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WILLIAM McMURRAY COLLECTION
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Dates of creation:

1852-1988, predominant 1852-1864

Extent:

10 cm of textual records

98 photographs

Biographical sketch:

William McMurray, clergyman, was born 19 September 1810 in Portadown, Northern Ireland, the son of Bradshaw and Mary McMurray. The family moved in 1811 to York, Upper Canada (now Toronto, Ontario). At the age of eight William McMurray became a pupil of John Strachan. On completion of his studies at Strachan's school, he took in private pupils. In 1830 he commenced theological training under Strachan and served as a catechist in Mimico, Weston, Thornhill, and York Mills. In 1832 the Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians and Propagating the Gospel among the Destitute Settlers in Upper Canada sent McMurray, not yet of canonical age for ordination, to act as catechist and lay reader at Sault Ste Marie. He was also appointed Indian agent by Lieutenant Governor Sir John Colborne.

In August 1833 McMurray was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles James Stewart of Quebec at Frelighsburg [Quebec], Lower Canada. On his return to Sault Ste Marie McMurray was married for the first time, 26 September 1833, to Charlotte Johnston, daughter of trader John Johnston and granddaughter of an Ojibwa chief (she was also known as Onge-Buno-Quay). They had three sons and a daughter.

With Charlotte interpreting for her husband, McMurray was able to translate the catechism into Ojibwa. His rendition was printed in 1834 and his efforts created converts who spread the Gospel at Michipicoten. However, a rift developed between McMurray and Angus Bethune of the Hudson's Bay Company, which was also established at Michipicoten, when McMurray's advice to the natives was to the detriment of company business. He argued that their work manning the company boats interrupted their instruction, prevented them from working the land for crops, required them to work on Sundays, and paid less than they could earn by fishing.

In 1837 Sir Francis Bond Head succeeded Sir John Colborne as Lieutenant Governor and promptly stopped government interference with the native population of Sault Ste Marie. His family ill and his position compromised, McMurray resigned in 1838 and became curate to the ailing John Miller at Ancaster and Dundas. Strachan, now Bishop of the diocese of Toronto, ordained McMurray priest on 12 April 1840. McMurray became rector of Ancaster and Dundas in May of 1841.

In 1852 Trinity College opened in Toronto and McMurray was deputed to tour the United States and solicit funds for the new Anglican institution. His efforts were appreciated by the college and by donors. Columbia College in New York City awarded him an honorary DD. On this and subsequent trips the following year, McMurray succeeded in raising ten thousand dollars for Trinity College. Trinity bestowed an honorary LLD on him in 1857. McMurray was delegated by Trinity's council to tour England for building funds in 1864 and preached to a crowd of seven thousand in St. Paul's Cathedral (London) on the necessity of early religious education. He netted nearly four thousand pounds in donations.

In 1857 he had been made rector of Niagara-on-the-Lake and built an impressive rectory. However, the county seat was moved to St. Catharines shortly thereafter and the congregation was reduced by more than half. In 1867 the parish was forced to issue fifteen debentures to cover the debt of the rectory and McMurray took twelve of those himself. In this personal financial crisis he sought assistance from friends he had made in England. McMurray replaced his friend Thomas Brock Fuller as rural dean of Lincoln and Welland when Fuller replaced Alexander Neil Bethune as archdeacon of Niagara. McMurray had solicited votes in

favour of Alexander Neil Bethune for the bishopric at Kingston. Fuller, elected to the See of Niagara, collated McMurray as archdeacon in 1875.

McMurray was married for the second time to Amelia Baxter on 4 November 1879. He died 19 May 1894 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. [Source: Ruggle, Richard E. "McMurray, William" in *The Dictionary of Canadian Biography*]

Scope and content:

The collection consists of several diaries written during trips to the United States and England during the 1850s and 1860s in search of building funds for Trinity College.. From his three trips to the United States in 1852 and 1853 there are five notebooks as well as a letter concerning a resolution towards the endowment of Trinity College. There are 98 Cartes de Visite as well as an extensive diary from his 1864 trip to England.

Contains series:

1. Diaries
2. Cartes de visite

Notes:

Acquisition history:

The diaries from 1852-1853 were donated by McMurray's granddaughter, Mrs. A.H. Ewing, Montreal. The 1864 diary was transcribed by Elizabeth McMurray Warren Stoutamire, great, great granddaughter of WM, in 1988. The source of the Cartes de visite is unknown.

