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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Durham County land record book collection
Reference code:	01-017
Date:	1797-1968 (creation)
Physical description:	31 volumes

Scope and content

Collection consists of 28 volumes of land registry books, including abstract indexes to deeds and instruments of deed, mortgage and acquittal. Books relate to the East Riding of Newcastle District: Durham County (now Durham County) and include the townships of Manvers, Darlington, Hope, Clarke, Cartwright and Cavan and the Town of Port Hope. Books contain instruments (memorials) of all land transactions including mortgages).

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

This fonds was donated by the East Durham Registry Office, Port Hope, Ontario.

Restrictions on access

None

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Settlement and Surveys (subject)
- Northumberland and Durham Counties (place)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Account books, East Durham Riding, Durham County

Date: 1833-1927 (creation)

Physical description: 6 volumes

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/001(01)	Item - Durham accounts	1833-1841	1 volume
01-017/001(02)	Item - Durham account book	1851-1856	1 volume
01-017/001(03)	Item - Account book	1851-1863	1 volume
01-017/001(04)	Item - Durham account book	1859-1860	1 volume
01-017/002(01)	Item - Durham East Riding account book	1861-1868	1 volume
01-017/002(02)	Item - Durham East Riding receiving book	1894-1927	1 volume
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Book lists instrument numbers, municipality (Port Hope, Hope, Millbrook, Cavan, Manvers), grantor and the dollar amount of mortgage.		

Series 2: Township of Hope land transaction instrument books and abstract index

Date: 1797-1968 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of 3 volumes. The first two are Register Books of Land Transaction Instruments for Township of Hope. Books contain a name index at the front. Book "A" contains instrument numbers 1-576 (1847-1852). It is continued by "Book 2" which contains instrument numbers 577-1507 (1852-1858).

The third volume in this series is the "Abstract Index" for the above. Properties in Township of Hope arranged by Lot and Concession with complete record of property transactions. Abstract book is labelled "Abstract Index" Township of Hope, No. 1, Durham. It covers the East Riding of Durham County and was recopied in 1927. The dates covered are 1797-1968. The transactions accord with instruments found in the Register Books A and 2 for the Township of Hope (as described above).

Physical description: 3 volumes

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/003	Item - Book A: Land transaction instrument register book, Township of Hope. Instrument numbers 1-576 and alphabetical index of names at front	1847-1852	1 volume
01-017/004	Item - Book 2: Land transaction instrument register book, Township of Hope. Instrument numbers 577-1507, index of names in front and includes actual instruments	1852-1858	1 volume
01-017/005	Item - Abstract index for Township of Hope, No.1, Durham <i>Scope and content:</i> Item is an "Abstract Index" for the above. Properties in Township of Hope arranged by Lot and Concession with complete record of property transactions. It covers the East Riding of Durham County and was recopied in 1927. The dates covered are 1797-1968. The transactions accord with instruments found in the Register Books A and 2 for the Township of Hope (as described above).	1797-1968	1 volume

Series 3: Township of Manvers: register of land instruments

Date: 1846-1855 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists a Register of Land Instruments for the Township of Manvers. Instruments 1-558, 1846-1855. There is an alphabetical name index in the front.

Physical description: 1 volume

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/006	Item - Township of Manvers, Book A: register of land instruments 1-558, with name index at front	1846-1855	1 volume

Series 4: Town of Port Hope: register of land instruments

Date: 1847-1852 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of a Register of Land Instruments for the Town of Port Hope. Instruments 1-453, 1847-1852. Includes Plan of Port Hope, 1847 by Provincial Land Surveyor John Roche. There is an alphabetical name index in the front.

Physical description: 1 volume

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/007	Item - Register of land instruments for the Town of Port Hope. Instruments 1-453. Includes Plan of Port Hope, 1847 by Provincial Land Surveyor John Roche. There is an alphabetical name index in the front	1847-1852	1 volume

Series 5: Durham County townships: land register instruments and name indexesDate: 1798-1867 (creation)

Scope and content: Series includes 14 volumes of land register instruments for townships in Durham County. These are labelled "B" to "P" but there is no "A" nor "J." These books are arranged in order of instrument number (name access to them is via 2 separate Index Books listed at the end of the series). Some of the volumes of instruments also have indexes at the front of them. Note that books B and C also include copies made in 1867, although the numbers differ slightly. The original books B and C are nearly illegible. Note there is also overlap in numbering between books G and H.

