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**KINGS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
(GRAND PRE, KINGS CO., NS) FONDS
Accession 1900.119-KAS**



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Kings County Agricultural Society (Grand Pre, Kings Co., NS) fonds. – [textual records]. – 1789-1907, 1939. – 15cm of textual records

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1. Minutes and related. – 1789-1907. – 15cm of textual records

Series contains minutes, financials, and membership of the Society. An index of the Society's motions is included

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included

File List

1900.119-KAS/1 minutes (1789-1849) includes [the articles of association](#), the signatures of the original members, and some financial information

1900.119-KAS/2 minutes (1850-1875) entitled "Record of the Proceedings of the Kings County Agricultural Society Containing A list of the Members Dates of the Admission And Withdrawal Since 1837. Also The Society's Annual Accounts And the Accounts of the Several Members Vol.2 1850"

1900.119-KAS/3 minutes and accounts (1876-1893) containing three sections. First section with label "Financial Accounts of the Kings Co. Agricultural Society" includes financials from 1876-1893. Second section includes accounts for individuals, providing names, from 1877-1893. Third section with label "Records of the Kings Co. Agricultural Society" includes a list of members, minutes from 1876-1892, and newspaper clippings

1900.119-KAS/4 o/s minutes and accounts (1893-1907) containing financials from 1893-1907, accounts for individuals from 1893-1898, list of names from the original minutes of 1789, and minutes 1894-1907

1900.119-KAS/5 index [[1851] of motions made by the Society between 1790 and 1851

2. Speech. – [1939]. – less than 1cm of textual records

Series contains a speech given by the Minister of Agriculture

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File list included

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1900.119-KAS/6 [manuscript](#) [1939] of speech given by Minister of Agriculture at 150th anniversary of Society and outlining the history of the Society. Although the manuscript does not indicate the name of the Minister, it is likely the speech given by John Alexander McDonald, who was the NS Minister of Agriculture from 1933 to 1945 and whose constituency was Kings County, NS

Administrative History

The Kings County Agricultural Society formed in 1789. The Society's mission was for "the better improvement of Husbandry, encouragement of Manufactories, cultivation of social Virtue, acquirement of useful Knowledge and to promote the good Order and Well Being of the Community to which we belong." Meetings were first held in Horton but by 1843, branches of the Society existed in Horton, Cornwallis, and Aylesford. A.W.H. Eaton wrote that the Society had celebrated its centennial in 1889 and was still active at the turn on the 20th century. In keeping with their mandate, the Society's activities included appointing inspectors for beef cattle, testing new crops, experimenting in new fertilization methods, holding fairs, establishing Sunday school, building a library collection, and making social reform recommendations.

Custodial History

A.W.H. Eaton had obviously seen the records prior to publishing *The History of King's County* in 1910. On page 191, he makes a direct reference to the minute books. Other evidence suggests that these records may have been in the possession of W. C. Milner or L. H. Curry, of Hortonville, NS. Certainly, at the time of the Minister of Agriculture's speech in 1939, Mr. Dennison had possession of these records.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of two series which document the activities of the Society:

1. Minutes and related (1789-1907)
2. Speech [1939]

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds.

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Many of the names listed as members are those of Planter families

See also Annie M. Stuart accession 1900.127-STU/1 for a brief history of the Society

See also [The History of King's County](#) by A.W.H. Eaton [SPCOLL FC2345 .K52E28]

Related records in the Bridgetown Agricultural Society accession 1900.354-BAS

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Kings County Agricultural Society (Grand Pre, Kings Co., NS)

Agriculture--History (Kings Co., NS)

Business records--History (Grand Pre, NS)

Planters--Nova Scotia--History--18th century

McDonald, John A. (1889-1962)