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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Sir Frederick Haldimand (1718-91) served in the British military in North America, participating in the Seven Years' War (1754-63) and the American Revolution (1775-1783). From 1778 to 1786, he served as Governor of the Province of Quebec. The collection consists of his papers documenting events in North America, beginning with the Seven Years' War and ending with settlement of the Loyalists after the American Revolution. Included is correspondence with British military figures, as well as various governors and lieutenant governors. Also included are records relating to Indian affairs, civil government, Loyalists, explorations, military affairs, secret intelligence, state prisoners and personal papers. The papers regarding Americans rebels in British custody are part of the specific series "Papers and Correspondence Relating to Rebel Prisoners, 1778-1783."¹

CUSTODIAL HISTORY

The original Haldimand Papers were presented to the British Library (formerly British Museum) in 1857 by Haldimand's great-nephew, William Haldimand (1784-1862). From 1879 to 1888, the National Archives of Canada transcribed the Haldimand Papers. From 1914 to 1931, the transcriptions were transferred to Ottawa and were organized into volumes B-1 to B-232. Between 1962 and 1969, the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) obtained microfilmed copies of the original papers. The original papers are currently archived at the British Library. The transcribed manuscripts and microfilms of the original papers are held the LAC.²

Researcher's Note: The following sources were accurate as of February 2019. Not all microfilmed collections at all repositories are complete for the full content of the original manuscripts and each should be evaluated individually for its scope and content. The sources citations should also be modified and truncated to reflect whatever information is current to the date you access the records. I did not shorten subsequent reference notes so you can more easily access the detailed information for a given source.

¹ "Haldimand Papers," *Héritage* (http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_105513 : accessed 25 February 2019).

² "Haldimand Papers," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca> > English > Search the Collection > Archives search > Advanced > Haldimand Papers > Hierarchical level: Fonds/Collections : accessed 25 February 2019).

FORMAT, REPOSITORIES, AND CATALOG DETAIL

This section describes media formats of the collection, as well as where each are archived. Additional catalog information can be found in the footnotes.

| FORMAT | REPOSITORY | CATALOG DETAIL |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Original Manuscripts | British Library, London | <i>Full Collection</i> BL Add MSS 21661–21892 (232 volumes) ³ |
| Microfilmed Manuscripts | World Microfilm Publications | <i>Full Collection</i> Ref: HAL (115 reels) ⁴ |
| Microfilmed Manuscripts | Library and Archives Canada | <i>Full Collection</i> Reels A-609 to A-618, A-661 to A-671, A-677 to A-692, A-735 to A-754, and A-760 to A-780. (78 reels comprising original and transcribed records) ⁵ |
| Microfilmed Manuscripts | Archives of Ontario | <i>Partial Collection</i> WMP reel #'s: 5, 12, 23, 29–33; 35–52, 54–57, 76, 78, 80–85, 97, 99, 102–105, and 109–114. (50 reels) ⁶ |
| Microfilmed Manuscripts | Brock University (Ontario) | <i>Full Collection</i> Call Number FC 411 H34 S57 1977 (115 reels) ⁷ |
| Handwritten Transcriptions | Library and Archives Canada | <i>Full Collection</i> Transcript volume numbers B-1 to B-232 (11.7m of textual records) ⁸ |

³ "The Official Correspondence and Papers of Lieut.- General Sir Frederick Haldimand, K. B., Commanding at Various Posts in North America, and Afterwards Governor of the Province of Quebec; 1758-1784," *The British Library* (<http://searcharchives.bl.uk> > search : accessed 25 February 2019), Add MS 21661–21892, 232 volumes.

⁴ "Sir Frederick Haldimand: Unpublished Papers and Correspondence 1758–84," *World Microfilms* (<http://www.worldmicrofilms.co.uk> > microfilms > North American Studies : accessed 25 February 2019), detail for microfilmed original manuscripts archived at the British Library (London), BL Add MS 21661-21892, 115 reels. Purchase of collection or individual rolls is available. The price of single reel 93 is £140 + £9.50 [as of 2015].

⁵ "Haldimand Papers," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca> > English > Search the Collection > Archives search > Advanced > Haldimand Papers > Hierarchical level: Fonds/Collections : accessed 25 February 2019), archival reference no. R11231-0-1-E, 78 reels. Formerly listed as archival reference MG21. Nine pages of original records are also located in a separate collection under call number MG23 G II 22.

⁶ "Frederick Haldimand Diffusion Material," *Archives of Ontario* (<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca> > Accessing Our Collection > Archives Descriptive Database > Frederick Haldimand diffusion material : accessed 26 February 2019), 50 reels. Consult finding aid "Inventory D7" in the Reading Room for more details.

⁷ "Sir Frederick Haldimand: Unpublished Papers and Correspondence, 1758-1784," *Brock University Library* (<http://catalogue.library.brocku.ca> > search > keyword : accessed 26 February 2019), call no. FC 411 H34 S57, 115 reels. Those volumes which relate primarily to Loyalists have been extracted and published as "Haldimand Papers, Loyalist volumes [microform]" found at FC 411 H34 S575 1969.

