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Aemilius Irving fonds

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Summary information

Repository: Archives of the Law Society of Ontario

Title: Aemilius Irving fonds

ID: PF64

Date: [1883?]-[after 1913] (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records
6 photographs : b&w ; 17 x 11 cm or smaller
6 handkerchiefs
1 print : engraving, b&w ; 23 x 15 cm
1 box

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Aemilius Irving was born in Leamington, England, on 24 March 1823 to Jacob Aemilius Irving and Catherine Diana Homfray. The family lived in France before immigrating to Upper Canada in 1834. They settled in Lundy's Lane and later moved to Newmarket. He married August Louisa Gugyon on 3 June 1851 and had eight children. Irving attended Upper Canada College in Toronto. He was admitted to law school in 1844 and was called to the Bar in 1849. He articulated with Joseph Clarke Gamble in Toronto. He moved to Galt in 1851, serving as Clerk of the Peace for Waterloo County. He later served as legal counsel for the Great Western Railway and for the Government of Ontario during the Settlement of Accounts Arbitration. Irving was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1863. He served as a bencher (1874-1893) and Treasurer (1893-1913) of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Irving was a Member of Parliament for Hamilton, elected in the general election of 1874 and again in a by-election in 1875. He died on 27 November 1913.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of photographs, letters, ephemera, a letters patent of knighthood and artifacts relating to the life of Sir Aemilius Irving. Included are an illuminated address and a wooden box presented to Irving by the benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday. An engraving of William Osgoode is also included.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The majority of the records in this fonds were donated to the Law Society of Upper Canada Archives by Nancy-Helen Clifford, the widow of the great-grandson of Sir Aemilius Irving, in 1994, 1995 and 1996. Two letters were donated by the National Air Force Museum in 2014. The Museum had come across the letters in a file of material belonging to Irving.

Restrictions on access

Open

Finding aids

A finding aid is available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Collection holdings

Item: PF64-995018-01P - Photograph of Aemilius Irving

Title: Photograph of Aemilius Irving

Title [statRep]: Eckerson & Millman, Photographers, Hamilton, Ont.

ID: PF64-995018-01P

Date: 1883 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a portrait photograph of Aemilius Irving.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 11 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-995018-02P - Photograph of Mrs. Aemilius Irving

Title: Photograph of Mrs. Aemilius Irving

Title [statRep]: Eckerson & Millman, Photographers, Hamilton, Ont.

ID: PF64-995018-02P

Date: [188-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a portrait photograph of Mrs. Aemilius Irving.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 10 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-995018-03P - Photograph of Aemilius Irving

Title: Photograph of Aemilius Irving

Title [statRep]: Bruce, Toronto

ID: PF64-995018-03P

Date: [ca. 1900] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a portrait photograph of Aemilius Irving.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 17 x 11 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-994055-01P - Photograph of Osgoode Hall illuminated for Royal Visit

Title: Photograph of Osgoode Hall illuminated for Royal Visit

ID: PF64-994055-01P

Date: Oct. 1901 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of Osgoode Hall illuminated for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Toronto. The item appears to have been presented as a gift for New Year's Eve, 1901.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 11.5 cm on card 15 x 17.5 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-994055-02P - Photograph of the funeral procession of Sir Aemilius Irving

Title: Photograph of the funeral procession of Sir Aemilius Irving

Title [statRep]: Dominion Photo Co.

ID: PF64-994055-02P

Date: 29 Nov. 1913 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of the horse-drawn funeral procession for Sir Aemilius Irving, exiting the west gates of Osgoode Hall. There is a large crowd on University Avenue.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 19.3 x 24.9 cm on board 30.4 x 37.9 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-995018-04P - Photograph of the gravesite of Sir Aemilius Irving

Title: Photograph of the gravesite of Sir Aemilius Irving

ID: PF64-995018-04P

Date: [between 1914 and 1940] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of the gravesite of Sir Aemilius Irving at St. James Cemetery, Toronto.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.3 x 11.4 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-996014-001 - Letter Patent of Knighthood granted to Aemilius Irving

Title: Letter Patent of Knighthood granted to Aemilius Irving

ID: PF64-996014-001

Date: 30 June 1906 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a letter patent granting a knighthood to Aemilius Irving.

Physical description: 1 p. : parchment, 1 patent seal ; 65 x 50 cm

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-994055-001 - Letter and address presented to Sir Aemilius Irving

Title: Letter and address presented to Sir Aemilius Irving

ID: PF64-994055-001

Date: 1913 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of a letter from James Bicknell with an accompanying illuminated bound address presented to Sir Aemilius Irving on his ninetieth birthday. The bound address contains the signatures of all but two of the benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Publication status:

published

File: PF64-994055-002 - Calling cards of Sir Aemilius Irving

Title: Calling cards of Sir Aemilius Irving

ID: PF64-994055-002

Date: [after 1906] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of calling cards of Sir Aemilius Irving.

Physical description: 5 p.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-994055-003 - Blank stationery

Title: Blank stationery

ID: PF64-994055-003

Date: [between 1880 and 1900] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a sheet of blank stationery of Aemilius Irving. The stationery bears a family crest.

Physical description: 1 p.

Restrictions on access:

No restrictions on access.

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-994055-004 - Engraving of William Osgoode

Title: Engraving of William Osgoode

ID: PF64-994055-004

Publication status:

published

Item: PF64-2014019-001 - Letter to L.H. Irving from Frederick Mowat

Title: Letter to L.H. Irving from Frederick Mowat

ID: PF64-2014019-001

Date: 25 Apr. 1911 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a letter to Lukin Homfray Irving (1855-1942), son of Sir Aemilius Irving, by Frederick Mowat, Sheriff for the City of Toronto.

Physical description: 1 p.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Mowat, Frederick, 1851-1924 (subject)
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Item: PF64-2014019-002 - Letter to L.H. Irving from J.M. Gibson

Title: Letter to L.H. Irving from J.M. Gibson

ID: PF64-2014019-002

Date: 27 Apr. 1911 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a letter to Lukin Homfray Irving (1855-1942), son of Sir Aemilius Irving, by John Morison Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Physical description: 1 p.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Gibson, John Morison, 1842-1929 (subject)
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