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Administrative History:

Alun Owen Hughes was born on May 4th, 1942 in Bridgend, South Wales. He attended Cowbridge Grammar School and graduated from St. John's College, Cambridge in 1965. He received a teaching certificate as well as an MA from Cambridge. He also earned a diploma in cartography from the University College of Swansea.

From 1967-1969 Alun was employed in London, England as a cartographic editor. He joined the faculty of the Department of Geography at Brock University in 1969. He also co-founded and coached the Brock Rugby Club. He retired from Brock in 2012.

Alun was very involved in promoting and teaching the Welsh language in North America. His love of the language began when he was a child raised in a Welsh-speaking home. For the last 20 years of his life, Alun's research focused on local history – primarily the history of Thorold, Ontario. He served on numerous committees, boards and historical societies. He was a very popular speaker, field trip leader and published researcher.

Professor Hughes won numerous awards including: the British Cartographic Society's Design Award in 1988; the Thorold Citizen of the Year in 2003 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013. He was also named the Honorary Historian of the City of Thorold.

Alun died at the age of 71 on May 9, 2013 following a lengthy illness.

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Series I – Speeches and Articles – All speeches and articles were written by Alun Hughes unless otherwise noted. The dates given reflect the dates that the speeches were presented, 1992-2011 n.d. (non-inclusive)

- 1.1 *The Deep Hollow, the White Oak Tree and the Split Rock: The Early Surveys of the Niagara Peninsula, 1992*
- 1.2 *McDonell, Tinling and Frey: The First Surveys of Niagara Township, includes overheads, 1993-1994*
- 1.3 *Shaping the Shoreline: Four Centuries of Mapping in Niagara, 1993*
- 1.4 *The Board of Commissioners got Drunk – The Beginnings of Local Government in Niagara, 1994*
- 1.5 *The Mapping of St. Catharines, includes overheads, 1996*
- 1.6 *John Butler and the Early Settlement on the West Bank of the Niagara River, includes an overhead, 1996*

- 1.7 *Laura Secord's Walk into History* – a speech given by Sheila Wilson, 1999
- 1.8 *Augustus Jones: The Life and Loves of a Pioneer Surveyor*, includes overheads and a picture of Alun Hughes' wedding as well as information on the Augustus Jones historical plaque, 1999, 2002
- 1.9 *Municipal Restructuring in Upper Canada or How we got into this Mess*, includes overheads, 2000
- 1.10 *Dueling Jewelers – The Story of O.R. Steadman and Son*, Thorold, includes overheads, by Alun Hughes and Roy Steadman, 2000
- 1.11 *The Early Surveys of Township no. 10, Pelham*, includes overheads and Alun Hughes' wedding invitation, 2000
- 1.12 *Get the Ring First, and then Hunt up a Girl to Fit it: Thorold Jewellers 1850- 2000*, includes overheads, 2000
- 1.13 *The Welland Canals (and Battlefields, Burying Grounds and More) in Thorold* – this is just an outline of the speech, 2000
- 1.14 *Vanishing Landscapes in Thorold*, includes overheads, 2001
- 1.15 *History of the Lake Gibson Corridor, from Decew to Beaverdams to Allanburg*, 2002
- 1.16 *Heroes, Traitors and the Johnston Map of 1822; Treason and Duplicity in Upper Canada: The Tangled Tale of Brock University's Lands*, includes overheads, 2002-2003, 2005-2006, 2008, 2010
- 1.17 *Canals, the Klondike and the Serial Flooding of Thorold; "Water Coming In" Canals, the Klondike and the Serial Flooding of Thorold*, includes overheads, 2001-2004
- 1.18 *Captain Dick's Creek, a Quest for Treasure Trove and Toponymic Truth*, includes overheads, 2003-2006
- 1.19 *Rooms with a View: Early Settlement Along the River Bank*, includes overheads, 2003

