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Originals, 1823-1886. 149 pages. F.A. No. 1076.

William Denny (d. 1886) served in the 71st Regiment, the Highland Light Infantry, from 1823 to 1847 and rose in rank from Ensign to Lieutenant Colonel. In 1847 he married Eweretta Richardson (d. 1874) and, through her family, inherited considerable property in the Mingan district. His second wife was Rachel Arthur (d. 1939) who later became the wife of Colonel Sir Thomas Polson.

Presented in 1939, 1959 and 1964 by Mrs. Kathleen Denny Polson of East Twickenham, England.

The Finding Aid No. 1076 provides a description of each item, in chronological order, and a list of material transferred to other divisions.

Correspondence and papers of Colonial William Denny, 1823-1886, including a notebook containing comments on the Mingan district which is attributed to Colonel Denny [after 1857].

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Items transferred to the Archives Library:

1. Booklet - A brief description of Royal presents to the Denny Family in the reigns of King Henry VIII, Queen Elizabeth, King James, King Charles, Dublin, 1868. .
2. Two large music booklets dedicated by Colonel Denny to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of H.R.H.'s visit to Canada, entitled "The Royal Voyageur Quadrilles and "Royal Camillon Walzes." 1875 (?)
3. Copy of the Citizen, 2 June 1885
4. Book of Fugitive Poems entitled "Knapsack", dedicated to the Lt. Colonel William Denny and N.M. Stack by the author "a soldier", 1853. With a note in pencil on page 75 of Colonel Denny.
5. A poem "The Hour" by Sir Edward Denny.

Item transferred to the Numismatic and Philatelist Department,
c/o Pierre Brunet:

A stamped envelope addressed to Mrs. Colonel Denny,
at Lt. Colonel Denny Headquarters
71st Regiment Light Infantry at Newry.