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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Choate family fonds. 1986 additions
Reference code:	86-027
Date:	1769-1962 (creation)
Physical description:	35.5 cm of textual records 2 maps 70 photographs 1 print

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Thomas Choate, son of Jacob Choate and Fanny Marshall Burnham, was born April 3, 1809 near Cobourg, Upper Canada. His parents had emigrated to Glanbord from Enfield, New Hampshire in 1798, along with members of the Burnham family who were cousins of the Choates. In approximately 1801, they moved to Hamilton Township, north of Cobourg, where Thomas was born, and by 1812, the family had moved to Port Hope, Upper Canada. Thomas learned the trade of millright at Warsaw, New York, and also studied music at Batavia, New York. In 1830, Thomas married Mary Wright, daughter of Richard Wright and Ann Stuart of Skiberne, County Cork, Ireland. Thomas and Mary had five children: Thomas George, Anna Eliza, Mary Jane, Richard Marshall, and Jacob Stuart. In 1834-35, Thomas was sent to Dummer Township by his uncle, the Honourable Zaccheus Burnham, to complete the construction of a saw and grist mill, which had already been started for Burnham by Thomas Hartwell. By 1836, the mill was in operation and Thomas moved his family to what was then known as Dummer Mills and built a general store. In 1842, Thomas successfully acquired the contract for a post office, and since a post office, required a village name, Thomas chose the name Warsaw. In 1839, Thomas' first wife died and he married her sister, Eliza Wright. They had two children, Harriet Burnham and Mary, before Eliza died in 1845. In 1846, Thomas married Hannah Grover, daughter of Jonah Grover and Lucia Baldwin, of Norwood, Upper Canada. Thomas and Hannah had three children: Celestia Charlotte, James Grover, and Arthur Francis. Thomas' eldest son, Thomas George, when he was old enough, took over running the mills for Zaccheus Burnham. Thomas George later established his own chair manufacturing shop on Quarry Lake. Thomas senior's main interest remained in the running of his store and post office, and with his duties as a Justice of the Peace. Thomas also established and conducted a singing school and choir which was under his tutelage for 60 years. Both he and his son, Thomas George became involved in the local temperance society and in local politics. Thomas retired from running the store in 1889, at the age of 80, and his youngest son, Arthur Francis, took over the business as manager and post master. In 1897, Arthur established a second store, Choate Supply Store, at McCracken's Landing, Stony Lake. Thomas died in 1900, at the age of 90. The Warsaw store was sold in 1927, and Arthur Francis died in 1931. The Choate Supply Store remained in business, and was managed by Arthur's wife Vida. When she died, the store was then managed by their daughter

Bessie. The Choate Supply Store was sold out of the family in 1949. Arthur and Vida Elora Smith, also had a son, Richard (Dick), who was born in Warsaw in 1880. Dick was to become a journalist, artist and musician. Dick began his career with the Peterborough Examiner in 1905 and in his early days, worked for the Montreal Herald, the Buffalo Courier and some newspapers in Calgary and Vancouver. In 1908, Dick married Mary (May) Dawson Donnell, daughter of Elizabeth Ambrose and James Rea Donnell. Dick also worked in the United States for some time, and at one point in his career was a member of the Congressional Press Gallery in Washington, D.C. He later became the editor of the Toronto Daily News, editor of the Toronto Sunday World, and an editorial writer for the Toronto Globe. It is unknown when he died.

Custodial history

This fonds was created by the Choate family and in the custody of Harold Choate until it was donated to the Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

This addition to the fonds consists of newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, music books, notes and memorabilia concerning various parts of Peterborough County.

Notes

Physical condition

Some of the songbooks are very fragile.

Immediate source of acquisition

This fonds was donated by Harold Choate.

Restrictions on access

None.

Accruals

This fonds is an addition to 77-026 (Choate family fonds).

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Maps and atlases (documentary form)

- Prints (documentary form)
- Postcards (documentary form)
- Music sheets and scores (documentary form)
- Arts (subject)
- Religion (subject)
- Popular Culture (subject)
- Music (subject)
- County of Peterborough (place)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Collected research notes and newspaper clippings

Date: 1769-1962 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of various research materials on the history of Peterborough County, including newspaper clippings, brochures, photographs, and postcards. See file level descriptions for more details.