- 1.20 *Daniel Hazen, Surveyor of Grantham Township, includes overheads, 2004*
- 1.21 *“The Cannon Ball Booms” Jeweller Thomas Jones and the Bicycle Craze in Thorold in the Gay Nineties, includes overheads, 2004, 2006-2007*
- 1.22 *Early Settlement in Niagara or, Why were there no Indian Wars when the Loyalists Arrived?, includes overheads, 2004*
- 1.23 *Who is to Blame for the Road System in St. Catharines?, includes overheads, 2004*
- 1.24 *Why is Thorold Thorold and Pelham Pelham? (and other Toponymic Teasers), 2004-2005*
- 1.25 *Did Laura Secord’s Trek Really Make a Difference?, includes overheads, 2004*
- 1.26 *The Lincolnshire Link and the Naming of Niagara, 2005*
- 1.27 *John Graves Simcoe and the Naming of Upper Canada, 2005-2006*
- 1.28 *Merritton (Otherwise Known as Welland City, Slabtown, Thorold Station & c.) – How it got its Name; The Early History of Merritton, “Certainly a Most Uninteresting Spot”, includes overheads, 2005-2007*
- 1.29 *Too Many Catharines – The Founding and Naming of the Garden City, includes overheads, 2006-2007*
- 1.30 *The 1876 Map of Merritton, and what became of Welland City, includes overheads, 2006*
- 1.31 *The Duryea Motor Wagon Company of Thorold – Why it Never Came to be; The Duryea Motor Wagon and the Police Chief’s New Suit, includes overheads, 2007*
- 2.1 *The Origin and Naming of St. Catharines, includes overheads, 2008*
- 2.2 *‘Lord’ Simcoe, Lady Godiva and the Naming of Niagara’s Townships, includes overheads, 2008*

- 2.3 *Evolution of a Ghost Town: The History of Power Glen*, includes overheads, 2008
- 2.4 *Maps of “The Great Swivel Link”; Charting the Great Swivel Link: Maps of the Welland Canal*, includes overheads, 2008, 2010
- 2.5 *Laura Secord – Seeking the Truth Beneath the Chocolate Coating*, includes overheads, 2008-2010
- 2.6 *When Onguiaahra became Niagara (and the Mountain became the Escarpment)*, includes overheads, 2008
- 2.7 *Thorold Community Credit Union*, 2009
- 2.8 *Merritt Day*, 2009
- 2.9 *The Artist as Cartographer: Mapping Laura Secord’s Trek*, includes overheads, 2010
- 2.10 *Battle of Beaverdams/Laura Secord Commemoration, Battle of Beaverdams Park*, 2010
- 2.11 *The Quebec Bank* for the Quebec Bank designation ceremony, 2010
- 2.12 *Joshua Pell and the Inception of the Welland Canal*, includes overheads, 2011
- 2.13 *The American Surrender at Beaverdams*, includes overheads, 2011
- 2.14 *George V Slept Here? Unravelling the Tale of a Thorold House and Neighbourhood*, includes overheads, n.d.
- 2.15 *The Early Surveys and Settlement of Township no. 2*, includes overheads, n.d.
- 2.16 *History of Grantham*, n.d.
- 2.17 *The Curse of Walter Dittrick*, includes overheads, n.d.
- 2.18 *Looking Back... with Alun Hughes* including: *The American Surrender at Beaverdams, Johann Schiller: Father of Canadian Wine?; Laura Secord’s Key and the Schoolbook Scandal; On the Meaning of “Niagara”; From Duryea to Gove: Making Cars in Thorold; Early*

Shipping and Shipbuilding on the Twelve; The Feeder Canal and its Communities; Following in Laura's Footsteps; Laura Secord and the Prince of Wales; Richard Pierpoint and the Naming of Dick's Creek; Terrorist Attacks on the Welland Canal; The Evolution of St. Catharines as a Municipality; The Opening of the First Welland Canal; The Theal House at Brock University; Who was Junius?; Daniel Hazen, Surveyor of Grantham Township and William Hamilton Merritt and Pell's Canal. Also included is Merritt's Survey and the Tunnel to Nowhere, 2004, 2008-2009, n.d.

