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EMMERSON AND HODGSON RECORDS, 1837-1917

Provenance: John Emmerson and John T. Hodgson *Accession Number:* MCC:95-00111

Collection Title: Emmerson and Hodgson Records, 1837-1917

Date Range: 1837-1917

Shelf List Number: MICROFILM F65-70

Physical Characteristics/ Condition:

Quantity: 6 rolls

Vesicular 35 mm. positive-appearing microfilm

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Introduction. This finding aid provides information about the Acadian Archives' microfilm edition of the Emmerson and Hodgson Records. The original documents, consisting of 1 linear meter of volumes and papers, are deposited at the New Brunswick Museum by the Provincial preservations purposes. The Acadian Archives purchased its microfilm edition from the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Access. There are no restrictions on access to the microfilm edition of the Emmerson and Hodgson Records.

Historical Note. John Emmerson, born in 1801, operated a general store, trading post, and way station in Little Falls (Edmundston), New Brunswick. His operation was a commercial center in the northwestern part of the province, selling to local residents, supplying lumber camps, and outfitting fur traders and Boundary Commission agents. Upon Emmerson's death in 1867, his brother-in-law, John T. Hodgson, was named as agent for the Emmerson estate. Hodgson subsequently handled business matters until such time as John Emmerson's sons, Thomas and William, were capable of taking over. [The above information is derived from the finding aid created by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick]

Scope and Content Notes. The Emmerson and Hodgson Records consist mainly of business records relating to the Emmerson and Hodgson general store, trading post, and way station operation. Included are various record books which detail annual or daily accounts of credit journals and memorandum books, which provide information on individuals who have accounts with Emmerson and Hodgson. In addition there are journals which record the receipt and delivery of store and outfitting goods. A very limited amount of business correspondence is also included. The remaining records relate to other associations and responsibilities undertaken by the Emmerson family and John T. Hodgson. [The above information is derived from the finding aid created by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick]

Series Description. The microfilm edition is arranged into five series:

1. EMMERSON AND HODGSON GENERAL STORE RECORDS Rolls 1-6, items 1-27

Primarily store records for the period ca. 1842-1888:

- general journals (listing accounts receivable)
- memorandum books (listing receipts, expenditures, and outstanding charges)
- day books (listing daily business transactions)
- cash book
- miscellaneous accounts, receipts, and invoices
- correspondence relating to accounts
- record of store goods received, delivered
- account book of Elias Daigle (St-Hilaire, New Brunswick)
- Bytown and Montreal Telegraph Company articles of association

2. POST OFFICE ACCOUNT BOOK Rolls 6, item 28
Account book (Edmundston, N.B. area) of John T. Hodgson, postmaster, 1847-1873

3. VICTORIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY Roll 6, item 29
Treasurer's book, 1863-1865

4. EDMUNDSTON PARK DRIVING ASSOCIATION Roll 6, item 30
Minutes of meetings and list of shareholders, 1893

5. RECORDS RELATING TO LUMBERING AND SURVEYING Roll 6, items 31-32
-correspondence, bills, and agreements relating to lumber business, 1868-1880
-correspondence relating to surveying, 1904 and 1916-1917

Item-Level Inventory

ROLL 1 (two items)

1. General Journal C, 1851-68; most entries date 1851-1857 (indexed and paginated, 830+ pages)
2. General Journal D, 1856-1867; most entries date 1856-1864 (indexed and paginated, 849+ pages), pages 1-561 (continued on roll 2)

ROLL 2 (five items)

2. General Journal D, 1856-1867; most entries date 1856-1864 (indexed and paginated, 849+ pages), continued from ROLL 1, pages 562-end
3. General Journal L, 1873-1880; most entries date 1873-1878 (indexed and paginated, 414+ pages)

4. General Journal B, 1879-1881; most entries date 1879-1881 (no index, some pagination, 47+ pages:
5. Memorandum Book C, 1848-1864, 1868; most entries date 1848-1852 (indexed and paginated, pages 1-68 appear to be missing; 544+ pages)
6. Memorandum Book D, 1851-1864; most entries date 1851-1853 (indexed and paginated, 465+ pages)

Roll 3 (three items)

7. Memorandum Book F, 1853-1866; most entries date 1853-1857 (no index, paginated, 597+ pages)
8. Memorandum Book G, 1856-1866; most entries date 1856—1861 (indexed, paginated, 456+ pages)
9. Memorandum Book H, 1857-1867; most entries date 1858-1861 (indexed, paginated, 722+ pages)

Roll 4 (four items)

10. Memorandum Book I, 1864-1868; most entries date 1864-1866 (indexed, paginated, 550+ pages)
11. Memorandum Book J, 1866-1871; most entries date 1866-1867 (indexed, paginated, 425+ pages)
12. Day Book #8, 28 June 1871 – 2 March 1872 (no index, paginated, 382+ pages)
13. Day Book #9 [and Amounts Collected from J. T. Hodgson]; day book date range 2 March 1872 – 25 September 1872; monetary collections date range 25 September 1872-1885 (no index, paginated, 286+ pages)

Roll 5 (eleven items)

14. Day book [with ledger and memorandum entries]; day book date range 15 August 1873 – around 13 July 1874; ledger and memorandum entries date range 1874-1881; most entries date 1874-1878 (no index, paginated; ledger and memorandum entries begin pages 84; 446 pages)
15. Day Book #2, 19 February 1874 – 30 June 1876 (no index, paginated, 357 pages)
16. Day Book #4, 1877 [deterioration at top of book renders more detailed date range impossible] (no index, paginated, 67 pages)

17. Cash Book, 1902 (indexed, paginated [pages 40-277 missing; pages 1-39, 278-287 only])
18. Accounts, Receipts and Invoices, 1837-1883 (no index, 34 loose sheets)
19. Correspondence Relating to Store Accounts, 1844-1888 (no index, 40 loose sheets)
20. Store Goods Received Record Book, 1845-1873 (indexed, paginated, 129+ pages)
21. Store Goods Received Record Book, 1849-1959 (indexed, irregular pagination [pp. 1-226 followed by pp. 127-189])
22. Receipts and Invoices, 1853-1882 (no index, 25 loose sheets)
23. Store Goods Delivered Record Book, 1845-1869; most entries date 1845-1864 (indexed, paginated, 196 pages and 10 loose sheets)
24. Goods Delivered Record Book, 1879-1882 (no index, some pagination; appears incomplete, 12+ pages)

Roll 6 (seven items)

25. Account Book of Elias Daigle (St-Hilaire, N.B.), 1900-1902 (no index, paginated, 59 pages)
26. Bytown and Montreal Telegraph company, Articles of Association [1851] (unpaginated, 12 pages)
27. Post Office Account Book [Edmundston, N.B. area] 1847-1873 [flyleaf inscription suggests that John T. Hodgson was then Post Master for Little Falls, N.B.], (indexed, partially paginated, 124+ pages)
28. Victoria County Agricultural Society Treasurer's Book, 1863-1865 [includes membership list; entries suggest that John T. Hodgson was Society Treasurer] (no index, unpaginated, 46 pages)
29. Edmundston Park Driving Association, Minutes of Meetings, and List of Shareholders, 1893 [William Emmerson listed as Association Treasurer] (9 loose sheets)
30. Correspondence, Bills, and Agreements Relating to Lumber Business, 1868-1880 (8 loose sheets)
31. Correspondence Relating to Surveying, 1904 and 1916-1917 (3 loose sheets)