Physical description: 25 folders of textual records

47 postcards

16 photographs

1 music sheet

1 negative

4 maps

1 scrapbook

1 oversized box of newspapers and clippings

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Maps and atlases (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Postcards (documentary form)
- Music sheets and scores (documentary form)
- Scrapbooks (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
86-027/001(01)	File - Marryat: articles by Helen Marryat and related correspondence	1946-1952, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(02)	File - Physiography: Warsaw Road, etc.	1843-1956	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(03)	File - Photographs of Isabella Valancy Crawford's "Indian Potentate and	1955, n.d.	1 folder of textual records6 photographs : black and white

	Retinue" and multiple handwritten letters and records		
86-027/001(04)	File - J.R. Stratton: 2 photographs of Stratton as "Uncle Pumblechook" and a music jingle sheet	[19--?]	2 photographs : black and white1 music sheet
86-027/001(05)	File - Inland Waterways Association, London: negative of "steamer entering lock" British Waterways, related correspondences, and bulletins	1950-1952, n.d.	1 folder of textual records1 negative
86-027/001(06)	File - Northwest Rebellion: notes and clippings	1952-1957, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(07)	File - Serpent Mounds clippings	1952-1957	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(08)	File - Sawers material and property from registry office and Sawers Creek Map	1854-1957, n.d.	1 folder of textual records1 map
86-027/001(09)	File - R.F. Choate, cartoons and clippings from Calgary News Telegram	1912-1914	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(10)	File - Notes by R.F. Choate on various subjects and "Thought"	[19--?]	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(11)	File - Miscellaneous letters and reply about Choate (Thomas) property <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes a list of property of Zaccheus Burnham (1952); a letter from Harold G.E. Choate to R.F. Choate (1948); 2 copies of a note to Editor about release of Kinsey's "Sexual Behavior in Human Females"; a museum Bulletin No. 23, No. 31 and accompanying letter; 1 copy of "A Free and Responsible Press"; a general report on mass communication by commission on Freedom of the Press; pamphlet "The United Empire Loyalists Association; 1 copy of Contributions of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology No. 7 "The Passenger Pigeon in Ontario."	1914-1957, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/001(12)	File - Material on the Trent Canal and the Select Committee on Conservation <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following material: - "The Trent Waterway Through Central Ontario Canada" - Map of the Trent Canal - Reference and Guidebook: The Trent Canal - Clippings from "Report of the Select Committee on Conservation" - "Report of the Select Committee on Conservation" 1950 - "Trent Watershed Survey" 1913	1913-1954, n.d.	1 folder of textual records2 maps
86-027/002(01)	File - Newspaper clippings by and about Edwin C. Guillet	1908-1959	1 folder of textual records
86-027/002(02)	File - Postal history, Warsaw: various newspaper clippings, notes, and ephemera	1862-1952	1 folder of textual records
86-027/002(03)	File - Forestry conservation: newspaper clippings <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of newspapers clippings on forestry conservation in Ontario and correspondence and papers from C.D Howe dean of forestry at University of Toronto.	1931-1957	1 folder of textual records