Series II – Field Trips and Tours, 1981-2011, n.d. (non-inclusive)

- 2.19 *A Miniature Global Village – Field Trip Guide to the Multi-Ethnic Landscape of St. Catharines, Ontario* by Roberta M. Styran and Robert S. Taylor, 1981
- 2.20 Victoria Lawn Cemetery Tours including: *A Walk through Victoria Lawn Cemetery, Canals and Ships and Mayors of St. Catharines*. All tours were led by William J. Stevens, 1994, 2006
- 2.21 *Tour of the Beaverdams Battlefield* with David Webb, 1994
- 2.22 *Walking Tour of the Village of Allanburg* sponsored by Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society, *A Walking Tour of Two Welland Canal Communities, Allanburg and Port Robinson* by the Canadian Canal Society and *Port Colborne* by the Canadian Canal Society, 1995-1996, 1998
- 2.23 *Vanished Landscapes of Niagara* – field trip leaders: John Burtniak and Alun Hughes; *Niagara's Vanishing Landscapes* – field trip leaders: John Burtniak, Alun Hughes, Melanie Battell, Colin Duquemin and Dennis Gannon, *Second and Third Welland Canals Exploration* – field trip leaders: John Burtniak and Alun Hughes and *A Glance Back at Niagara's History* – field trip leaders: John Burtniak and Alun Hughes, 2000-2001
- 2.24 Thorold walking tours including: *Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Thorold, Historical Walking Tour of Thorold Ravine* by

Alun Hughes and *Thorold Murals* by Alun Hughes and John Burtniak, 2001, 2004

2.25 *Humboldt University Tour of Niagara* by Alun Hughes, 2008

2.26 *Go Laura Go!*, 2009

2.27 Brock University Tours including: *St. Catharines, Dick's Creek and the Welland Canals* by Alun Hughes, *Historical Walking Tours of Brock Campus* by Alun Hughes and *Health and Wellness Conference Underground Railway Tour*, 2005, 2011, n.d.

Series III – Brock University Memorabilia, 1973-2004, n.d. (non-inclusive)

2.28 Old Badgers Rugby Football Club memorabilia including Homecoming information, correspondence, clippings and the Old Badgers Rugby Club 30th Anniversary Commemorative Songbook, 2 col. photos, 1 b&w photo, 1994-1997, 2000-2002

2.29 Includes a clipping regarding the Isaac Brock logo, information on the Michael Snow *Timed Images* video installation at Brock University and a *Two Days of Canada, Brock University* button. Also included is a photocopied picture of Alun Hughes, 1973, 1991, 2004, n.d.

Series IV – Alun Hughes' Research Papers – Most items are photocopies. All land petitions and letters from settlers are photocopies. The letters between Alun Hughes and other researchers are original. Dates given correspond with dates on original correspondence and photocopied clippings, 1797-2011, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series A. Upper Canada and Development in Canada, 1994-2011 (non-inclusive)

3.1 Maps of the early settlers in the district of Niagara

3.2 Beginnings of settlement in Niagara

3.3 Historical narratives of early Canada

3.4 Surveys and surveyors – book excerpts and correspondence, 1996

3.5 Districts and counties of Upper Canada – book excerpts

- 3.6 Information on land boards and land petitions – book excerpts. This file also contains more up-to-date land registration information and correspondence, 1994
- 3.7 Copies of land petitions
- 3.8 Statistical account of Upper Canada – book excerpt
- 3.9 Photocopies of land indentures, including some for Secord and Phelps families
- 3.10 *Disaffection in Upper Canada* – book excerpt
- 3.11 Legislators and legislation – book excerpts
- 3.12 Local Government in Upper Canada – book excerpt
- 3.13 Policing in Upper Canada up until the Ontario Provincial Police includes acts and book excerpts
- 3.14 Upper Canada religion and churches – book excerpts and acts
- 3.15 Upper Canada education and early 20th Century education – book excerpts
- 3.16 Currency – book excerpts
- 3.17 Merchants in Upper Canada – book excerpts
- 3.18 Black Canadians – book excerpts
- 3.19-3.20 Loyalists – articles, book excerpts and correspondence, 2011
- 3.21 Butler’s Rangers – book excerpts
- 3.22 Militia in Upper Canada – book excerpt
- 3.23 Chronologies of surveys
- 3.24 Pioneer travel featuring Anna Jameson, an authoress and traveler who stopped at the Mansion House Hotel in 1837 on her way to visit Thomas Talbot – overheads and correspondence included, 1997
- 3.25 Fort Niagara – book excerpts

Sub-series B. Mills, 1821-2011 (non-inclusive)

- 3.26 Mills – book excerpts
- 3.27 Photocopies of indentures regarding mills, 2009
- 3.28 Niagara Peninsula mills including information on the Morningstar Mill, the Secord Mill and the Servos Mill, textile mills, grist mills, a cotton mill, paper mills and saw mills
- 3.29 Niagara Peninsula mill clippings including some correspondence, 1821 – 2011 (non-inclusive)
- 3.30 Niagara Peninsula mill maps

