

CRUIKSHANK, ERNEST ALEXANDER, 1903-1940. ^{12 feet.} ~~11 feet, 4 inches.~~

The noted Canadian soldier and military historian, Ernest Alexander Cruikshank (1853-1939), was born in Bertie Township, Welland County in 1853. He attended St. Thomas Grammar School and Upper Canada College, from which he graduated with honours. For some years he devoted himself to newspaper and magazine work in the United States. He then returned to his birthplace and before long entered municipal affairs. Among the various offices that he held in Bertie Township and Fort Erie village were that of reeve of Fort Erie village and warden of Welland county. Subsequent appointive offices included that of police magistrate of Niagara Falls and surrounding district, which position he held from 1903-1908.

In 1877 Ernest Cruikshank became an ensign in the 44th "Welland" battalion of volunteer infantry. He became lieutenant colonel of that regiment in 1899. In 1908 Cruikshank was appointed keeper of the military documents in the Public Archives of Canada, but he resigned that position in 1911 to become a colonel on the permanent staff of the active militia. In 1915 he was promoted Brigadier General and in 1917 assigned to the Canadian front in France. After his return to Ottawa at the conclusion of hostilities he was appointed Director of the Historical section of the General Staff, which position he held until he retired in 1921.

General Cruikshank was one of the first appointees of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and was elected chairman at its first meeting. He continued during the remainder of his life to direct the activities of the Board.

Although extremely active in journalistic, municipal and military work from early manhood, General Cruikshank still found time to write many articles and to compile numerous histories. Among his more notable publications are: The Life of Sir Henry Morgan; A Memoir of Colonel The Honourable James Kerby: His Life in Letters; The Political Adventures of John Henry: The Record of an International Imbroglia; The Settlement of the United Empire Loyalists on the Upper St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte in 1784. A Documentary Record; and The Story of Butler's Rangers and the Settlement of Niagara. A detailed subject inventory is appended to the preliminary finding aid.

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Correspondence, 1909-1939. (Vol. 1) 4 inches.

Consists of letters received by General Cruikshank and copies of letters sent. Most of the letters pertain to publications of General Cruikshank's and are arranged in folders according to subject. Some, however, relate solely to the collection of genealogical information for papers and addresses and are therefore inserted in folders according to family. Of particular interest in the "miscellaneous correspondence" is a letter written by H.P. Biggar in which reference is made to Dr. Doughty and the

Public Archives. One letter is dated 1898.

Transcripts and Manuscripts, no date. (Vols. 2-²⁷~~26~~) 9 ^{10 feet}~~feet~~, ~~4~~ inches.

This series consists largely of notes and transcripts of material intended for use in projected publications and reports. Included with the notes and transcripts, however, are a few original letters and some manuscripts as well as a number of photographs and photostats.

Folders 1-28. Military History of Canada.

Transcripts of documents and correspondence pertaining to the development and operations of the military and naval forces of Canada, from 1763 to 1870. This section also includes draft narratives relating to Quebec and Lower Canada, 1784-1812, Upper Canada, 1792-1812, Nova Scotia, 1703-1814, Cape Breton, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, 1785-1815.

Folders 29-43. War of 1812.

This section is composed largely of transcripts having a bearing on the military and naval campaigns of the War of 1812 and operations of the Canadian militia. Included in the War of 1812 material is a manuscript relating to the campaigns on the Niagara, 1812-1814 and another entitled "The Negotiation of the Agreement for the Limitation of Armaments on the Great Lakes".

Folders 44-47. Lieutenant Governor Peter Hunter.

Transcripts of documents and correspondence relating to Lieutenant Governor Peter Hunter's administration of the government of Upper Canada, 1799-1804.

Folders 48-50. Colonel Alexander McKee.

Includes manuscripts of correspondence and documents and a manuscript describing the early life and military service of Colonel Alexander McKee.

Folders 51-54. Major General J.E.B. Stuart.

Includes a manuscript and a copy plus draft chapters on the life of Major General J.E.B. Stuart.

Folders 55-59. Butler's Rangers.

Consists solely of ^{transcripts} manuscripts of documents and correspondence relating to Butler's Rangers.

Folders 60-61. United Empire Loyalists.

An annotated documentary record of the progress and expansion of the settlements of the United Empire Loyalists on the Upper St. Lawrence River and the Bay of Quinte, 1785-1788.

Folders 62-64. Sir Henry Morgan.

Manuscript on the life of Sir Henry Morgan plus transcripts of documents and correspondence used in the biography.

There are also some photostats of old maps and a few photographs.

Folders 65-66. The Frasers of Edwardsburg.

A manuscript entitled "The Frasers of Edwardsburg. An Essay in Minor Biography and Local History". There are also transcripts of documents and correspondence intended for use in the narrative.

Folders 67-68. Lieutenant Colonel J.G. Simcoe.

Transcripts of documents and correspondence and photostats of letters.

Folder 69. Memorials of Fort Erie.

Manuscript and notes relating to Fort Erie and early navigation on Lake Erie.

Folder 70. The Meyers Family.