86-027/002(04)	File - Memorabilia regarding violinist, Julia Choate <i>Scope and content:</i> This folder includes the following: - Music sheets from "The School Girl" - Music cards used by Thomas Choate - also bill for printing them - Notes about Mark Burham - "Annotate book of words" from Coronation 1902 - Old Favorite Songs - Six Old English Songs for Madame Yvette Guilbert by Gustave Ferrari - "Oh Dry Those Tears" by Teresa Del Biego - Music workbook notes - 2 photos 8x10 of cartoons of Yvette Guilbert - Manuscript music, dated Haldimand March 27, 1824	1824-1897	1 folder of textual records and music sheets
86-027/002(07)	File - Kawartha Lakes, water conservation, newspaper clippings of Kawartha Lakes and the Lift Lock, Trent Canal	1936-1956	1 folder of textual records
86-027/002(08)	File - Miscellaneous materials <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following: - Brochure for Kawartha Lakes - Brochure for Rockland House - Bobcaygeon, Booklet "St Lawrence River Route and Canals" 1918 - Brochure about Trent Canal - A map of Trent Canal - Letter from W.H. Bennet to R.F. Choate - Correspondence about Georgian Bay - Ottawa Canal Huron – Ontario Canal	1907-1920	1 folder of textual records
86-027/002(09)	File - Churches, Warsaw: clippings, church notes, related correspondence and copies of the Canadian Churchmen	1932-1957, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/003(01)	File - Notes on various subjects, possibly compiled by R.F. Choate	1835-1953, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/003(02)	File - Notes, news clippings, and articles about Choate family, also some accounts and material from Choate store in Warsaw	1885-1952, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/003(03)	File - Newspaper clippings and notes on Dummer and requisition to the Reeve (1856)	1836-1956, n.d.	1 folder of textual records 1 photograph
86-027/003(04)	File - Scrapbook containing clippings	1928-1933	1 scrapbook of newspaper clippings
86-027/003(05)	File - Newspaper clippings of articles by R.H. Choate and a scrapbook containing a series entitled "Peterborough's History Mirrored in Language"	1933-1956, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/003(06)	File - Miscellaneous newspaper clippings mainly concerning Peterborough and the surrounding area	1897-1962	1 folder of textual records

86-027/003(07)	File - Articles about William Cruikshank R.C.A., photographs of Cruikshank's artwork, and article entitled "Our Engravings" possibly written by R.F. Choate	1924-1951, n.d.	1 folder of textual records 5 photographs
86-027/003(08)	File - Various bulletins, newspaper clippings, notice letters about lectures, and handbills <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following: - Newspaper clippings - List of prize money for Peterborough Exhibition: Peterborough Horticultural Society - Bureau of Municipal research - White Paper No. 247 January 1940: re number of people in Houses of Industry and in single men's hostels in Toronto during the 1930s - "The Unbridled Frontier" by Merrill Dension, clipped from Harpers Monthly Magazine - "Public Affairs" (2 copies) The Eternal Problems of Crime and Criminals by J. Alex Edmison, letter and clipping (R.F. Choate) about Senator Buchanan - Letter to R. Choate from G. Craw about writing an article about Warsaw for the Examiner	1769-1960, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
86-027/003(09)	File - Black and white postcards: Stoney Lake and surrounding waterways, many shots of McCracken's Landing <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following items: - 1-43: Black and white postcards of Stoney Lake and surrounding waterways (includes many shots of McCracken's Landing) - 44: Colour photograph of the locks at Youngs Point - 45: Colour photograph of the Peterborough Lift Lock - 46: Map of Trent Navigation and Murray Canal - 47: Postcard of Indian River - 48: Postcard of Channel Glenwood - 49: Postcard of Gil-Crest Park - 50: Postcard of Bowness Park - 50a: Card of Peaceful creek at Bowness Park	n.d.	47 postcards 2 photographs : color 1 small map
86-027/007	File - Various newspapers and clippings	1856-1961	1 box of newspapers and clippings

Series 2: Music books and sheets

Date: 1827-1897, n.d. (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of various song books and scores. See file listing for more details.

Physical description: 51 song books

Access points:

