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Introduction

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ROLPH, John (1793-1870). Lawyer, Doctor and Politician

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John Rolph (1793-1870) began his career as a lawyer but abandoned the practice of law in 1828 and obtained a medical licence. In 1843 he founded the Toronto School of Medicine (later the Medical School of Victoria University). From 1824 to 1830 he represented Middlesex and from 1836 to 1837 Norfolk in the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada. From 1837 to 1843 he was forced to reside outside Canada after being implicated in the Rebellion. He was returned to the Legislative Assembly again in 1851 where he became Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Hincks-Moring administration and President of the Council in 1853. In 1857 he retired from Parliament and from political life.

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The Rolph papers were formerly part of the old M Series and had been organized into two volumes of correspondence and related items, each seperately paginated. This order has been maintained. Volume 1 (274 pages) contains correspondence and papers dealing chiefly with the Flag of Truce incident and charges levelled by William Lyon Mackenzie in connection with events of 1837; a few letters relating to the affairs of the Reform Party, 1847-1852. Volume 2 (327 pages) contains correspondence with various patriots and reformers; a few letters relating to the medical profession (one of which is a photocopy, 2 pages, 1824). Letters of the years 1882 to 1885 are to T.T. Rolph as well as to his father. Volume 3 is a medical notebook, generally arranged alphabetically, n.d. (353 pages)

John Rolph

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