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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Isabella Miller fonds
Reference code:	70-1001
Date:	1843-1849 (creation)
Physical description:	9 items 2 photographs

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Isabella Brownlie was born in approximately 1828 in Scotland. Her mother died in childbirth and her father remarried. She had a number of sisters and a brother Claud. Isabella was brought to Otonabee, Upper Canada at the age of eight, from Scotland, by William Christie and his mother as a servant. She married James Miller who was from Perthshire, Scotland on December 1, 1845. They settled on land in Otonabee Township, half a mile from the Otonabee River. They had five sons: William Wallace, born December 29, 1846; Thomas Menzies, born September 18, 1849; James, born October 23, 1852; Peter, born September 4, 1859, died October 11, 1859; and John Claud, born October 14, 1863. They also had two daughters: Isabelle Fulton, born August 5, 1848; and Margaret Ann, born May 7, 1855. Isabella died September 8, 1869.

Custodial history

The records in this fonds were previously owned by Mrs. Agnes Holt and Margaret McKelvie before they were donated to the Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of letters from a servant girl, Isabella Brownlie in Otonabee to her brother Claud in Scotland. After 1845, the letters are from Isabella and her husband James Miller. The fonds also contains two photographs, one of Isabella's brother, Claud Brownlie, with his wife, Elizabeth [Kendrick], and the second of Claud Brownlie alone, as well as a diploma for Thomas Menzies Miller, 1891.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Margaret McKelvie and Mrs. Agnes Holt prior to 1970.

Alternative form available

The letters are published in *Peterborough: Land of Shining Waters*. Peterborough: City and County of Peterborough, 1967 and have been transcribed. Note that spelling and punctuation used by Isabella Brownlie has been retained.

Restrictions on access

None

Related material

Associated material with the Peterborough Historical Society, Hutchison House, Peterborough, Ontario, and Lang Pioneer Village, Lang, Ontario.

For related records see: 71-1001, 88-017 and 01-1019.

Note [General]

The diploma is located in the Large Materials Cabinet - Drawer 26.

Note [General]

****Genealogy: Brownlie - Miller - Campbell Families****

****I. Isabella Brownlie (1828-1869); brother was Claud Brownlie, d. 1902; m. 1845 James Miller (1818-1879)****

William Wallace (1846-1886) (married 1. Letitia Blezard and 2. Sarah Hazlett)

Isabelle Fulton (1848-1937) (married William Campbell)

Dr. Thomas Menzies (1850-1908) (married Mary Anne McIntyre)

James (1852-1901) (married Janet Bryce)

Margaret Ann (1855-1940) (married Harry Cruikshank)

Peter (1859- died young)

John Claud (1863-1901)

****II. Isabelle Fulton Miller (1848-1937) m. 1872 William Campbell (1847-1929)****

Isabelle (Bella) (1873-) (m. 1894 Robert Nelson)

Margaret (Maggie/Peggie 1875- ?) (m. 1907 Thomas Wigmore)

William Claud (1880- ?) (m. 1916 Eva Rogers)

Lillian (1884- ?) (m. 1912 Wallace Wood)

Agnes Campbell "Aggie" (1886- ?)

Jean (Jeannie 1889- ?) (m. 1912 Arthur G. Cameron)

Thomas (1892- drowned 1909)

Dr. James Alexander

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Isolated manuscripts (documentary form)
 - Textual records (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Pioneers and Early Settlers (subject)
 - Women's Studies (subject)
 - Labour (subject)
 - County of Peterborough (place)
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Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
	Item - Letter transcriptions		