

P088 Buchanan Family fonds
1888-1979
37 cm of textual records and 70 photographs

Biographical sketch: George Edmund Buchanan (1875-1941) and Elizabeth Frances (Lilla) Clarke (1878-1973) were married in Pembroke, Ontario in 1916. They lived their entire married life together in the city of Sudbury. George Buchanan had been a resident of Sudbury since 1901, following his graduation from Osgoode Law School in 1900. He was a partner of Crown Attorney J. H. Clary until the partnership was dissolved in 1912. In 1905, Buchanan was hired as the local solicitor for the International Nickel Company (INCO), and he was retained by the company for 30 years. By 1912, Buchanan was appointed Town Solicitor and also opened his own law practice. In 1922, he was appointed as King's Counsel. George Buchanan was active in various local clubs that included: the Lions Club, the Nickel Lodge, the Mother's Allowance Board of Sudbury, and the Onaping Fish and Hunt Club. He was also one of the original members of the Old Orphan's Club of Sudbury, and Past President of the Sudbury Bar Association. George Buchanan was a successful lawyer in Sudbury, who was well connected with legal offices throughout Canada. Following his death in 1941, a memorial tribute from Jean Noel Desmarais named Buchanan as one of the greatest authorities in the country on municipal law. His years of service to the community of Sudbury are commemorated in a portrait of Buchanan at City Hall, a stained glass window located at St. Andrews United Church, and a memorial chapel at Sudbury Memorial Hospital.

Scope and content: The Buchanan Family fonds consists mostly of correspondence, invitations, photographs, books and other types of documents. The records pertain to the years that George and Lilla Buchanan were residents of Sudbury. Most of the correspondence is between Lilla Buchanan and her family and friends. There are also letters of congratulations for the appointment of George Buchanan as King's Counsel. A program, photographs and a newspaper clipping document the Royal Visit to Sudbury on June 5, 1939. The photographs of the fonds depict the Buchanan family and their friends. There are also 11 copies of photographs depicting Sudbury in the early 1900s, people of the community, and early railway construction.

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: No information is available regarding the acquisition of this fonds.

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