject files, n.d., 1865-1938. 2.4 m (volumes 8-19).

Memoranda, reports, legal documents, and related correspondence concerning societies and associations, Masonic matters, estates, mortgages, legal cases, military affairs, property and investments, the University of Toronto and Upper Canada College, veterans, Newfoundland and the West Indies, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and Board of Education and others.

Letterbooks, diaries, and notebooks, n.d., [1851]-1929.
30 cm (volumes 20-21).

Lecture notes, and scripture notes; office diaries, bankbooks, and letterbooks concerning with Ponton's law practice.

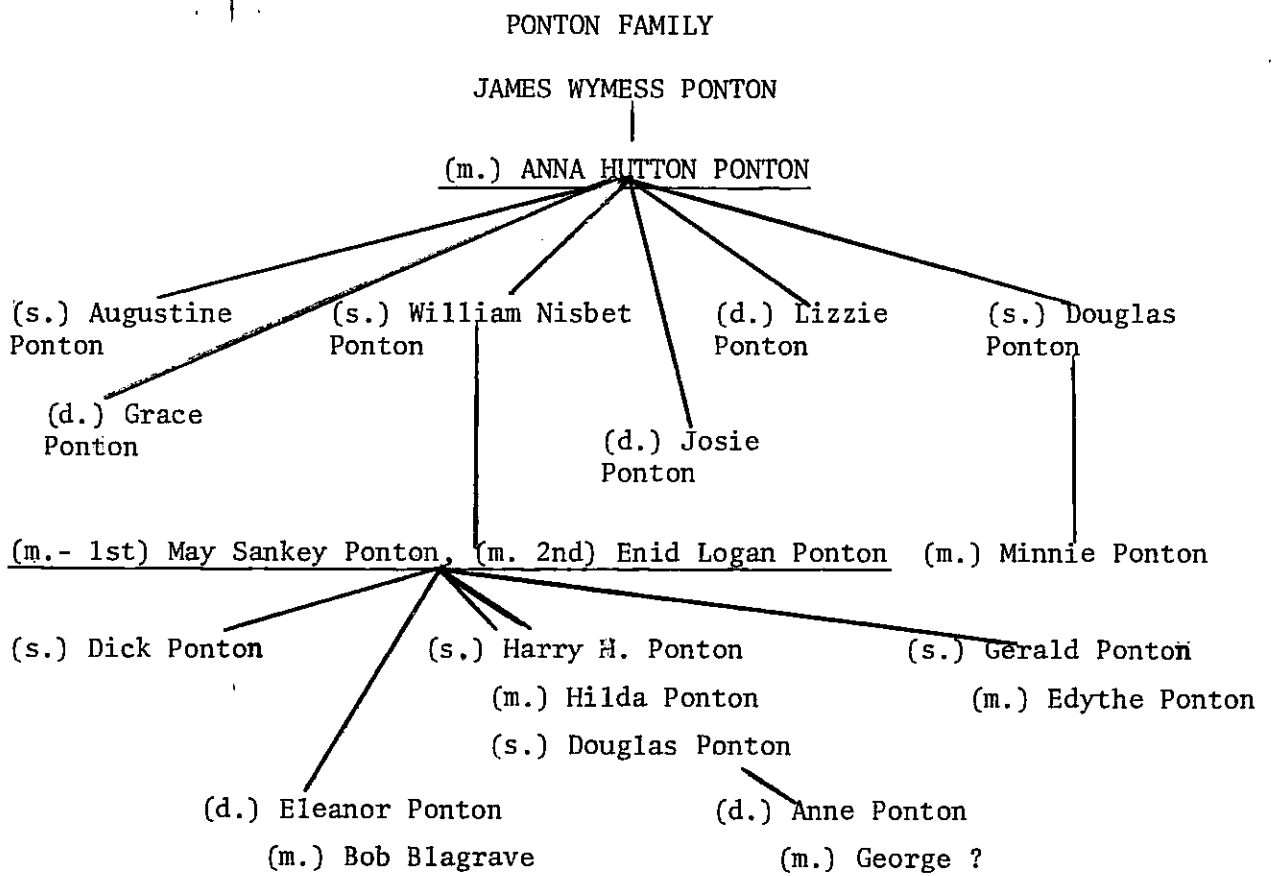
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Speeches on historical, literary, military, and other themes, including Newfoundland and Confederation; notes, quotations, extracts, and poetry.

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s - son

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