Sub-series C. Transportation, 1921-1989 (non-inclusive)

Roads

- 4.1 Early road networks including acts, and book excerpts,
- 4.2 *Talbot Road*: a poem by Adam Hood Burwell
- 4.3 Portage Road – book excerpts
- 4.4 The Queen Elizabeth Highway and Ontario's King's Highways including clippings, 1940, 1942, 1946

Air Travel

- 4.5 Includes a history of Canadian airports and information on the Niagara District Airport. The grand opening in 1929 was marred by tragedy. Clippings, correspondence and overheads are included, 1921-2011 (non-inclusive)
- 4.6 St. Catharines Flying Club clippings, 1936-1989 (non-inclusive)

Waterways and Shipping

- 4.7 Clippings and book excerpts, 1852-1862

Railways

- 4.8 Railways in Ontario - book excerpts

Sub-series D. Post Offices, n.d.

4.9 Post offices in early Canada – book excerpts

4.10 Lists of post offices and post masters

Sub-series E. Various Topics, 1860-2000 (non-inclusive)

4.11 Lists of Canadian and Niagara newspapers

4.12 Canadian business and industry including the Dominion Power Company – book excerpts

4.13 References to Ontario hurricanes

4.14 Art and lithography – book excerpts

4.15 Indigenous peoples – book excerpts

4.16 Monuments and graves in Canada – book excerpts

4.17 Rural land in Ontario – book excerpts

4.18 Inns and taverns in Niagara and Ontario – book excerpts

4.19 Desjardins Bridge accident – book excerpts

4.20 Theatres and motion pictures in Canada – book excerpts

4.21 Local theatres including clippings, 1907-2000

4.22 English Regnal years

4.23 The Prince of Wales's visit to Canada including clippings, correspondence and book excerpts, 1860

4.24 Palatines – book excerpts

4.25 Freemasonry – book excerpts

4.26 Camp Niagara (Butler's Barracks) – book excerpts and clippings, 1915-1989 (non-inclusive)

4.27 The American Civil War – book excerpts

Sub-series F. War of 1812, 1812-2012 (non-inclusive)

- 4.28-4.31 War of 1812 – book excerpts
- 4.32 War of 1812 articles, flyers and clippings, 1860-1992 (non-inclusive)
- 5.1 War of 1812 correspondence, 2011
- 5.2 Battle of Queenston Heights articles, clippings, 1812-2012 (non-inclusive)
- 5.3 Battle of Queenston Heights correspondence
- 5.4 Battle of Queenston Heights – book excerpts
- 5.5 Battle of Queenston Heights military art
- 5.6 Battle of Beaver Dams – book excerpts
- 5.7 Battle of Beaver Dams – bulletins, articles and maps
- 5.8 Battle of Beaver Dams – clippings and correspondence, 1813-2011 (non-inclusive)
- 5.9 Battle of Chippewa and Battlefield of Frenchman’s Creek – book excerpts
- 5.10 Battle of Stoney Creek – book excerpts
- 5.11 Women and the War of 1812 and doctors in the war of 1812 – book excerpts and correspondence, 2011
- 5.12-5.13 Niagara’s involvement in the War of 1812 – book excerpts
- 5.14 War of 1812 losses claims, Thorold
- 5.15 War of 1812 losses claims, Grantham
- 5.16 War of 1812 losses claims, Stamford
- 5.17 War of 1812 losses claims, Saltfleet
- 5.18 War of 1812 losses claims, Niagara
- 5.19 War of 1812 losses claims, various

Sub-series G. Welland Canal, 1827-2001 (non-inclusive)

- 5.20 Photocopies of land indentures appropriated to the use of the Welland Canal
- 5.21 Beginnings of the Welland Canal including surveys, acts, maps and book excerpts
- 5.22 William Hamilton Merritt reviews on the Welland Canal
- 5.23 A bill and reports on the Welland Canal
- 5.24 Engineer's reports on the Welland Canal
- 5.25 Welland Canal notes and shipping notes
- 5.26 The Welland Canal Force – book excerpts
- 5.27 Welland Canal rents for water power leased
- 5.28 Information on locks, inclined planes and sluices
- 5.29 Lock 24 – book excerpt
- 5.30 Construction methods on the Welland Canal and Welland Canal contractors
- 5.31 The Baird-Killaly deviation
- 5.32 Welland Canal chronologies
- 5.33 The first Welland Canal – clippings and book excerpts, 1923
- 6.1 The Welland Canal clippings, 1827-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 6.2 The Dullman-Nolan-Walsh plot to destroy the Welland Canal which occurred in 1900 – includes correspondence and clippings, 1924
- 6.3-6.4 Welland Canal – book excerpts
- 6.5 Welland Canal maps
- 6.6 Welland Canal historic structures
- 6.7 Welland Canal tourist and travel information including a dvd of the Commemorative Ceremony of the Dedication of the Welland Canal, 2007

- 6.8 Welland Canal flyers and booklets, 1926-1973, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 6.9 *Historic development of the four Welland Canals*, 1950
- 6.10 *Welland Canals Development Study*, n.d.
- 6.11 *The Initial Impact on Urban Development in Relation to Alternative Possibilities of Canal Location* by John N. Jackson and other information on where to build a canal, 1969
- 6.12 Welland Canal water control experiments, 1974
- 6.13 New York canal history – book excerpts

Sub-series H. Townships, Counties, Towns and Villages, 1797-2011 (non-inclusive)

- 6.14 **Bertie Township** – book excerpts
- 6.15 **Binbrook Township** – book excerpts
- 6.16 **Haldimand County** – book excerpts
- 6.17 **Canborough Township** – book excerpts
- 6.18 **Town of Dunnville** – book excerpts
- 6.19 **Grand River** including the Grand River Naval Depot – book excerpts
- 6.20 **Crowland Township** – book excerpts
- 6.21 **Humberstone Township** – book excerpts
- 6.22 **Wainfleet** – book excerpts
- 6.23 **Niagara Falls** general information including clippings, 2007
- 6.24 Early history of Niagara Falls – book excerpts
- 6.25 Physiography and geology of the Niagara Region. Also included is the petrology of Grimsby sandstone and the *Draft Built Heritage Landscape Assessment Report* – book excerpts, 2005
- 6.26-6.28 Niagara daredevils – book excerpts, maps, pictures and articles, 1859-2011 (non-inclusive)

- 6.29 Niagara Peninsula staff ride of the Royal Military College of Canada in 1899 – book excerpt
- 6.30 **The Village of Chippawa** – clippings and book excerpts, 1988
- 6.31 **Stamford Township** – book excerpts
- 6.32 **Niagara-on-the-Lake** – book excerpts and acts including *Sketches of Niagara* compiled by Florence LeDoux
- 6.33 *A History of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake* by David Flemming, 1971
- 6.34 St. Mark's Church of Niagara-on-the-Lake – book excerpt and document facsimiles
- 6.35 *The Gleaner and Niagara Newspaper, 1819-1825* (non-inclusive)
- 7.1 **Queenston** – maps
- 7.2 Queenston – book excerpts
- 7.3 Queenston – land petitions, maps and clippings, 1797-1973 (non-inclusive)
- 7.4 **St. David's** – book excerpts, correspondence and clippings, 1967-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 7.5 **Pelham Township and Fenwick** – book excerpts
- 7.6 *Tweedsmuir Village History* by the Pelham Women's Institute
- 7.7 **Short Hills** – book excerpts and maps
- 7.8 **Welland County** – book excerpts including the Historical Sketch of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland
- 7.9 **City of Welland** – book excerpts and clippings, 1876-1984 (non-inclusive)
- 7.10 **Grantham Township** – copies of land documents, book excerpts and maps
- 7.11 **St. Catharines** – Laws, petitions and a public meeting

