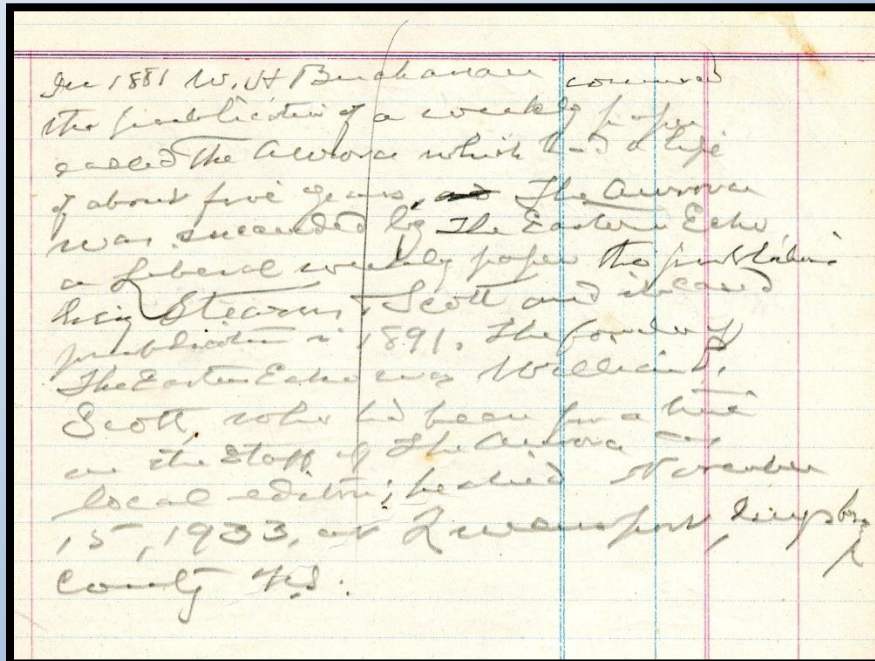


DAVID G. WHIDDEN FONDS

Accession 1900.013-WHI



Jan 1881 W. H. Buchanan commenced
the publication of a weekly paper
called the Aurora which had a life
of about five years, and the Aurora
was succeeded by the Eastern Echo
a liberal weekly paper the publisher
being Stearns, Scott and I heard
publication in 1891. The founder of
the Eastern Echo was Willard
Scott, who had been for a time
on the staff of the Aurora as
local editor; he died November
15, 1933, at Quaco, York County, N.D.

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David G. Whidden fonds. – [textual records]. – 1867-1941. – 2 boxes of textual records

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1. Genealogical research papers. – 1897, 1920-1941. – 46 folders

Series contains correspondence with various families and compilations of family histories. Family names found all over Nova Scotia are included.

Note:

Supplied title based on contents of series

Correspondence is filed chronologically. The index in the accompanying material is done by subject/family rather than by the correspondents or the date

Family history compilations are filed alphabetically

File list included

File List

Correspondence

- 1900.013-WHI/1 correspondence (1897)
- 1900.013-WHI/2 correspondence (1920-1929)
- 1900.013-WHI/3 correspondence (1930)
- 1900.013-WHI/4 correspondence (1931)
- 1900.013-WHI/5 correspondence (1932)
- 1900.013-WHI/6 correspondence (1933 January – July)
- 1900.013-WHI/7 correspondence (1933 August – December)
- 1900.013-WHI/8 correspondence (1934 January – April)
- 1900.013-WHI/9 correspondence (1934 May – December)
- 1900.013-WHI/10 correspondence (1935 January – September)
- 1900.013-WHI/11 correspondence (1935 October – December)
- 1900.013-WHI/12 correspondence (1936)
- 1900.013-WHI/13 correspondence (1937)
- 1900.013-WHI/14 correspondence (1938)
- 1900.013-WHI/15 correspondence (1939 January – March)
- 1900.013-WHI/16 correspondence (1939 April – December)
- 1900.013-WHI/17 correspondence (1940)
- 1900.013-WHI/18 correspondence (1941)
- 1900.013-WHI/19 correspondence, undated [19--]

Family history compilations

- 1900.013-WHI/20 Atkins [19--] entitled “The Atkins Family of Port Medway, Nova Scotia”
- 1900.013-WHI/21 Bishop [19--] entitled “The Horton Bishops”
- 1900.013-WHI/22 Bigelow [19--]
- 1900.013-WHI/23 Blanchard [19--]

- 1900.013-WHI/24 Borden [19--]
1900.013-WHI/25 Calkin ([19--], 1939) entitled "The Cornwallis Calkins" and "An Abridged Family Record of the Calkins of Kings County, Nova Scotia (1939)"
1900.013-WHI/26 Chisholm [19--]
1900.013-WHI/27 Cleveland [19--]
1900.013-WHI/28 DeWolf [19--]
1900.013-WHI/29 Dexter [19--] entitled "The Dexter Family"
1900.013-WHI/30 Dodge [19--], includes Nichols and Ruggles
1900.013-WHI/31 Elderkin (1933) entitled "Family Record of Alexander Robert Stirling The Elderkin Line"
1900.013-WHI/32 Gesner [19--]
1900.013-WHI/33 Johnson [19--]
1900.013-WHI/34 King [19--]
1900.013-WHI/35 Kirk [19--] entitled "Genealogical History of Family of Adam Kirk of Antigonish"
1900.013-WHI/36 Lindsey [19--]
1900.013-WHI/37 Longfellow [19--]
1900.013-WHI/38 MacDonald [19--] entitled "MacDonalds of Eгнаig, Moidart, Scotland (MacRuaries of Bailey's Brook and Antigonish)"
1900.013-WHI/39 Marshall [19--]
1900.013-WHI/40 Pick [19--] entitled "The Horton Picks"
1900.013-WHI/41 Randall [19--] entitled "Randall Family"
1900.013-WHI/42 Symonds [19--]
1900.013-WHI/43 Whidden [19--] including corrections for genealogical sketches of Antigonish Whiddens
1900.013-WHI/44 Whitman [19--]
1900.013-WHI/45 Witter [19--]
1900.013-WHI/46 Woodbury [19--] includes Ruggles