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None

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McMurray, William, 1810-1894

SERIES 1: DIARIES

Dates of creation:

1852-1988, predominant 1852-1864

Extent:

10 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of five notebooks documenting fundraising trips to the United States in 1852 and 1853. Also included is a transcription of the diary of his 1864 trip to England created by the author's great-great-granddaughter, Elizabeth McMurray Warren Stoutamire, in 1988.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Diary I	13 May 1852	11 June 1852	Nineteenth century commercial leather bound notebooks with clasps and bookseller's stickers (13x8.5 cm)	1-1
Diary II	12 June 1852	23 July 1852	As above	1-2
Diary III	July 1852	Oct-Nov 1852	As above	1-3
Diary IV	Nov- Dec 1852	Jan-Feb 1853	As above	1-4
Diary V, 12 July – 27 April 1853	12 July 1853	27 Apr 1853	As above	1-5
Endowment of Trinity College, Correspondence	1853	1853	Letter indicating the resolution of the House of Bishops of New York to receive communications from the Synod of Toronto and the Church Society of that Diocese regarding the endowment of Trinity College, Toronto, 19 October 1853	1-6
Diary of a Trip to England, 1864, Volume I	1988	1988	Diary written by The Rev. William McMurray, D.D., D.C.L., Rector, St. Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada and transcribed by Elizabeth McMurray Warren Stoutamire, great, great granddaughter of WM in 1988	1-7

SERIES 2: CARTES DE VISITE**Dates of creation:**

[1860-1864?]

Extent:

98 photographs : cartes de visites ; b&w ; 10.5 x 6 cm

Scope and content:

Series includes 98 Cartes de visite collected by William McMurray during his fundraising trip to England in 1864.

Location: Box 1

File 1: Donors A-F

1. Rev. E.S. **Abbott** / Photographer: T. Cranfield
2. Archdeacon George Henry Grevill **Anson** / Photographer: C.A. Duval & Co.
3. John J. **Barlow** / Photographer: C.R. Pottinger
4. Henry E. **Bennett** Esq. / Photographer: C.A. Duval & Co.
5. Pierre Antoine **Berryer** / Photographers: Franck, Paris; P.E. Chappuis, London
6. Rev. Henry Ramsden **Bramley** / Photographer: J. Guggenheim
7. Lord Henry Peter **Brougham** / Photographer: Mayall
8. Robert [**Bruch?**] / Photographer: H.M. [Cassant?]
9. Rev. Montague **Burrows** / Photographer: T & G. Shrimpton
10. Rev. William Magan **Campion** / Photographer: Mayland
11. Mr. Edward **Cardwell** / Photographer: E. Cox Walker
12. Archdeacon Charles C. **Clarke** / Photographer: T & G. Shrimpton
13. Philip **Cogsmore** / London Stereoscopic Company
14. Sir Edward **Cust** / Photographers: Caldesi Blanford & Co.
15. Rev. Charles Browne **Dalton** Lambeth / Photographer: Mr. Kilburn
16. Archdeacon [**Davideau?**] / Photographers: H. Hering; P.E. Chappuis
17. Earl **Derby** / Photographer: Mayall
18. [J. **Digard?**] / Photographers: Hills & Saunders
19. Rev. Conyngham [Cunningham] **Ellis** / Photographers: Lock & Whitfield
20. Rev. William Emery / Photographer: C.A. Duval & Company
21. Wife of Mr. Fr. Bucknall **Estcourt** / Photographer: G.E. Alder
22. Lady Caroline Bucknall **Estcourt** / Photographer: G.E. Alder
23. Rev. W.C. Raffles **Flint** / Photographer: Barratt
24. Unknown, silhouette / H.B. Johnson, Artist

File 2: Donors G-I

25. Henry Hucks **Gibbs** / Photographers: Messrs. Ayles & Bonniwell
26. L.A. [Louisa Anne?] and James **Gilliat** / Photographer: Merrick
27. John Saunders **Gilliat** / Photographer: Merrick
28. Mrs. [William Ewart] **Gladstone** / Photographers: Messrs W. Walker & Sons
29. Rev. Henry **Glynne** / Photographers: Messrs Lancaster
30. Sir Stephen Richard **Glynne** / No photographer
31. Rev. Harvey **Goodwin** / Photographers: Mason and Company
32. [Ellen] **Goodwin** / No photographer
33. James J. **Graham** / Photographers: John & Charles Watkins
34. Lord Richard **Grosvenor** / Photographers: John & Charles Watkins
35. Archdeacon **Hale** / Photographer: H.N. King
36. Jane **Harris** / Photographer: Barrett
37. Rev. Joseph H. **Harris** / Photographer: Dr. J. Hawke
38. Edward **Hawkins** / No photographer
39. Lady Elizabeth **Herbert** of Lea / Photographers: Messrs W. Walker & Sons
40. Lord Sidney **Herbert** of Lea / Photographers: Disderi & Cie
41. Mrs **Hessey** / Photographer: M. Henry Lambert
42. Rev. Dr. James Augustus **Hessey** / Photographers: Mason and Company

