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Hyatt family fonds

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Summary information

Repository: Eastern Townships Resource Centre
Title: Hyatt family fonds
ID: P004
Date: 1789-1991; predominant 1789-1832 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0,04 m of textual records. - 6 photographs.

Note [generalNote]:
 Title based on contents of fonds.
 Documents dating from the 19th century were put in polyethylene enclosures.
 The documents donated by Glenn C. Taylor were numbered by him for the purpose of transcription. The arrangement of the documents does not respect this original order, but the numbers are indicated on the polyethylene enclosures to help researchers use the transcription. The documents are in English.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Hyatt family came to the United States from England in the mid-17th century. Abraham Hyatt and his family were living in Schenectady at the start of the American Revolution. He supported the Loyalist side and enlisted in the army with two of his sons, Gilbert and Cornelius. Around 1778-1780, Abraham Hyatt, his wife, and his ten children (Gilbert, Cornelius, Abraham, Jacob, Charles, Isaac, Joseph, Anna, Mary, and Merriam) took refuge in the province of Quebec. After the Proclamation of 1792 permitting the colonization of the Eastern Townships, Gilbert Hyatt and 204 associates requested the Township of Ascot. In 1792, having obtained authorization to survey the township, Gilbert and many members of his family settled in. It was not until 1803, however, that he and 30 associates received the letters patent for the land. Gilbert Hyatt held many public offices. He was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1806 and in 1808, as Commissioner to administer the oath of allegiance to applicants for land in the Township of Ascot in 1808. He died in Sherbrooke on 17 September 1823, aged 62.

Custodial history

The documents in the fonds were donated in several accessions by two people, Doris M. Fisk of Hawaii (1984) and Glenn C. Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona (1991-1994). Mrs. Fisk donated ten items related mainly to Abraham Hyatt Jr. The other accessions, from Mr. Taylor, consisted largely of documents on Gilbert Hyatt. These had been preserved by Mary Louise Hyatt (Mrs. Galen Canfield), who gave them to her

daughter Ella Hyatt Canfield Taylor, who transferred them to her son Glenn Canfield Taylor, who passed them on to his own son Glenn C. Taylor.

Scope and content

The fonds contains source material on the settlement of the Hyatt family, and more specifically Gilbert Hyatt, in the Township of Ascot between 1789 and 1832. It is also of value as a source of information on the genealogy of the Canfield and the Hyatt families. The fonds consists mainly of original 19th-century documents, but also includes reference materials gathered by donor Glenn C. Taylor in the 1980s and the 1990s. It is comprised of the following series: Notarial and Judicial Documents (1796-1832), Parliamentary Documents (1789-1800), Correspondence ([182-]-1830), Transcriptions (1991), Biographical and Genealogical Documents ([198-]-1991), Press Clippings ([190-]-1953), Photographs ([187-?]-[1991?]), and Miscellaneous Documents (1797-1828).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:**

Location of originals

Transcriptions and photocopies of the records of accession 91-255 are available for researchers in the Old Library in McGreer Hall. Copies are also for sale at the Eastern Townships Research Centre. Extracts were also published in the Journal of Eastern Townships Studies/Revue d'études des Cantons de l'Est, No. 1, Fall 1992. The Journal is for sale at the Eastern Townships Research Centre.

Accruals

No more accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Collection holdings

Series: P004-001 - Notarial and Legal Documents

Title: Notarial and Legal Documents

ID: P004-001

Date: 1796-1832 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains source material on the legal documents of the Hyatt family from 1796 to 1832. It contains a list of Gilbert Hyatt's associates for the town of Ascot, and land records.

Physical description: 0,01 m of textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of file.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-002 - Parliamentary Documents

Title: Parliamentary Documents

ID: P004-002

Date: 1789-1800 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains source material on the proceedings at council chambers of Quebec from 1789 to 1800. It contains information on the land granted to Gilbert Hyatt and his associates and the decisions to grant land to Loyalists. It contains records of proceedings and an extract from minutes of council.

Physical description: 2 textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-003 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

ID: P004-003

Date: [182-]-1830 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains correspondence regarding Anna Hyatt's request to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by her late husband Gilbert Hyatt while he was surveying the Townships of Ascot. It contains a draft of a letter from Anna Hyatt to the lieutenant governor of Lower Canada, a revised version, and the response.

Physical description: 3 textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-004 - Transcriptions

Title: Transcriptions

ID: P004-004

Date: 1991 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains typed transcriptions from 1991 of several of the documents found in the Hyatt family fonds.

Physical description: 1 textual record.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-005 - Biographical and Genealogical Documents

Title: Biographical and Genealogical Documents

ID: P004-005

Date: [198-]-1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains material on the history of the Hyatt family assembled from approximately the 1980s to the early 1990s. It includes information on the Hyatt's prior to coming to Canada as well as their arrival, and details on the various family members and descendants of the family. It consists of research done by descendants of Gilbert Hyatt, historical sketches, and family trees.

Physical description: 0,01 m of textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English and French.

Series: P004-006 - Newspaper Clippings

Title: Newspaper Clippings

ID: P004-006

Date: [190-?]-1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains material on the Hyatt family and those related to the family from the 1900's to 1953. It contains information on Galen C. Hyatt, Elmer E. Taylor, Ella C. Taylor, Mary A. Canfield, George C. Hyatt, Charles Canfield, and G. Canfield. It consists of newspaper clippings, primarily death announcements.

Physical description: 7 textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-007 - Miscellaneous Documents

Title: Miscellaneous Documents

ID: P004-007

Date: 1797-1828 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains source material on the Hyatt family from 1797 to 1828. It contains recipes for home remedies for injuries, a receipt, a certificate of acceptance for Charles Hyatt as a Mason, a note of fees due for the Township of Ascot, a note for Abraham Hyatt stating that he was unfit for militia duty due to medical reasons, a loan agreement signed by A. Cartwright, and two military certificates.

Physical description: 10 textual records.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
The documents are in English.

Series: P004-008 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

ID: P004-008

Date: [18-?] copied [1991?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains photographs of members of the Hyatt family from approximately the 19th century. It contains six portraits.

Physical description: 6 photographs.

Note [generalNote]:

Title is based on contents of series.