⁸ "Haldimand Papers," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca> > English > Search the Collection > Archives search > Advanced > Haldimand Papers > Hierarchical level: Fonds/Collections : accessed 25 February 2019), B-1 to B-232, 11.7m of textual records. The transcripts have been withdrawn from circulation. Researchers are required to consult the microfilm of the transcripts.

| FORMAT | REPOSITORY | CATALOG DETAIL |
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| Microfilmed Transcriptions | Library and Archives Canada | <i>Full Collection</i> Reels H-1428 to H-1455, H-1649 to H-1655, H-1685, H-1736 to H-1745, C-1475, and C-4652 ⁹ |
| Digital Images of Transcriptions | <i>Héritage</i> website | <i>Full Collection</i> H and C series as above (48 reels) ¹⁰ |

⁹ "Haldimand Papers," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca> > English > Search the Collection > Archives search > Advanced > Haldimand Papers > Hierarchical level: Fonds/Collections : accessed 25 February 2019), H and C series, 45 reels.

¹⁰ "Haldimand Papers," *Héritage* (http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_105513 : accessed 25 February 2019), 48 reels. Permanent link.

SCOPE AND USE: ONLINE IMAGES OF MICROFILMED TRANSCRIPTIONS

Using an example of a series within the collection: "*Papers and Correspondence Relating to Rebel Prisoners, 1778-1783*"

Source List Entry:

"Haldimand Papers." Images. *Héritage*. <http://heritage.canadiana.ca> : 2019.

Full Reference Note:

"Haldimand Papers," *Héritage* (http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/ocihm.lac_mikan_105513 : accessed 26 February 2019), digital images, "Papers and Correspondence Relating to Rebel Prisoners, 1778-1783," reel H-1738, image 65, entry for John Gibson; citing LAC volume B-183, WMP reel 93, and BL Add MS 21843; crediting "Haldimand Papers, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa." Permanent link.

The digitized microfilmed transcriptions of the entire collection are viewable on *Héritage*, a website that has partnered with the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) to provide online images of archived manuscripts. To the best of my knowledge, the digital collection represents the complete collection of handwritten transcriptions held by the LAC. Please refer to the finding aids listed at the end of this report for sources containing searchable abstracts and transcriptions.

"Papers and Correspondence Relating to Rebel Prisoners, 1778-1783" (reel H-1738) includes transcriptions of specific papers and correspondence relating to American prisoners from 1778-1783. This series comprises returns and petitions of prisoners, drafts of letters from General Haldimand, and letters from officers and prisoners. The entries are not indexed but are arranged chronologically. The handwriting is often difficult to read but the images are good. Each image is clearly labeled and sourced. Please note that the series begins at image 64.

This particular series within the larger collection is useful for genealogists interested in researching not only individuals but also in understanding the general experiences of prisoners taken by the British during the American Revolution. In particular, the letters contain invaluable insight into how the British and Patriot officers related to one another and how they applied the rules of war that were specific to that conflict. It is recommended that the original documents [on WMP microfilm] be evaluated, as there is the possibility that information is missing or was incorrectly transcribed.¹¹

NOTE: When citing the image copies of the transcribed Haldimand Papers, the citation should contain the original document's Add MSS number and microfilmed reel number, as well as the B-series volume number.

¹¹ This researcher discovered incorrectly transcribed prisoner names when conducting client research.

COLLECTION FINDING AIDS

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Brymner, Douglas, Archivist. *Report on Canadian Archives (1885)*. Ottawa: Maclean, Roger & Company, 1885. Calendar of Haldimand Papers, specifically B14–60. Abstracts of transcriptions made by the Canadian government.

Brymner, Douglas, Archivist. *Report on Canadian Archives (1886)*. Ottawa: Maclean, Roger & Company, 1887. Calendar of Haldimand Papers, specifically B61–B105. Abstracts of transcriptions made by the Canadian government.

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Brymner, Douglas, Archivist. *Report on Canadian Archives (1888)*. Ottawa: Maclean, Roger & Company, 1889. Calendar of Haldimand Papers, specifically B149–B207. Abstracts of transcriptions made by the Canadian government.

Brymner, Douglas, Archivist. *Report on Canadian Archives (1889)*. Ottawa: Maclean, Roger & Company, 1890. Calendar of Haldimand Papers, specifically B207–B232. Abstracts of transcriptions made by the Canadian government.

McHenry, Chris, compiler. *Rebel Prisoners at Quebec, 1778–1783: Being a List of Rebel Prisoners Held by the British During the Revolutionary War*. Lawrenceburg, Indiana: C. McHenry, 1981. Includes index. Also available on FHL microfilm 6,048,308. This compilation is a slightly abridged transcript from BL Add MS 21,843 (original manuscript at British Library). Missing in this compilation are "H" surnames in the every-name index and ration allocations listed in a few of the prisoner lists.

Pétrin, Guylaine. "Haldimand Papers Conversion List." *Rootsweb*. <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~saylormowbray/haldimandchart.pdf>, 2014. Provides a chart for converting between the manuscript collection numbers of the original papers, the reel numbers of the microfilmed original papers, the series volume numbers of the original transcriptions, and the reel numbers of the microfilmed transcriptions.

"Sir Frederick Haldimand: Unpublished Papers and Correspondence 1758–84." *Center for Research Libraries*. <http://catalog.crl.edu>, 2015. Contains a detailed list of the British Library manuscript collection contents and the corresponding microfilm reels created by World Microfilms Publications, London.