Series also includes two volumes of name indexes to the preceding 14 volumes of instruments. The alphabetical listings are eccentric and begin at both front and back of the books and are by both grantor and grantee. Index #1 is to the instrument volumes B to M. Index #2 is to instrument volumes M to P. References to Books B and C are to pages in the original volumes, not the recopied volumes. The first volume of the series is a volume labelled "Day-Book C," which contains very early land records. The instruments number from 1-155 (1798-1807) but are scattered. This is the only known book that records the very early land transactions. It appears to have been recopied at some point.

Physical description: 19 volumesAccess points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/008	Item - Day-Book C <i>Scope and content:</i> "Day-Book C" contains very early land records. Instruments number from 1-155 (1798-1807) but are scattered. This is the only known book that records the very early land transactions. It appears to have been recopied at some point.	1798-1807	1 volume

01-017/009	Item - Book B (original): instruments 1-262 1808-1817 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> Book is nearly illegible.
01-017/010	Item - Book B (copy): instruments 1-262 (1808-1817) and 787-876 (1825-1826) 1808-1826 (copied in 1867) 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> Book "B" contains instrument numbers 1-262 (1808-1817) but from page 401-510, it contains instrument numbers 787-876 (1825-1826) which are from the original Book "C."
01-017/011	Item - Book C (original): instruments 263-876 1817-1826 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> Book is nearly illegible.
01-017/012	Item - Book C (copy): instruments 263-786 (1817-1824) and index at front 1817-1824 (copied in 1867) 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> Volume contains instrument numbers 263-786 (1817-1824). It is necessary to go back to Book B (pp. 401-510) to see instrument numbers 787-876. There is an index in the front.
01-017/013	Item - Book D: instruments 877-1702 1826-1832 1 volume
01-017/014	Item - Book E: instruments 1703-2305 1832-1833 1 volume
01-017/015	Item - Book F: instruments 2306-3118 1834-1836 1 volume
01-017/016	Item - Book G: instruments 3119-3354, 3549-3732, and 4118-4602 1836-1840 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> The pagination and list of instruments is confusing. It contains instruments 3119-3354 (1836-1837); 3549-3732 (1837) and instruments 4118-4602 (1838-1840). See Book H for missing numbers.
01-017/017	Item - Book H: instruments 3355-3548 and 3733-4117 1837-1838 1 volume
01-017/018	Item - Book I: instruments 4603-5151 1840-1841 1 volume
01-017/019	Item - Book K: instruments 5152-5735 1841-1842 1 volume
01-017/020	Item - Book L: instruments 5736-6299 1842-1844 1 volume
01-017/021	Item - Book M: instruments 6300-6756 1844-1845 1 volume
01-017/022	Item - Book N: instruments 6757-7350 1845-1846 1 volume
01-017/023	Item - Book O: instruments 7351-7876 1846-1847 1 volume
01-017/024	Item - Book P: instruments 7877-7915 and an incomplete recopied index to all books 1847-1848 1 volume
01-017/025(01)	Item - Name index 1: for volumes B to M 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i> The alphabetical listings are eccentric and begin at both front and back of the books and are by both grantor and grantee. References to Books B and C are to pages in the original volumes, not the recopied volumes.
01-017/025(02)	Item - Name index 2: for volumes M to P 1 volume <i>Note [General] :</i>

	The alphabetical listings are eccentric and begin at both front and back of the books and are by both grantor and grantee.		
Series 6: Anomalous volume			
<u>Date:</u> [ca. 1854?] (creation)			
<u>Scope and content:</u> Series consists of an anomalous volume. A note in pencil on the back states "Land upon which Installment has been paid during the year 1854."			
<u>Physical description:</u> 1 volume (booklet)			
<u>Access points:</u>			
• Textual records (documentary form)			
<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
01-017/025(03)	Item - Anomalous volume. Note in pencil on the back states "Land upon which Installment has been paid during the year 1854."	[ca. 1854?]	1 volume