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Summary information

Repository: Nova Scotia Archives
Title: Richey family fonds
ID: Accession 2011-028
Date: 1809-1888 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Rev. Matthew Richey was born 25 May 1803 in Ramelton, County Donegal, Ireland. He was a Wesleyan minister who immigrated to Nova Scotia. He earned an MA degree from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut in 1836 and was awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity from the same institution in 1847. Matthew Richey married Louisa Matilda Nicholls on 31 July 1825 and had the following children: Mary Augusta, b. 11 August 1826; Matthew Henry - b. 10 June 1828; Matilda - b. 13 May 1830; Louisa Matilda - b. 12 January 1833; James Arnimus - b. 3 July 1837; Theophilus Stinson - b. 11 May 1840; William Black - b. 17 April 1846. Rev. Richey died in 1883 at Government House in Halifax while his son was serving as Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Matthew Henry Richey was born on 10 June 1828 at Windsor, Nova Scotia, the son of Rev. Matthew and Louisa M. (Nicholls) Richey. He was educated at the College School in Windsor as well as Upper Canada College in Ontario. He was called to the bar in 1850 and practiced law in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He married Sarah Lavina Anderson in June 1854. He served as an alderman on the Halifax City Council (1858-1864) and was twice elected mayor (1864-1867, 1875-1878). He was a member of the first board of School Commissioners for Halifax when the public school system was introduced by the Government of Nova Scotia. Richey was a Conservative politician and in 1878 was elected to the Canadian Parliament, where he served until 20 June 1882. On 4 July 1883 he was appointed the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and served a five year term. He died on 21 February 1911.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of letters from Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald and his wife Agnes to Matthew Henry Richey and his wife Sarah. There is also a draft letter of thanks from Richey to the Prime Minister as he neared the end of his term as Lieutenant Governor. Fonds also includes a common place book compiled by Louisa M. Richey, which was used to record details about the family, transcriptions of correspondence, genealogical information, and poetry.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Mrs. Alice Love in 2011.

Alternative form available

Researchers should use the photocopies of the correspondence.

Restrictions on access

Access to the original correspondence is restricted for conservation reasons.

Finding aids

"File / item list is attached.":<https://novascotia.ca/archives/lists/richey-family-fonds.pdf>

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Physical description:** Includes: 1 volume, 11 leaves, 1 envelope of textual records. Some of the pages have been removed from the common place book and the binding is therefore in a fragile condition.

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2011-028/001	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey	26 June 1883		
2011-028/002	Item - Correspondence: Note from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey (written at Riviere du Loup, Quebec)	21 August 1883		

2011-028/003	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey (written at Riviere du Loup, Quebec)	29 July 1884
2011-028/004	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey	18 August 1884
2011-028/005	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey	14 May 1886
2011-028/006	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Matthew Richey to Sir John A. Macdonald	27 May 1886
2011-028/007	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey	23 March 1888
2011-028/008	Item - Correspondence: Draft of a letter from Matthew Richey to Sir John A. Macdonald	7 June 1888
2011-028/009	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Sir John A. Macdonald to Matthew Richey	13 June 1888
2011-028/010	Item - Correspondence: Letter from Agnes Macdonald to Mrs. Richey	28 December [18--?]
2011-028/011	Item - Common place book I: M. Ritchie [sic] Com. Place book I	18--
2011-028/011	Item - Marriage certification for Isaac Praul and Mary Redstone issued by Rev. John McClaskey on 24 May 1870.	24 May 1870
2011-028/011	Item - Telegram relayed to Mr. Richey advising that Mrs. Praul had died that morning dated 12 February (1850?)	12 February (1850?)
2011-028/011	Item - Appointment of Henry Redstone as an elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York signed by William McKendree on 10 May 1809.	
2011-028/011	Item - Clipping from the New York Albion entitled "Old Letters"	
2011-028/011	Item - Mrs. Richey at home invitation	
2011-028/011	Item - Details of the marriage of Rev. Matthew Richey, Wesleyan Minister, to Louisa M. Nicholls on 31 July 1825 and a list of their offspring	1825
2011-028/011	Item - Clipping about Rev. Dr. Richey's Discourse to the Young	
2011-028/011	Item - Cardiphonia - letters & poems. -	1827
2011-028/011	Item - Introductory note by Louisa Richey	
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter dated 17 September 1824 at Windsor, Nova Scotia from Matthew Richey to Louisa	1824
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of an incomplete letter dated 16 June 1825 at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia from Matthew Richey to Louisa	1825
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter dated 27 June 1825 at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia from Matthew Richey to Louisa	1825

