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William E. Foster fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Eastern Townships Resource Centre
Title:	William E. Foster fonds
ID:	P021
Date:	1855-1953 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0,12 m of textual records. - 102 photographs. - 2 drawings. - 1 print. - 3 maps. - 1 postcard.
Note [generalNote]:	Title based on contents of fonds. Donor unknown. The documents are in English.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

William E. Foster was born in 1905. He attended school in Lennoxville and spent his holidays at Darley Place in Knowlton, the home of his great-uncle, Hiram Sewell Foster (occupied at that time by Hiram's son Thomas Knowlton Foster). William E. Foster collected documentation about railroads, probably motivated by his nineteenth-century forebears' tradition of railway building: Dr. Stephen S. Foster, Samuel Willard Foster, George Green Foster, Hiram Sewell Foster, and Asa B. Foster were promoters, organizers, and builders in the Eastern Townships, across Canada, and in New England. Foster died in 1954 and was buried in the Knowlton Cemetery.

Scope and content

The fonds contains source material on railroads in the Eastern Townships in the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, and on the role of the Foster family in their development. It also provides information on these topics: lakes Memphremagog and Massawippi; the first physicians in the Eastern Townships; Captain John Savage; Jefferson Davis; the army and the militia; and steamboats. The fonds is comprised of the following series : Correspondence (1932-1949), Historical Writings ([193-?]-[195-]), Canadian Railroad Historical Association (1936-1953), Government Documents (1876-1903), Booklets and Press Clippings (1855-[1953?]), Miscellaneous Documents ([193-?]-[195-]), Photo Album ([188-?]-[195-?]) and Railroad Maps (1874-1953).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:**

Location of originals

Negatives: 96-01, 97-01-1, 97-01-3, 98-01.

Accruals

No more accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Collection holdings

Part: ETRC-P021-001.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021-001.jpg

Publication status:

Published

Part: ETRC-P021b.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021b.jpg

Publication status:

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Part: ETRC-P021c.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021c.jpg

Publication status:

Published

Part: ETRC-P021e.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021e.jpg

Publication status:

Published

Part: P021-ET Miscellany-001 - Dr. Stephen Sewell Foster

Title: Dr. Stephen Sewell Foster

ID: P021-ET Miscellany-001

Date: [ca.1860] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w.

Note [sourcesDescription]:

Photographer: Notman, Montreal

Alternative form available:

Photograph also available in digital format.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Family and personal life (subject)
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Part: ETRC-P021f.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021f.jpg

Publication status:

Published

Part: ETRC-P021g.jpg

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Part: ETRC-P021h.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021h.jpg

Publication status:

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Part: ETRC-P021i.jpg

Title: ETRC-P021i.jpg

Publication status:

Published

Part: P021-1002 - Strathcona Ave

Title: Strathcona Ave

ID: P021-1002

Date: 1892 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w.

Alternative form available:

Photograph also available in digital format.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Exploration, discovery and travel (subject)
 - Transportation and utilities (subject)
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