- Music sheets and scores (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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86-027/002(05)	File - The Seraph: a compilation of Anthems and set pieces designed for the use of churches and singing societies, selected from Eminent and approved authors by M. Burnham. Toronto; Printed at the 'Guardian' Steam printers' establishments	1863	1 volume of sheet music
86-027/002(06)	File - The Seraph: a compilation of Anthems and set pieces designed for the use of churches and singing societies, selected from Eminent and approved authors by M. Burnham. Toronto; Printed at the 'Guardian' Steam printers' establishments (2 copies)	1867	2 volumes of sheet music
86-027/004(01)	File - The Bridgewater Collection of Sacred Music	1831	1 volume of sheet music (30 pages)
86-027/004(02)	File - The Sabbath Bell, by George F. Root	n.d.	2 volumes of sheet music (384 pages)
86-027/004(03)	File - Boston Collection of Church Music, by Lowell Mason	1856	1 volume of sheet music (32 pages)
86-027/004(04)	File - Howe's Dugfts	1863	1 volume of sheet music (200 pages)
86-027/004(05)	File - Songs of Salvation	1887	1 volume of sheet music (250 pages)
86-027/004(06)	File - Palm Leaves	1887	1 volume of sheet music (32 pages)
86-027/004(07)	File - The Colonial Harmonist. By Mark Burnham	1832	1 volume of sheet music (318 pages)
86-027/004(08)	File - The American Vocalist	1849	1 volume of sheet music (358 pages)
86-027/004(09)	File - Singing School (2 volumes)	[18--?]	2 volumes of sheet music (approx 250 pages each)
86-027/004(10)	File - The New Carmina Sacra (3 volumes)	1857	3 volumes of sheet music (approx 370 pages each)
86-027/004(11)	File - Musical Monitor	1827	1 volume of sheet music (245 pages)
86-027/004(12)	File - Musical Monitor	1833	1 volume of sheet music (266 pages)
86-027/004(13)	File - The Canadian Church Harmonist	1864	4 volumes of sheet music
86-027/004(14)	File - Sacred Harmony	[18--?]	2 volumes of sheet music (347 pages each)
86-027/004(15)	File - The Golden Wreath, By L.O. Emerson	1857	3 volumes of sheet music (approx 240 pages each)
86-027/004(16)	File - Bright Jewels, By Rev. Robert Loury	1869	1 volume of sheet music (157 pages)

86-027/004(17)	File - The Musical Textbook, By Charles Butler	1860	3 volumes of sheet music (50 pages each)
86-027/004(18)	File - Welcome Songs	[18--?]	1 volume of sheet music (176 pages)
86-027/004(19)	File - Sacred Songs of Solo	[18--?]	1 volume of sheet music
86-027/004(20)	File - The Canticles	1897	1 volume of sheet music (96 pages)
86-027/004(21)	File - Jousse's Musical Catechism	1887	1 volume of sheet music (110 pages)
86-027/004(22)	File - The Columbian Song Book, By Asa Frtiz	1856	1 volume of sheet music (94 pages)
86-027/004(23)	File - Loomis's Progressive Music Lessons	1875	1 volume of sheet music (79 pages)
86-027/005(01)	File - The Church Choir Part II, by Joseph Muenscher	1857	1 volume of sheet music (296 pages)
86-027/005(02)	File - Sacred Melodies, by Lowell Mason	1833	1 volume of sheet music
86-027/005(03)	File - Technical New Studies, by Louis Plady	1865	1 volume of sheet music (91 pages)
86-027/005(04)	File - No title, blue and grey spine, repaired	[18--?]	1 volume of sheet music (127 pages)
86-027/005(05)	File - No title, note inside by Harold Choate stating that the book belonged to David Thomas Choate	1827	1 volume of sheet music (48 pages)
86-027/005(06)	File - 3 untitled song books	[18--?]	3 volumes of sheet music
86-027/005(07)	File - The Canadian Anthem Book	1873	5 volumes and 1 partial volume of sheet music

Series 3: Articles by Richard Choate

Date: 1933-1959 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of 5 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. See file listing for more details.

Physical description: 5 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings

Access points:

- Newspapers and magazines (documentary form)
- Scrapbooks (documentary form)

Physical condition: Scrapbooks and clippings are very brittle. Handle with care.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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86-027/006(01)	File - Volume 1 scrapbook containing Harold Pammett's "Progression of Peterborough" clipped from the Peterborough Examiner	1959	1 scrapbook of newspaper clippings
86-027/006(02)	File - Volume 2 scrapbook containing Harold Pammett's "Progression of Peterborough" clipped from the Peterborough Examiner	1959	1 scrapbook of newspaper clippings
86-027/006(03)	File - Scrapbooks containing clippings from the Globe	1933-1934	3 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings