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Fonds Dresser Family

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Summary information

Repository: Coaticook Historical Society

Title: Fonds Dresser Family

ID: F025

Date: 1859-1992 (date of creation)

Language: English

Language: French

Physical description: * 18 cm of textual records
* 118 photographs (4 glass plate negatives)

Scope and content

Fonds illustrates the lives of various members of the Dresser from from 1859 to 1992. It consists largely of correspondence, photographs, certificates, financial records, and military records. It is also a source of information on the City of Coaticook. The fonds is comprised of the following series: Scott I. Dresser, Howard W. Dresser, Nancy H. Long Dresser, Leatrice Dresser, Kenneth Dresser, George McDuffee, Dresser family history, and History.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of fonds.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: F025-S001 - Scott Irving Dresser

Title: Scott Irving Dresser

ID: F025-S001

Date: 1900-1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information primarily on Scott Irving Dresser's education, professional life as a mechanic, and inventions in Coaticook and Hatley from 1900 to 1965. It consists of land deeds, account books, patents, correspondence, and certificates, among other items. The series is composed of the following files: Educational and personal life, Property and assets, Patents, and Professional life.

Physical description: * 6 cm of textual records

* 2 photographs

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F025-S001-D001 - Personal life and education

Title: Personal life and education

ID: F025-S001-D001

Date: 1900-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates aspects of Scott I. Dresser's education in Massawippi (Hatley), as well as his birth, death and physical health, in Coaticook from 1900 to 1964. It consists of a souvenir book from teacher Linden J. Carter (including a photograph of Carter), a school merit reward, a medical history record and registration certificate from World War I, a marriage certificate, a passport (including a photograph of Nancy H. Long), a baptism certificate, and a funeral guest book.

Physical description: * 1 cm of textual records

* 2 photographs: b&w

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Education (subject)
 - Massawippi (Quebec) (place)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F025-S001-D002 - Property and assets

Title: Property and assets

ID: F025-S001-D002

Date: 1911-1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the property and assets of Scott I. Dresser from 1911 to 1965. It consists of a receipt book, a receipt from the Eastern Townships Bank, a will, a bank book, car sales contract, a deed of sale between Minnie Dresser and Scott Dresser, and correspondance regarding Scott Dresser's estate.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F025-S001-D003 - Patents

Title: Patents

ID: F025-S001-D003

Date: 1922-1926 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on Scott Dresser's inventions of a type of dolly and a fire and antitheft alarm system in Coaticook from 1922 to 1926. It consists of patents and correspondence.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
-

File: F025-S001-D004 - Professional life

Title: Professional life

ID: F025-S001-D004

Date: 1909-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on Scott Dresser's professional life as a mechanic and plumber in Coaticook from 1909 to 1964. It consists of account books, an agreement for tools between Scott Dresser and Edouard Meunier, correspondence, and a membership card and certificate for Corporation of Plumbing and Heating Contractors of Quebec.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Business and commerce (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
-

Series: F025-S002 - Howard W. Dresser

Title: Howard W. Dresser

ID: F025-S002

Date: 1936-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series illustrates aspects of Howard W. Dresser's personal and military life from 1936 to 2001. It consists of wills, correspondence, school tax receipts, soldier's pay books, certificates, photographs, newspaper clippings, and programmes. The series is composed of the following files: Property and assets, Correspondence, Military life, Personal life, Estate of Sarah S. McLeod, and Opera and theatre.

Physical description: * 5 cm of textual records

* 52 photographs: col. and b&w

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F025-S002-D001 - Property and assets

Title: Property and assets

ID: F025-S002-D001

Date: 1942-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on the property and assets of Howard W. Dresser in Coaticook from 1942 to 2001. It consist of a will, sales contract for a cemetery lot in Mount Forest Cemetery, and correspondence and bills for property reparations and school taxes.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
-

File: F025-S002-D002 - Correspondance

Title: Correspondance

ID: F025-S002-D002

Date: 1960-1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents correspondence from Howard Dresser's friends from 1960 to 1989. Among the authors are Doug Shefford, Veronica Spackman, G. Leedham, and Minnie Dresser May.

Physical description: 7 textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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File: F025-S002-D003 - Military life

Title: Military life

ID: F025-S002-D003

Date: 1942-1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on Howard Dresser's time in the military during World War II, from 1942 to 1946. It consists of two pay books, a trade certificate, a demobilization certificate, and correspondence. It also contains a photograph of a group of soldiers with Roland Fraser identified.

Physical description: * 10 textual records

* 1 photograph

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Military (subject)
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File: F025-S002-D004 - Personal life

Title: Personal life

ID: F025-S002-D004

Date: 1936-1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File presents information on Howard Dresser's travel and education from 1936 to 1994. The file is also a source of information on cultural events in Coaticook. It contains a secondary education certificate, copies of baptismal certificates, portrait photographs of Howard as a young man, photographs from trips, community events, and cultural events, and newspaper clippings.

Physical description: * 0.5 cm of textual records

* 51 photographs: b&w and col.

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Community life (subject)
 - Arts and culture (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F025-S002-D004-001 - Howard Dresser

Title: Howard Dresser

Title [statRep]: Photographer: W.L. Garceau (Coaticook, Que.)

