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MEREDITH, Edmund Allen (1817-1899). Public Servant.

Originals, 1841-1899. 1.03 m. Microfilm, 1844-1872. Reel A-882. Finding Aid No. 523.

Born and educated in Ireland, E.R. Meredith came to Canada in 1842. In 1844 he was called to the Bar, but he never practised law. He was appointed principal of McGill College in 1846. He resigned this office in 1847 to accept the position of Assistant Provincial Secretary, Canada West. In 1867 Meredith became Under-Secretary of State for the Provinces and in 1873 he was appointed Deputy-Minister of the newly-created Department of the Interior. He retired from the Department in 1875. Meredith was an active exponent of prison and he served with the Canadian Prison Board for 10 years. In 1891 he was appointed to a Commission enquiring into the administration of Kingston Penitentiary. He was also a member of several library and scientific societies and the author of several publications.

The bulk of the collection was presented in 1968 by Mrs. A. Garneau of Ottawa.

The finding aid No. 523 is a descriptive list of the items in the collection.

Family and personal correspondence, 1842-1893. 30 cm (volumes 1-3).

Letters received, 1842-1893.

Correspondence from members of the Meredith, Macdonnell, Graves and Jarvis families concerning family and personal matters. Prominent correspondents include Sir Richard Graves Macdonnell, William Meredith, Bella Graves, Mary Jarvis, W.B. Jarvis, F.W. Jarvis, Colborne Jarvis and Thomas Meredith.

Letterbooks, 1843, 1867.

Letterpress copies of Meredith's personal correspondence.

John Cotton Macdonnell correspondence, 1844-1872. Microfilm, reel A-882.

Nine letters from Macdonnell to Meredith, largely dealing with family matters. Filmed from a typescript in the possession of Mr. Christopher Bailey, at the London office of the Public Archives.

Official correspondence, Department of the Interior, 1866-1878. 8 cm (volume 4).

Correspondence concerning affairs of the Department of the Interior, 1866, and a letterbook with a nominal index containing letterpress copies of official and private correspondence of Meredith as Deputy-Minister of the Department of the Interior, 1873-1878.

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Subject files, 1841-1885. 20 cm (volumes 4-6).

Files on subjects of particular interest to Meredith including cosmic time, civil service income tax, and some university notes.

Memoranda and notes on prison reform and asylums. Also included is the minute book of the Director of the Saint John Penitentiary, 1868-1880.

Journals, 1844-1899. 27 cm (volumes 7-8).

Private journals, including one of a trip to Europe in 1853. Presented in 1967 by Mr. Brian Meredith, a grandson of E.A. Meredith. Also available on microfilm, reels M-187 to M-191.

Memorabilia, 18 cm (volumes 8-10).

Commissions and certificates, scrap-books and a personal notebook, 1843.

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Family and personal correspondence, 1842-1893.

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	MacDonnell, Sir Richard Graves to Meredith. 1842-1865 Letters from Sir Richard Graves Macdonnell to his cousin E.A. Meredith. Macdonnell discusses his several postings by the Colonial Office: Governor of the Gambia (1847-1854), Governor of South Australia (1855-1862), Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia (1864-1865) and Governor of Hong Kong (1865-1872).
	Meredith, William to Meredith 1843-1844 William Meredith was the brother of E.A. Meredith. William emigrated to Canada where he studied law and in 1863 was called to the Bar of Lower Canada. He became a judge of the Superior Court of Lower Canada (1852-1859) and a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, (1859-1866). From 1866 to 1884 he was Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec and was Knighted in 1886.
	Graves, Bella 1862-1864 Letters from Edmund Meredith's aunt Bella Graves regarding family affairs.
2	Jarvis, Mary 1846-1857 Letters from Mary Jarvis, Mrs. E.A. Meredith's sister regarding family affairs.
	Jarvis, W.B. 1852-1859 Letters from W.B. Jarvis, largely personal affairs.
3	Jarvis, Colborne 1857-1893 Correspondence from Colborne Jarvis concerning his travels while in the army to India, Japan, New Zealand and China.
	Letterbooks 1843, 1867 Letterpress copies of Meredith's personal correspondence.

Macdonnell, John Cotton 1844-1872. Microfilm reel A-882.

Reel A-882 Letters from Macdonnell to Meredith, dealing with family matters. Filmed from a transcript in the possession of Mr. Christopher Bailey, at the London Office of the Public Archives.

Official Correspondence, Department of the Interior, 1866-1878. 10 cm. (Vol. 4).

Vol. 4 Correspondence concerning affairs of the Department of the Interior, 1866, and a letterbook with a nominal index containing letterpress copies of official and private correspondence of Meredith as Deputy-Minister of the Department of the Interior, 1873-1878.

Subject Files, 1841-1885. 20 cm. (Vols. 4-6)

Vol. 4 Cosmic Time, 1884-1885.
Correspondence with Sandford Fleming and William Kingsford regarding documents on cosmic time along with a translation of a German article on the subject of Cosmic time & corrections of proofs of articles ready for publication.