Manuscripts entitled "Captain John Walden Meyers, Partisan and Pioneer", and "The Meyers Family".

Folders 71-73. The Crooks Family.

Notes and transcripts pertaining to the Crooks Family plus photographs and photostats.

Folders 74-77. Miscellaneous Manuscripts and Transcripts.

Include, in addition to assorted, miscellaneous manuscripts, manuscripts and addresses on the subject of Mallorytown Landing and Lundy's Lane, and a handwritten history of William Claus by William Claus.

Military Papers, 1905-1920. (Vols. 27-30) 1 foot, 2 inches.

Includes papers and newspaper clippings relating to army manoeuvres in the United States, 1912, army camps at Niagara, 1905-1908, and Calgary, 1909-1912, and army manoeuvres in Europe, 1913. There are also several newspaper clippings having to do with the advent of the Great War. Further papers furnish Great War statistics, diary excerpts, reports and particulars concerning Canadian operations in 1918. A collection of military lectures covers such topics as sentries and patrols, camps of instruction, field training and tactical exercises, outposts, and training of despatch riders etc.

Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, 1939. (Vol. 30) 2 inches.

Folder comprises minutes, agendas, and reports of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada for the year 1939 plus a few original letters.

Miscellaneous, 1903-1940. (Vol. 31) 4 inches.

This box includes press clippings dealing with two publications- The Life of Sir Henry Morgan and The Political Adventures of John Henry and newspaper clippings relating to Brigadier General Cruikshank. In addition, there are miscellaneous clippings, lists, printed matter, bills, receipts, royalty statements, and ~~maps, mostly~~ of ~~a military nature~~. One clipping is dated 1805.

LIST OF FOLDERS

CRUIKSHANK PAPERS. (M. G. 30, D 37)

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Military History of Canada

1. Draft Narrative, Quebec and Lower Canada, 1784-1812
2. " " , Lower Canada, 1802-1812
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4. Upper Canada, 1792-1812
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- 7-8. Transcripts, Canada, 1775-1807
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14. Transcripts, Lower Canada, June-December, 1813
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16. Transcripts, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P.E.Island, 1784-1812
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21. Transcripts, Upper Canada, 1836-1837
22. Transcripts, Upper Canada, January and February, 1838
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24. Transcripts, Upper Canada, June and July, 1838
25. Transcripts, Upper Canada, August-December, 1838
26. Transcripts, Upper Canada, January, 1839
27. Transcripts, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island,
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28. Transcripts, Canada, 1842-1870

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29. Transcripts, War of 1812-Militia
30. Transcripts, War of 1812 - 1813-1815
31. Notes War of 1812
32. Transcripts, War on the Niagara, 1814
33. Transcripts, Naval Hostilities, 1813-1814
34. Transcripts, Niagara Frontier, Lake Ontario & St. Lawrence
March 1811 - 30 October, 1813
River, June 14 - October 30, 1814
35. Transcripts, Operations on the Niagara, Lakes Erie and Huron
and the Western Country, January 1, 1813 - Sept. 26, 1814

36. Assorted Transcripts
37. Transcripts, Lower Canada, October, 1813 - September, 1814
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December, 1813
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42. Mss. The War of 1812-1814 and the negotiation of the agreement
for the Limitation of Armaments on the Great Lakes
43. Ms#. The Campaigns on the Niagara, 1812-1814

Lieut. Governor Peter Hunter

44. Transcripts, Correspondence and allied documents relating to
his administration of the government of Upper Canada, 1799-1801
45. Transcripts, Correspondence and allied documents relating to
his administration of the government of Upper Canada, 1802-1803
46. Transcripts, Correspondence and allied documents relating to
his administration of the government of Upper Canada, 1803-1804
47. Transcripts, Correspondence and allied documents relating to
his administration of the government of Upper Canada, 1804-1805

Colonel Alexander McKee

48. Ms#. Early Life and Military Service
49. Transcripts, Correspondence, Documents
50. " " "

Major General J.E.B. Stuart

51. Ms#. The Life of Major General J.E.B. Stuart

52. Ms\$. The Life of Major General J.E.B. Stuart, carbon copy

53. Draft chapters

54. " "

Butler's Rangers

55. Transcripts, Correspondence and Documents

56. " " " "

57. " " " "

58. " " " "

59. " " " "

United Empire Loyalists

60. Transcripts, Documents and Correspondence

61. " " " "

Sir Henry Morgan

62. Ms\$. The Life of Sir Henry Morgan

63. Transcripts, Documents

64. Photostats, Photographs

The Frasers of Edwardsburg

65. Ms\$. The Frasers of Edwardsburg. An Essay In Minor Biography
and Local History

66. Transcripts and Correspondence

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Memorials of Fort Erie

69. Ms\$. and Notes re. Memorials of Fort Erie and Early Navigation
on Lake Erie

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Military Papers

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79. " " " " " " " " " "
80. Scrap-book relating to camps at Niagara, 1905-1908, and Calgary,
1909-1912
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90. Lists, Printed Matter

91. Printed Material

92. Bills, receipts, royalty statements

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