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A descriptive list of the business and personal  
papers of Henry Elliott Sr. and Jr.

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Henry Elliott Sr. (1809-1905), a native of Cornwall, England, emigrated to Canada in 1831. After settling in Hampton, Ontario, he opened a saw mill and a general store. In 1851 he built a grist mill, which together with the general store remained the mainstays of his business enterprises. The mill was a substantial undertaking, listed in the 1871 census as requiring an investment of \$13,000 in fixed and floating capital, employing two men and producing 27,000 bushels of flour and gristing worth an estimated \$27,000 annually. It was operated by the family until 1913 when it was sold to one Charles Horn, formerly a miller for the Elliotts, who ran it until his death in 1922. The Elliott's general store carried a wide variety of items and also contained a Post Office and a tailor shop listed in the 1871 census as having a fixed and floating capital investment of \$600, employing three people and producing \$2195 worth of goods annually. In addition, the Elliott family also maintained a small farm on which they cultivated hay, potatoes, a small orchard, and kept several cows, horses, pigs, and sheep.

Henry Elliott Jr. (1835-1915) was born and educated in Canada. By 1863, he had begun to administer his father's general store in partnership with his brother James. He also served as Clerk of the Township from 1898-1914, Township Treasurer from 1900-14 and played a leading role in the temperance movement as the Worthy Secretary of the Hampton lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

For further information on Henry Elliott and Elliott family the researcher may consult the census records for the years 1842, 1851, 1861, and 1871 (RG 31, A 1). In addition, a township history entitled The Townships of Darlington and Clarke by John Squair (available from the Public Archives Library) and the Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Northumberland and Durham Ontario (available from the Map Division of the Public Archives) contain much helpful information. The reader's attention is drawn to the fact that information in the Atlas cited above, to the effect that Henry Elliott Sr. was a merchant and Henry Elliott Jr. was a miller, is contradicted both by the census reports and internal evidence in the collection. In most cases the elder Elliott is cited as the miller and the younger Elliott as the merchant.

The Elliott papers are arranged in four series: the business records, the records of the Post Office, private records and correspondence relating to their business and private lives. The papers are arranged chronologically within each series. The business records (Vols. 1-11) consist of account books, journals, day books, and ledgers for the years 1844-1924, and record the business transactions of Henry Elliott Sr. and Jr.. The Post Office records (Vol. 12) include

the account books, registers, and related records of the Hampton Post Office run by the Elliotts for the period 1834-1877. The private records (Vols. 13-14) relate to Henry Elliott Jr. and his role as a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the Sons of Temperance, and the Hampton Methodist Church for the years 1835-39. The correspondence (Vol. 14) includes letters received by both Henry Elliott Sr. and Jr. relating to the conduct of their business affairs from 1864-1909.

Where possible the various business records have been identified as belonging to Henry Elliott Sr. or Jr., however this was not always possible especially from 1850 to 1860 when both men were active in the business. Every attempt has been made to adhere to the usages of the authors in regard to their signatures. When an addition, such as the first name of the sender has been deemed of use to the researcher it has been enclosed in square brackets. Interpretations of illegible signatures are similarly enclosed.

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