- 7.12 St. Catharines as Shipman's Corners – clippings, correspondence and book excerpts, 1824-1979 (non-inclusive)
- 7.13 The naming of St. Catharines – book excerpts, clippings and correspondence, 1827-1926 (non-inclusive)
- 7.14 St. Catharines graphics
- 7.15 St. Catharines water works – book excerpts and acts
- 7.16 St. Catharines officials
- 7.17 Excerpts from St. Catharines – directories
- 7.18 Municipal surveys of St. Catharines
- 7.19 J.L. Weller house, St. Catharines
- 7.20 St. Catharines – book excerpts
- 7.21 St. Catharines – clippings, 1845-1985 (non-inclusive)
- 7.22 St. Catharines – fires
- 7.23 Brock University History Department interviews regarding St. Catharines. People who were interviewed include: Mrs. Vera Alexander, Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. Wilf Belton, Mrs. Bingham, Mr. Arthur Brake, Mrs. Branson, Mr. James Bryan Sr., Mr. Ivan Buchanan, Mr. Art Burch, Mr. Frederick Collins, Mr. Frank Colton, Mr. Noble S. Crowe, Mrs. Alice Crowley, Mrs. Gladys Griffiths Cunningham, Mr. Don Devine, Lloyd Dorsey, Mr. Dave Douglas, Mr. Stan Douglas, Miss Duff, Carl Edmunds, Dr. Elderkin, Mr. Bill English, Mrs. F. J. Flynn, Mr. Jack Gatecliff, John Haines, Peter Harris, Mrs. Estelle Cuffe Hawley, Mr. Frank Hawley, Roy Henderson, Dorothy Hicks (nee Emmitt), Mrs. Katzman, Mrs. Gertrude Griffiths Knapp, Mr. Frank Latcham, Mr. J. J. Lee, Mr. Myles Leeson, Mr. Dan Leo, Mr. Norman Macdonald, Mrs. Laura Macintosh (nee Taylor), Mrs. Marjorie Mackay, Mr. Frank Madsen, Mr. Joseph Mancuso, Mr. and Mrs. McCollum, Ms. Lena McCollum, Mr. Wilf Miller, Rev. Cannon [Canon] Moore, Mr. Harry Nelson, Mr. Henry P. Nicholson, Miss Blanche Scott, Mr. Fred Scott, Mary Shanahan, Miss Sarah Shannon, Harold Stevens, Mrs. Esther

- Summers, Hygus Torosien, Mr. Tom Trueman and Mrs. Bertha Woodward, 1977
- 7.24 Henry P. Nicholson's essays regarding St. Catharines
- 7.25-7.26 Clippings from St. Catharines' newspapers, 1815-2006 (non-inclusive)
- 7.27-7.28 *Canal Intelligencer*, 1826-1830 (non-inclusive)
- 7.29 **Port Dalhousie** – clippings, articles and correspondence, 2007
- 7.30 **Merritton** – Directory excerpts, maps and a copy of *Merritton Matters*. Includes some correspondence, 2008, 2011
- 7.31 Merritton book excerpts
- 7.32 Merritton clippings, 1852-2006 (non-inclusive)
- 7.33 Merritton maps
- 8.1 **Allanburg** clippings, 1957, 1964
- 8.2 **Port Robinson** clippings and articles, 1971, 1979
- 8.3 **Thorold** general information and book excerpts includes 1 overhead
- 8.4 Excerpts from Thorold directories, information on Thorold businesses including Henderson's Pharmacy and the Penman Knitting Mill. Also included are clippings and photocopied pictures of downtown Thorold, 1914-1927 (non-inclusive)
- 8.5 Thorold events and committees – clippings and programs, 1898-1958 (non-inclusive)
- 8.6 Thorold biographies or obituaries
- 8.7 The Steadman story including clippings, 1916-1925 (non-inclusive)
- 8.8 Program for the Thorold Memorial, 1921
- 8.9 Thorold clippings, 1817-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 8.10 Thorold banks including clippings, photocopied pictures and correspondence, 1 col. photo, 1875-2010 (non-inclusive)

- 8.11 Thorold Fire Brigade including clippings, 1847-1876 (non-inclusive)
- 8.12 Thorold churches including correspondence, 2005-2010 (non-inclusive)
- 8.13 Bishop Fuller's house, Thorold
- 8.14 Hill Family and the Moore-Lampman house, Thorold including a program for the designation ceremony, 2011
- 8.15 Thorold Waterworks including photocopies of pictures
- 8.16 Thorold land owners
- 8.17 *The New City of Thorold*, a project funded by Young Canada Works grant, 1978
- 8.18 Thorold Paper Mill
- 8.19 Thorold – War of 1812 mural and camp
- 8.20 *Kiwanis International Community Builders* published by Kiwanis Club of Thorold, 1960-1970, n.d.
- 8.21-8.29 Thorold Post, 1875-1920 (non-inclusive)
- 8.30 Thorold newspapers, 1922-1923
- 8.31 **Wentworth County, Hamilton, Stoney Creek and Saltfleet** – book excerpts
- 8.32 **Lincoln County** articles including a poem about Lincoln County, 1814
- 8.33 **Toronto and area** – book excerpts
- 8.34 **Long Point** – book excerpts
- 8.35 **Kingston** – book excerpts
- 8.36 **Napanee** – book excerpts
- 8.37 **Shelburne, Nova Scotia** – book excerpt
- 8.38 **Villages and Townships in Canada** – book excerpts