2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter dated 4 July 1825 at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia from Matthew Richey to Louisa	1825
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of an incomplete letter dated 7 July 182- at Parrsboro, Nova Scotia from Matthew Richey to Louisa	182-
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of an incomplete letter from Matthew Richey to Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poetry by Matthew Richey (title page)	
2011-028/011	Item - Common place book I: M. Ritchie [sic] Com. Place book I	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "On creation"	
2011-028/011	Item - Poems - conclusion of "On creation" and poem "An acrostic"	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The call of Abraham"	
2011-028/011	Item - Conclusion of poem entitled "The call of Abraham" and an epitaph on Mr. Isaac Praul - late of Windsor	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "An elegy suggested by seeing Louisa weep"	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Answer to a Hymn styled the three missionaries parting"	
2011-028/011	Item - Conclusion of "Answer to a Hymn styled the three missionaries parting" and Original lines written in a hymn book present by Matthew Richey to his beloved consort, Louisa M. Richey.	
2011-028/011	Item - Lines on the death of Matilda who departed this life November 6, 1832 aged two years and six months.	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Halifax 1856" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Cobourg Academy" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "On the death of a friend" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "A prayer" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "To my infant daughter Mary Augusta Richey" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Cobourg Academy - on being promised an Aeolian harp" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem written on the expected arrival of my dear consort after an absence of four weeks by Louisa.	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Love" by Louisa.	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Death" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Cobourg Academy 1838"	

2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Cobourg 1836" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Heaven"	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "To my Saviour" by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Lines supposed to have been written by Mrs. Mary Praul	
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Redstone to her father.	2 May 1805
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Louise to Rev. Henry Redstone.	
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Rev. Sir.	19 March 1828
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Louisa.	21 July 1828
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Mrs. Richey.	4 January 1833
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Louisa.	5 July 1830
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Louisa Richey.	15 August 1830
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to my dear friend.	1 September 1830
2011-028/011	Item - Note to ministers or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America.	
2011-028/011	Item - Affixed letter from Samuel Bradburn to the brethren.	9 June 1802
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to Louisa.	
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Louisa Richey's grandfather, Henry Redstone, of Cork, Ireland to his sister.	10 January 1813
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary Redstone to her daughter, Mary.	20 May 1816
2011-028/011	Item - Post script of a letter from Henry Redstone to his daughter, Mary.	
2011-028/011	Item - Affixed letter from M. Praul to her mother, Mary Redstone, of New York.	13 July 1826
2011-028/011	Item - Verses by Henry Redstone	
2011-028/011	Item - Lines written during a voyage of ten weeks by Louisa	
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "An Acrostic"	
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2011-028/011	Item - Hymns by H.R. (Henry Redstone?)	
2011-028/011	Item - Entries copied from Mrs. Praul's diary. - 1827-1830.	1827
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to her mother	1 August 1816
2011-028/011	Item - Hymns by Henry Redstone transcribed by his grand-daughter, Louisa.	

2011-028/011	Item - Acrosticks by the Rev. Henry Redstone.
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of a letter from Mary V. Praul to her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redstone.
2011-028/011	Item - Lines penned by Matilda Richey at age 15 transcribed by her mother, Louisa
2011-028/011	Item - A poetical note by Rev. Dr. Richey. - referencing Rev. Dr. Little of Kingston, U.C. (Upper Canada). 14 April 1845
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Matthew Henry Richey?.
2011-028/011	Item - Transcription of an incomplete letter from Matthew Richey to Rev. George Osborn.
2011-028/011	Item - A repository of select words and phrases.
2011-028/011	Item - Pieces selected from different authors by Louisa M. Richey
2011-028/011	Item - Select pieces by different authors
2011-028/011	Item - The composition of a young lady residing in Windsor, Nova Scotia to my dear grandmother on her 80th birthday.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Consumption"
2011-028/011	Item - Poem by Lord Byron to his infant daughter.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Matthew.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Prayer" by James Montgomery.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Jane Taylor.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Let me go home"
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "To a mother on the death of a lovely child"
2011-028/011	Item - Poems by Wordsworth and Hughes.
2011-028/011	Item - Unattributed poetry
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem attributed to Young.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The invitation accepted"
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The prodigal welcome accepted in the Beloved"
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Jesus wept"
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poems by Young.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Blessed is the man whom thou chasteneth" by Sir Robert Grant, later Governor General of India, and brother of Lord Glenelg.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Young.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "And there was Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher (Matthew 27:61) by Jay.
2011-028/011	Item - Discussion about the double negative in the English language.

2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The destruction of Sennacherib" by Lord Byron.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The hermit" by Dr. Beattie.
2011-028/011	Item - Unattributed poem entitled "The widow of Nain"
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by William Cowper.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled and unattributed poem.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Thomson.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Be kind to thy mother" by M.W.T.
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Prayer" by Montomgery
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2011-028/011	Item - A Moorish ballad entitled "Alcanzor and Zaickt"
2011-028/011	Item - An untitled poem attributed to Philip Sidney
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "The victim of the inquisition"
2011-028/011	Item - Note by M. Richey beginning with "Self denial is the foundation of all true excellence of character" - an illustration of the preceding maxim.
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poems by Young and William Cowper
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Young
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem by Wilson
2011-028/011	Item - Poem entitled "Abide in me, and I in you: The souls answer" by Mrs. Stowe
2011-028/011	Item - Untitled poem