Vol. 6 Civil Service Income Tax, 1878.
Draft of opinion of committee appointed by the civil servants to consider certain matters connected with the civil service income tax. Committee were of the opinion that the assessment for 1878 of such incomes should be repealed. Meredith was chairman of the committee.

Vol. 5 St. John Penitentiary, Directors Minute Book, 1868-1880.
Minutes of directors meeting and reports of investigations by the acting inspector into the administration of the St. John Penitentiary.

Vol. 4 Administration of Asylums and Prisons. 1860-1863.
Notes on subjects of inquiry concerning prisons. Memoranda for the annual report for 1861 on asylums and prisons. Letters of Oliver Mowat, J.W. Langmuir, E.C. Wines and H.G. Joly concerning prison reform legislation and a possible trip of E.A. Meredith to inspect prisons in Europe.

Vol. 6 Treasure Island Papers. 1883.
Expedition to Gulf of Mexico by E.A. Meredith to search for Captain Morgan's Treasure.

Vol. 6 University Notes. 1841-1844.
E.A. Meredith University Notes.

Journals, 1844-1899. 29 cm (Vols. 7-8). (Microfilm reels M-187 to M-191).

Private journals, including one of a trip to Europe in 1853. Also available on microfilm. Presented in 1967 by Mr. Brian Meredith, a grandson of E.A. Meredith.

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Vol. 7	No. 1A	July - Oct. 1853 (Trip to Europe)	M-187
	No. 1	7 Oct. 1844 to 22 May 1852	M-187
	No. 2	24 May 1861 to 7 Aug. 1862	M-187
	No. 3	25 Aug. 1862 to 17 July 1863	M-187
	No. 4	18 July 1863 to 30 May 1865	M-187
	No. 5	31 May 1865 to 9 Nov. 1866	M-187
	No. 6	13 Nov. 1866 to 1 June 1869	M-188
	No. 7	3 June 1869 to 26 Sept. 1872	M-188
	No. 8	28 Sept. 1872 to 12 July 1877	M-188
	No. 9	13 July 1877 to 10 July 1879	M-188
	No. 10	19 July 1879 to 5 May 1880	M-188 - M-189
	No. 11	7 May 1880 to 11 Dec. 1881	M-189
	No. 12	1 Jan. 1882 to 26 Feb. 1883	M-189
	No. 13	1 March 1883 to 11 Oct. 1885	M-189
	No. 14	14 Jan. 1886 to 9 Aug. 1887	M-189
	No. 15	22 Sept. 1887 to 6 May 1888	M-189
	No. 16	8 May 1888 to 3 June 1889	M-189
	No. 17	4 June 1889 to 24 Sept. 1890	M-189 - M-190
	No. 18	5 Oct. 1890 to 30 Nov. 1891	M-190
	No. 19	4 Dec. 1891 to 22 May 1893	M-190
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	No. 23	1 Jan. 1897 to 8 Aug. 1898	M-190 - M-191
	No. 24	9 Aug. 1898 to 23 Dec. 1898	M-191
Vol. 8	E.A. Meredith, Journals, 1840		
	<u>IBID</u> , Trip to Europe, Journal, 1853		
	<u>IBID</u> , Typescript.		

Memorabilia, 17.5 cm (Vols. 8-10)

- Commissions and certificates, scrap-books and a personal notebook, 1843.
- Vol. 8 E.A. Meredith, Mnemosynum, 1843
- Vol. 9 Mary E. Meredith, Scrapbook.
- Vol. 10 Pedigree of the family of Meredith and Collateral Families.
- Diploma of Barrister at Law (E.A. Meredith) 6 Nov. 1843.
- Honorary Degree from University of Dublin.
- Diploma of Fellowship from The Literary and Historical Society of Quebec 8 Dec. 1852.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing money warrants 12 Oct. 1874.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing money warrants 11 July 1873.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing money warrants 15 May 1875.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Under Secretary of State for the Provinces 22 Nov. 1868.
- Appointment as the Principal of McGill University 7 July 1846.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy of the Minister of the Interior of Canada 1 July 1873.
- Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing money warrants 29 Nov. 1861.

Memorabilia, 17.5 cm (Vols. 8-10) (Cont'd)

Vol. 10 Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing
(Cont'd) money warrants 24 June 1857.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith the Deputy for signing
money warrants 15 Oct. 1860.

Diploma of E.A. Meredith as Barrister at Law, King's Inns,
Ireland 21 April 1838.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith the Deputy for signing
money warrants 13 Sept. 1865.

Honorary Degree from Episcopi Collegium, Lennoxville.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing
money warrants 23 May 1856.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy Governor for signing
money warrants and marriage licences 19 August 1850.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Deputy for signing
money warrants 29 Oct. 1861.

Commission appointing E.A. Meredith Barrister, Advocate, Attorney,
Solicitor and Proctor in all Her Majesty's Courts of Justice in
the Prov. of Lower Canada 13 Aug. 1847.

Marriage licence 17 August 1851 between E.A. Meredith and
Anne Frances Jarvis.