- 8.39 *Past and Present **Twelve Mile Creek**, Niagara Peninsula* by John Woodward
- 8.40 ***Jackson's Flat and Hog's Back Hill*** by Brian Calvert, 2007
- 8.41 *The Morphology of the **Decew Gorge*** by George James Brown, 1970
- 8.42 Power companies – book excerpts
- 8.43 Decew Falls and Decew Power – pamphlets, clippings, book excerpts and *History of Decew Falls* by Lorna Robinson, 1898-2008 (non-inclusive)
- 8.44 Decew Power and the Yukon clippings, 1897-1904
- 8.45 Decew Falls and the Summers Family including correspondence and clippings, 1924-1998 (non-inclusive)
- 9.1 **Power Glen** – book excerpts and clippings, 1837-1896 (non-inclusive)
- 9.2 **Yukon** gold rush – book excerpts

Sub-series I. Biographical Material, 1837-2011 (non-inclusive)

- Sir James Edward Alexander (1803-1885) – Army officer and artist**
- 9.3 Bibliographic material and book excerpts
- Robert Baldwin (1804-1858) – Canadian politician who played a major role in applying the concept of “responsible government”.**
- 9.4 Biographic information and an article on decentralization
- Ball Family – United Empire Loyalists**
- 9.5 Biographic and genealogical information, 1920
- Beatty Family of Parry Sound – William Beatty 1835-1898 was a politician**
- 9.6 Book excerpts and clipping, 1935

Sir Edward Beatty (1877-1943) President of the Canadian Pacific Railway

9.7 Includes clippings, biographic information and genealogical information, 1943

Leonard J. Birchall (1915-2004) St. Catharines native who became an Air Commodore and in 1942 gave the warning that prevented the Japanese fleet from surprising the allies. He received the Flying Cross and was known as the “Saviour of Ceylon”. He was a member of the St. Catharines Flying Club in 1932.

9.8 Includes clippings, photocopied pictures and biographical information, 1998-2004, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Major-General Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812) – Army officer and colonial administrator who died at the Battle of Queenston Heights.

9.9 Includes bibliographic information and book excerpts including the Brock Family records

9.10 The death of Sir Isaac Brock including: clippings, book excerpts and a sermon which was given by the Reverend William Smart. Also included is information on the house where Brock died, 1912

9,11 Brock’s monument information including maps, clippings, photocopied documents and articles regarding the building of the monument, the blowing up of the monument and visitors to the monument

Ernest Alexander “E.A.” Cruikshank (1853-1939) - Canadian Brigadier General. He was a historian who specialized in military history. He also served as the first Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

9.12 *Cruikshank’s life and work* by David McConnell, 1965

John Bloome DeCou/DeCew (also spelled DeCow and DeCue) (1766-1855) a United Empire Loyalist who became a pioneer farmer, fruit grower and industrialist. He was an officer in the War of 1812, and

a founding member of the Welland Canal Company. The family was living in DeCou house when Laura Secord arrived there at sunrise of June 24, 1813 to warn Lieutenant James Fitzgibbon of the American advance prior to the Battle of Beaver Dams.

- 9.13 Includes correspondence, biographical and genealogical material, 1888-2006 (non-inclusive)
- 9.14 Clippings about the DeCou/DeCew house, 1837-2011 (non-inclusive)
- 9.15 Information and maps regarding the DeCou/DeCew house
- 9.16 CeCou/DeCew photocopied land documents

Edward de Salaberry (1792-1812) – served in the British Army and was killed during an assault on the Santa Maria bastion and Charles de Salaberry (1778-1829) – served as an officer in the British Army in Lower Canada. He is renowned for repelling the American advance on Montreal in the War of 1812,

- 9.17 Biographical material – book excerpts

William Dickson, 1769-1846

- 9.18 Biographical material

Donnelly Family (the Black Donnellys) – the family who emigrated from County Tipperary, Ireland to Canada in 1845-1846. A feud in Biddulph Township, Ontario resulted in the Donnelly massacre in which 5 family members were killed.