43. Henry **Hoare** [Henry William Hamilton-Hoare] / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
44. Rev. Dr. Walter Farquar **Hook** / Photographer: James Russell
45. A.B. Beresford **Hope** Esq. / Photographer: H. Hering
46. Rev. Canon [**Howell?**] / Photographer: M. Wane
47. Rev. Edward **Houlditch** / Photographer: Mason and Company
48. John Gellibrand **Hubbard** / Photographers: L. Caldesi & Company; Scott & Company
49. Rev. L.M. **Humbert** / Photographer: Mr. Wm. Savage
50. William **Ince** / Photographers: Hills & Saunders

File 3: Donors J-R

51. Thomas **Jackson** / Photographer: J. & T. Spencer
- 51a. Dr. **Jelf** / Photographer: Hills & Saunders [Originally listed as No.80 below]
52. Dr. [W. **Kamell?**] / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
53. Rev. John **Keble** & Mrs. Keble / Photographers: Preston & Poole
54. Rev. E.K. **Kendall** / Photographer: G.H. Walker
55. Honorable Miss Lucy [May?] **Kerr** / Photographers: Southwell
56. Honorable Archdeacon William **Lee** / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
57. Alicia **Lee** / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
58. Nannie **Lee** / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
59. Sir John Henry **Lefroy** / No photographer
60. Rev. Henry Parry **Liddon** / No photographer
61. [Joseph Barber] J.B. **Lightfoot** / Photographers: Hills & Saunders
62. Sir Charles James **Lyll** / No photographer
63. John Winston Spencer Churchill, 7th Duke of Marlborough / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
64. Rev. Dr. Henry Hart **Milman** / Photographers: Mason and Company
65. Lord Charles Stanley **Monck** / No photographer
66. Rev. E.J. **Owen** / Photographers: Mr. & Mrs. Bustin
67. Sir J. **Pakington OR Packington** / Photographers: W. Walker & Sons
68. The Right Honorable Lord [Henry John Temple] **Palmerston** / Photographers: The London Stereoscopic and Photographic Company
69. Lady [Emily Mary Lamb] **Palmerston** / Photographer: H. Hering
70. Mrs. Oswald Rigby née Ellen **Patteson** / No photographer
71. Henry Edward **Pellew** / Photographer: Bingham
72. Bishop Williams of **Quebec** / Photographer: William Notman
73. Lord John **Rapell** / Photographers: Caldesi Blanford & Company
74. Oswald Joseph **Reichel** / Photographer: Jules Guggenheim
75. Archdeacon **Robinson** / Photographer: Mason & Company
76. Rev. T.J. **Roussell** / Photographer: Mr. F. Joubert

File 4: Donors S-Z

77. Dr. Robert **Scott** / Photographers: Hills & Saunders
78. General Lord **Seaton** [John Colborne, Field-Marshal Lord Seaton] / Photographer: Barratt
79. Lady **Seaton** / Photographer: Barratt
80. Dr. **Jelf** [**Self?**] / Photographers: Hills & Saunders (See Dr. **Jelf** at 51a above.)
81. Dr. James Edward **Sewell** / Photographers: Hills & Saunders
82. Olivia S. **Sharp** / Photographer: Robert Faulkner
83. Arthur Dalton **Sharp** / Photographers: Robert Faulkner; J.M. Mackie
84. May E. **Sharp** / Photographers: Robert Faulkner
85. [Altan?] Henry **Sharp** / Photographers: Robert Faulkner
86. Dr. Arthur **Stanley** / Photographers: John & Charles Watkins
87. Miss Agnes **Strickland** / Photographers: Fred C. Jones
88. Rev. H.J. **Vernon** / Photographers: Lock & Whitfield
89. Sister Jessie [Miss **Walker**] / Photographers: Messrs W. Walker & Sons
90. Rev. George Winter **Warr** / Photographer: Navar
91. A.M. **Warr** / Photographer: Navar

92. Allan B. **Webb** / Photographer: Mowbray
93. Rev. Benjamin **Webb** / Photographer: Ernest Edwards
94. Duchess of **Wellington** / Photographers: John & Charles Watkins
[Elizabeth **Wellesley** (née Hay, Duchess of Wellington)]
95. Rev. Canon David **Williams** / Photographers: Maull & Polyblank
96. George **Williams** / Photographers: W. Nichols
97. [George Henry?] [**Wharton?**] / Photographers: Hennah & Kent
98. [??] / Photographer: Herbert Watkins
99. Duchess of [Juttenland?] / Photographers: Disderi & Cie