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William LOCH

William Loch (1786-1856?) emigrated from Scotland to Halifax in 1817. He established himself in partnership with Archibald Duncan (d. 1832) in 1824, trading in lumber and general merchandise at Newcastle and Miramichi, N.B. On Duncan's death, Loch took over the firm of Duncan & Loch. At his death, the property fell to his nephew and heir, William Loch Stuart, who administered the estate from Scotland.

The papers consist of business records of Duncan & Loch, correspondence and estate papers of William Loch, and the correspondence and other records accumulated by William Loch Stuart in the course of administering and settling his uncle's estate. As there was no apparent order to the collection on its arrival, the papers have been arranged in chronological order and are described in detail below. The papers had been preserved by William Loch Kidston and were presented in 1972 on behalf of his estate by W. L. Wells of Weybridge, Surrey, England.

The family name Stuart was originally Stewart; the spelling of it and other names has been systematized where it seemed advisable, and accords with usage in signatures.

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