- 9.19 Biographical materials and clippings as well as items linking some of the Donnelly family members to St. Catharines and Thorold, 1976-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Colonel James Fitzgibbon (1780-1863) – Soldier and public servant who received the information and warning from Laura Secord.

- 9.20 Biographical material and book excerpts including service rendered by James Fitzgibbon while serving in Upper Canada

Philip Rockwell Frey, surveyor

- 9.21 Book excerpts
Francis Goring (1755-1842) – a Major in Butlers Ranger’s. He built one of the first public schools in St. David’s
- 9.22 Includes excerpts from Goring’s journals
Robert Hamilton (1753-1809) – businessman, politician, judge and official. He was the chief land speculator in early Upper Canada
- 9.23 Biographical information and book excerpts
Daniel Hazen (1755-1845) – a United Empire Loyalist. He was appointed as a Provincial Land Surveyor in 1788. He performed the original survey of Grantham Township in that year. In 1796, he began surveying the Long Point area with a surveyor named Hamlin. He also served in the War of 1812.
- 9.24 Biographical material and Grantham survey documents and maps and some transcriptions of Hazen’s letters
- 9.25 *The United Empire Loyalist settlement at Long Point, Lake Erie* by L.H. Tasker, 1900
- 9.26 Long Point survey documents and maps and some transcriptions of Hazen’s letters. Also includes some book excerpts
- 9.27 Clippings and correspondence regarding the naming of the Ministry of Transportation Headquarters in St. Catharines. Alun Hughes proposed that the building be named the Daniel Hazen Building, 1996-1998
Major Samuel Holland (1728-1801) – The Surveyor General from 1764-1801. He was vital to the development of Canada.
- 9.28 Biographical material
Augustus Jones – (1758-1836) Upper Canada surveyor
- 9.29 Biographical information and information on Jones’ surveys including correspondence on Jones’ research and book excerpts, 2001
- 9.30 Transcriptions of letters and surveys

- 9.31 Augustus Jones public art competition in Stoney Creek, 2004
- Keefer Family: George Keefer (1773-1858), Samuel Keefer (1811-1890) and Thomas C. Keefer (1821-1915) – George Keefer and W.H. Merritt along with 3 assistants, made the first survey for the canal. Samuel and Thomas were pioneers of Canadian engineering. They were involved with railways, bridges, and waterways and they were founding members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.**
- 9.32 Biographical material. 1890-1996, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- Kerr Family: Robert Kerr (1755-1824) – He was active in the military service as well as being a doctor, Indian Department official, judge and office holder. He was married to Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Sir William Johnson and Mary Brant (Gonwatsijayenni) (1736-1796) who was the Mohawk head of the Six Nations matrons. Robert’s son, William (1787-1845) was an Indian Department officer and politician.**
- 9.33 Contains biographical information on Robert and William Kerr as well as Mary Brant. Some land information is also included
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- 9.34 Bibliographic material – book excerpts
- 9.35 War of 1812 journals of William Hamilton Merritt
- Misener Family: The Misener Holding Company grew from a single vessel and largely within the lifetime of Robert Scott Misener (1879-1963)**
- 10.1 Includes ancestral information on the Misener family of New Jersey and Canada and photocopied land documents, 1951-2003, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- Lieutenant Duncan Murray (1732-1809) - of the first Battalion of his Majesty’s 84th Regiment**

- 10.2 Correspondence and photocopied documentation of land rights, 2010
- Lucius Oille (1830-1903) – Second mayor of the City of St. Catharines, Ontario**
- 10.3 Biographical information by the Historical Society of St. Catharines, 2001
- Pell Family – Thomas Pell (1612 or 13–1669) was an English physician who bought the area known as Pelham, New York. He also bought the land that now includes the eastern Bronx and southern Westchester County, New York. He also founded the town of Westchester. His brother was the mathematician John Pell. Other prominent members of the family include U.S. Ambassador Herbert Pell and U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell.**
- 10.4 Biographical and genealogical information on the Pell Family – book excerpts
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- 10.8 Correspondence regarding the Pell Family, 2010-1011
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- 10.10 *Historic Pelham*, 2006-2007, 2010
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