2. Historical research papers. – 1867, [19--], 1910-1911. – 24 folders

Series contains research notes and articles on various historical topics about Nova Scotia.

Note:

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File list included

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1900.013-WHI/47 Historical articles written by Whidden [19--], specifically

- Mystery of the Brigatine Brazil
- The August gale (24 August 1873)
- Grand Pre Seminary
- Errors in history
- Wolfville division, no. 112, Sons of Temperance
- Looking back, in Wolfville
- Halifax fire of 1861
- Our responsibility (paper read at Horton Collegiate Academy reunion, 4 May 1937)
- Jean Dickenson, a Canadian
- Horton Academy one hundred years ago
- Nova Scotia's governors and lieut. Governors

1900.013-WHI/48 notes (holograph) [19--]

1900.013-WHI/49 notes (holograph) [19--]

1900.013-WHI/50 notes [19--]

1900.013-WHI/51 newsclippings [19--]

1900.013-WHI/52 lectures (1910-1911) concerning milk

1900.013-WHI/53 minutes (1875) for Alert Cricket Club, Antigonish

1900.013-WHI/54 letter (1867 January 9) from John M. Scott to an unknown recipient in Windsor, NS, concerns Windsor events and people

1900.013-WHI/55 notes [19--], handwritten in a booklet labeled "1", includes article transcripts and notes on families

1900.013-WHI/56 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled "2", includes article transcripts and notes on families

1900.013-WHI/57 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled "3", includes article transcripts and notes on families

1900.013-WHI/58 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled "4", includes article transcripts and notes on families

1900.013-WHI/59 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled "4", includes articles transcripts and notes on families

1900.013-WHI/60 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled "5", includes historical notes on a variety of topics

- 1900.013-WHI/61 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “6”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics
- 1900.013-WHI/62 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “7”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics
- 1900.013-WHI/63 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “8”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics
- 1900.013-WHI/64 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “9”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics and individuals
- 1900.013-WHI/65 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “11”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics
- 1900.013-WHI/66 ledger, minutes, and notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “12”, includes ledger notations for an unidentified business, minutes and constitution for a Lodge, and historical notes on a variety of topics
- 1900.013-WHI/67 notes, clippings, and ledger [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “13”, includes historical notes and clippings on a variety of topics and a ledger for an unidentified business (possibly the Sweet Milk Condensing Company)
- 1900.013-WHI/68 notes [19--], handwritten in booklet labeled “White Without Weakening”, includes historical notes on a variety of topics and ledger entries
- 1900.013-WHI/69 notes [19--], handwritten in address booklet, includes addresses and inserted notes

3. Personal papers. – [19--], 1923, 1939. – 1 folder

Series contains personal papers of David G. Whidden and do not seem to be related to any other documents in the fonds.

Note:

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- 1900.013-WHI/70 personal papers ([19--], 1923, 1939) includes letter from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia appointing Whidden as Stipendiary Magistrate in Wolfville (1923), Whidden’s finding of the Magistrate [19--] incomplete, and a certificate from the Lodge of St. Mark (1939)

Administrative History

David Graham Whidden, 1857-1941, was born in Antigonish, N.S., later settling in Wolfville. In his early years he was a widely travelled entrepreneur and later in life a fruit farmer in Wolfville. Whidden was the Stipendiary Magistrate for Town of Wolfville in 1923 and was involved with the Sweet Milk Condensing Company. He was extremely interested in the history of Nova Scotia and in the genealogical background of its early settlers. Of particular interest to him was the Antigonish area. Whidden contributed numerous articles to various newspapers and wrote a few books.

In 1880, Whidden married Lois Bigelow in the Wolfville Baptist Church. Lois was the daughter of J.W. Bigelow who had come to Wolfville from Canso circa 1869.

Custodial History

Unknown

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of the research and personal papers of David G. Whidden, mostly relating to his genealogical research. The fonds consists of three series:

1. Genealogical research papers, including correspondence and family compilations
2. Historical research papers
3. Personal papers

Notes

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Accompanying material: 1900.013-WHI/71 original index, with dates of correspondence and family names researched. The material was listed by David Drake.

See also David G. Whidden, Genealogical record of the Antigonish Whiddens and a brief historical outline of the province of Nova Scotia and of the county and town of Antigonish. Wolfville, 1930 [SPDEN]

See also David G. Whidden, The history of the town of Antigonish. Antigonish: Antigonish Casket, 1934 [SPDEN]

See also David G. Whidden, Nova Scotia's telegraphs, landlines and cables. Wolfville: Wolfville Acadia, 1938 [SPCOLL]

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