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Introduction

This finding aid provides listings of the papers accumulated by Archibald McMillan and members of his family, 1802-1971. The inventory entry and the file list provide general descriptions of the collection. A detailed description of the contents of each file is available in the descriptive list.

The files have been arranged chronologically according to subject matter. Within each file the documents are also in chronological order. In many cases both the original and a transcript are available. Where transcripts are also available, it has been noted in the descriptive list.

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Archibald McMillan (c. 1761-1832) sponsored the emigration of over 400 settlers from Lochaber, Inverness-shire, Scotland to Lower Canada in the fall of 1802. Upon their arrival in Montreal McMillan applied to the Executive Council for land grants, but numerous delays ensued and the initial grants were not made for over three years. Before that time, however, many settlers had left McMillan's group. These emigrants had been attracted to Glengarry County, Upper Canada, where they found an established group of Highlanders and received grants without difficulty. It was not until 1810 that McMillan himself established a residence in Grenville, in addition to his home in Montreal. In 1812 Archibald McMillan received a Commission as Major of the Argenteuil Militia. He was also the first Postmaster at Grenville, holding the position from 1819-1829, and a Justice of the Peace.

Archibald McMillan married Isabella Grey in 1792, and they had nine children -- six sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, Alexander (1794-1832) was an advocate at Montreal. Another son, Duncan (b. 1812) seems to have continued to represent the family's interests in land transactions in the Grenville area. The McMillan's eldest daughter, Mary, married Thomas Kains in 1822, and the youngest, Thomasina, married George Kains, a merchant at Grenville.

Presented in 1980 by Dr. J.A. MacMillan of Vancouver, B.C.

The finding aid No. 798 provides a descriptive list of the collection. Both the finding aid and the collection are available on microfilm, reel H-1099.
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Accounts, correspondence, petitions for land, powers of attorney and a charterparty agreement pertaining to emigration from Scotland and settlement in Lochaber, Templeton and Grenville Townships, 1802-1832. Lists of the emigrants who came on the ships JEAN, HELEN, and FRIENDS, 1802, are included.

Family land records, wills and records of probate, records relating to the construction of the Grenville Canal, 1844-1899, and genealogical notes about the McMillan family, 1927-1971.

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