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WILLIAM BLEASDELL FONDS
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Dates of creation

1860-1864

Extent

7 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch

William Bleasdel, Anglican clergyman, was born in England in 1817, the son of James Bleasdel and Mary Hodson. He graduated from Trinity College, Dublin (BA 1845, MA 1848). He was ordained deacon in 1845 and priest in 1846. He came to Canada in June 1848 and became rector of St George's Church in Trenton, Upper Canada. In 1862 he became examining chaplain of the Diocese of Ontario and in 1874 senior canon of St George's Cathedral in Kingston. As well as several religious and historical publications, Bleasdel was deeply interested in various sciences (particularly geology), and in 1862 he wrote the earliest known study of the largest glacial erratic in Ontario (the Bleasdel Boulder near Glen Miller). In 1876 the University of Trinity College, Toronto, awarded him an honorary doctorate of civil law. He and his wife Agnes had eleven children, three of whom died in infancy. He died at Trenton in 1889.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of four notebooks of lectures delivered in Trenton and Kingston for the benefit of the Trinity Hall Fund, and a fragment of a manuscript lecture on climate.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition: The records passed into the possession of Bleasdel's granddaughter, Betty Nona Bleasdel Savich of Weston, Ontario, who donated them to Trinity College in 1975.

Arrangement: Each notebook is in a separate folder.

Restrictions on access: None.

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Provenance access points

Bleasdel, William, 1817-1889

Box/file listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Notebook 1	1860	1864	Notebook containing a lecture titled "The Glacier & the Iceberg". Notes on inside back cover: "Town Hall Trenton Feb 15 th 1860 for the benefit of Trinity Hall Fund" and "Wm Bleasdell MA Parsonage Trenton At St George's Cathedral School House [?] 1 st 1864 (Kingston) before the Young Mens [sic] Christian Association and a large mixed audience". Pasted on the inside front cover is a cutting reporting a presentation given to the Botanical Society of Canada on 10 April 1863 by Bleasdell titled "The Trent Boulder and Its Associations". He notes that it is from the Kingston <i>Daily News</i> dated 26 April 1863.	1-1
Notebook 2	1860	1860	Notebook containing a lecture titled "Scandinavia and the Norsemen." Note on inside front cover: "Wm Bleasdell MA Parsonage Trenton CW". Notes on inside back cover: "Town Hall Trenton Feb 22nd, 1860 - 1st time for benefit of Trinity Hall Fund" and a list of the Dukes of Normandy.	1-2
Notebook 3	1860	1860	Notebook containing a lecture titled "The Crimea and Its Past History." Note on inside front cover: "Wm Bleasdell MA Parsonage Trenton CW". Note on inside back cover: "Town Hall Trenton March 14th, 1860 for benefit of Trinity Hall Fund".	1-3
Notebook 4	1860	1864	Notebook containing a lecture titled "The Catacombs of Rome." Inside back cover has two notes: "Delivered at Town Hall Trenton March 28th, 1860 - Closing Lecture of Series" and "At Town Hall Trenton before Trenton Literary Association & a good audience March 17, 1864."	1-4
Notebook 5	[post-1856]	[post-1856]	Notebook with heading "Chapter Sixth Continued" about the effects of the seasons on fauna, flora, geology etc.	1-5