ID: F025-S002-D004-001

Date: [ca. 1940] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a portrait photograph of Howard Dresser as a young man, probably taken around 1940, in Coaticook.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Publication status:

Published

File: F025-S002-D005 - Estate of Sarah S. McLeod

Title: Estate of Sarah S. McLeod

ID: F025-S002-D005

Date: 1923-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Files presents information on the death and disbursement of portions Sarah S. McLeod's estate from 1923 to 1978. It consists of correspondence and press clippings.

Physical description: 11 textual records

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

File: F025-S002-D006 - Opera and theatre

Title: Opera and theatre

ID: F025-S002-D006

Date: 1936-1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File illustrates Howard Dresser's interest in theatre and opera in Montreal and New York City from 1936 to 1966. It consists of programmes from the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society, a catalogue from an exhibit on works by Shakespeare, and correspondence and theatre critiques by Dresser.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Arts and culture (subject)
 - Montreal (Quebec) (place)
 - New York (New York) (place)
 - Stratford (Ontario) (place)
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Series: F025-S003 - Nancy H. Long Dresser

Title: Nancy H. Long Dresser

ID: F025-S003

Date: 1951-1977 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information on the life of Nancy Hoyt Long Dresser from 1951 to 1977. It consists of correspondence on Nancy Dresser's inheritance from the estate of Sarah S. McLeod and details on Nancy's headstone, as well as a copy of a baptismal certificate and a legal aid mandate.

Physical description: 12 textual records

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F025-S004 - Leatrice Dresser

Title: Leatrice Dresser

ID: F025-S004

Date: 1945-1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information on the early life of Leatrice Dresser in Coaticook from 1945 to 1969. It consists of a portrait photograph of Leatrice, a letter of appreciation from the National War Finance Committee, and two letters written by Leatrice (one to her mother, Nancy, and her brother, Howard).

Physical description: * 3 textual records

* 1 photograph

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F025-S005 - Kenneth Dresser

Title: Kenneth Dresser

ID: F025-S005

Date: 1951-1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information on the life of Kenneth Dresser from 1951 to 1965. It consists of a postcard from Kenneth to his parents and a copy of a baptismal certificate.

Physical description: 2 textual recordsLanguage of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F025-S006 - George McDuffee

Title: George McDuffee

ID: F025-S006

Date: 1859-1879 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents information on the business dealings and property of George McDuffee from 1859 to 1879. It consists of correspondence regarding the business relationship between George McDuffee and John S. Wark in 1859 and a home insurance policy from 1879. George McDuffee owned the house at 97 St-Paul Est Street, which was later purchased by the Dresser family.

Physical description: 4 textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

Letters are fragile. One letter has been glued to cardboard.

Access points:

- Business and commerce (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F025-S007 - Dresser family history

Title: Dresser family history

ID: F025-S007

Date: [ca. 1880]-1935 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series illustrates the history of the Dresser family and relatives in Coaticook from about 1880 to 1935. It consists of examples and description of the Dresser family crest, a marriage certificate for Austin L. Dresser and Cynthia Martin, and photographs of Charlotte Niles Empey/Impey, Minnie Dresser, Ralph Dresser, Cynthia Bowker Dresser, "great grandmother Hoyt", and a few unidentified photographs.

Physical description: * 2 textual records

* 9 photographs (4 glass plate negatives)

*1 artefact: family crest

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Series: F025-S008 - History

Title: History

ID: F025-S008

Date: [191-?]-1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series presents some history of Coaticook and surrounding regions from the 1910s to 1974. It consists of school certificates for Laura Roberge (1923-1932); photographs of Coaticook, East Angus, and Lake Lyster ([191-?]); a recipe book, "Treasured Recipes," from St. Stephen's Anglican church (1974), and two plans for road and lot changes in Coaticook (1968, 1974).

Physical description: * 1 cm of textual records

* 19 photographs: b&w

* 2 plans

Language of the material:

English

French

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F025-S008-001 - View of Coaticook, Main Street

Title: View of Coaticook, Main Street

ID: F025-S008-001

Date: [ca. 1915] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of a city view of Coaticook taken from the railway bridge over Main Street, with the second Methodist Church (destroyed by fire in 1923) and St-Jean-l'Évangéliste (constructed in 1914) visible in the background, taken around 1915.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Physical condition:

Good.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F025-S008-002 - Young men on bicycles, Cutting Street, Coaticook

Title: Young men on bicycles, Cutting Street, Coaticook

ID: F025-S008-002

Date: [192-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph of two unidentified young men on bicycles on Cutting Street, with St. Stephen Anglican Church and Gérin-Lajoie Street (previously Pleasant Street), in Coaticook from about 1920.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Physical condition:

Photograph blurry.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sports, recreation and leisure (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Item: F025-S008-003 - Quebec Central Railway station, East Anugus

Title: Quebec Central Railway station, East Anugus

ID: F025-S008-003

Date: [192-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The item is a photograph of the Quebec Central Railway station in East Angus from about 1920, which was leased to the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1912.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w

Physical condition:

Photograph blurry.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Transportation and utilities (subject)
 - East Angus (Quebec) (place)
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