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De Grassi Family papers  
1802-1895

Collection of papers of the family and descendents of Philip De Grassi (1793-1877). Includes letters of Charles Gordon Lennox, 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Richmond (1791-1860), and other members of his family 1812-1836, mostly to Philip De Grassi. Also, an account of the life of Philip De Grassi, in the hand of his son. Includes articles and letters relating to his life and situation in Canada including an article of his misfortune as a result of the Rebellion of 1837-38.

Extent: 1 box (13 cm)

Gift of Sheila Boyd in 1950.

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Philip De Grassi (1793-1877), soldier, was born in Rome, Italy, in 1793. He became an officer in Napoleon's army, and saw service in the Peninsular war. He was taken prisoner by the British; and in England he obtained a commission in the British army. He was in the British West Indies with his regiment from 1812 to 1815; and he was then placed on half-pay. After eking out a living in England by teaching languages, he emigrated, with his family, to Canada in 1831, and settled near York (Toronto), Upper Canada. In the rebellion of 1837, two of his daughters, Cornelia (d. 1885) and Charlotte (d. 1872), played a romantic and adventurous part; and he himself served with the loyalist forces. He died at Lindsay, Ontario, in 1877.

-- *The MacMillan Dictionary of Canadian Biography* by W. Stewart Wallace. Toronto: MacMillan, 1963

Wallace, W. Stewart (William Stewart), 1884-1970. *The Story of Charlotte and Cornelia De Grassi*. Available at Toronto Reference Library

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Box 1 Folder # (of 55)	Description
1.	[An Account of a recovery of a judgment...] : AN : 1p : 13/04/1857
2.	Caitlin, Virginia : ALS : w enclosed photograph : 2pp +enc. : 09/07/1894
3.	Arthur, Sir George : AN : 1p : 1884
4.	De Grassi to Caitlin : typed reproduction of letter : 4pp : 04/09/1894
5.	Caitlin, Virginia to Boyd, Lillian : AL : 1p : n.d.
6.	Cayley et al. to De Grassi : ANS : 1p : 25/11/1861
7.	[Description of a Coat of Arms] : AN : 1p : n.d.
8.	Compte Dupont to De Grassi : printed letter w marginalia : 1p : 1814
9.	Invitations to Freemason gatherings in Orillia, Ont. : 3pp : 1871, 1872, 1874
10.	Masonic certificate conferred upon De Grassi : 1p + env. : 15/12/1824
11.	Exemption Générale conferred upon De Grassi (Senior) w trans. : 2pp : 1801
12.	James, Sir Walter J. to De Grassi : ALS : 1p : 12/11/1812
13.	De Grassi to Londonderry, Robert Stewart : 2 ANS : 1p each : both 1812
14.	Lycée de Lyon – report on De Grassi : small printed certificate : 28/01/1808
15.	McMahon to De Grassi : ANS : 1p : [07/09 ?] 1831
16.	Moss, Thomas (U of T Registrar) to de Grassi : ALS : 1p : 26/12/1862
17.	O'Hara, Edward to De Grassi : 3 ALS : fragile (in pieces) : 1p each : all 1815
18.	Poem [I had a rosebud...] by Collinnette : MS : 1p : 1856
19.	Raikes, Henry to De Grassi : ALS : 3pp : 1832
20.	Panet, Charles to Governor General's Secretary : ALS : 2pp : HR copy : 1877
21.	Brook, Cameron to De Grassi : Receipt : ANS : 1p : 13/04/1850

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22. Duchess of Richmond to De Grassi : ANS : 1p : n.d.
23. Richmond, Sir Casimir to De Grassi : ANS : 1p + fragment : 21/09/1812
24. Duke of Richmond to De Grassi : ANS : 1p : 07/05/1831
25. 4 Fragments of a letter posted in Kingston : AL : 10/03?
26. Fragment of a note concerning a land deed : AN : 19/02/1848
27. Suggestions to increase in Canada... : De Grassi : MS : 4pp : 14/05/1867
28. De Grassi to Collinnette : ALS : 3pp : 04/08/1867
29. Duke of Richmond to De Grassi : ALS : 3pp : 10/11/1836
30. Gaultier, Baron Frederic to De Grassi : ALS : 3pp: 08/09/1869
31. Receipt of a letter to the Royal Chelsea Hospital : 1p + env. : 21/05/1875
32. General [Clay] to Charlotte De Grassi : ALS : 3pp : 1814
33. Memo of mortgages given by De Grassi to J. H. Cameron : 2pp : 22/11/1852
34. Misc. envelopes : 2 items : n.d.
35. Duke of Richmond to De Grassi : ALS : 1p : 13/10/1832
36. Duke of Richmond to De Grassi : ALS : 1p : 04/07/1834
37. Rodden, I. C. to De Grassi : ALS : 3pp : 28/09/1875
38. Sant' Antonio to Colonello De Grassi : ALS : 3pp : 03/1821
39. Paget to De Grassi : fragments of a letter : 4 pieces : 1831?
40. Sanson, Alexander to De Grassi : ALS : 4pp : 03/06/1875
41. Fragment of a letter : n.d.
42. Misc. newspaper clippings : 1862, 1863, 1893, 1895, n.d.
43. Spirit of the times : NY Times article : 2 Typescript copies : Orig. 13/10/1838
44. [An account of his life] by De Grassi : Holograph MS : 7pp : n.d.

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45. Duke of Richmond to De Grassi : ALS : 4pp : 21/08/1861
46. De Grassi to Gaultier Baron Frederic : ALS : 4pp : 1869
47. De Grassi to [Mrs Duncan & Clark] : AN : 1p : 25/07/?
48. De Grassi to the Board of Directors of the Canada Agency Assoc. : ALS : 3pp : 18/07/1859
49. Reminiscences of Captain Filippo De Grassi : Holograph MS : 10pp + env. : Part 1 of 2 : 31/12/1866
50. Reminiscences of Captain Filippo De Grassi : Holograph MS : 34pp : Part 2 of 2 : 31/12/1866
51. Reminiscences of Captain Filippo De Grassi : typescript transcription : 30pp : n.d.
52. De Grassi to [Emperor Napoleon III] ? : ALS : 2pp : Fragment : Copy ? : 05/06/1869
53. [De Grassi] : De l'elocution et des figures : MS : 1p : n.d.
54. De Grassi : A call on all farmers & friends of Toronto... : Holograph MS : 1p : n.d.
55. De Grassi : The bright hope of adversity : Holograph MS : 4pp : n.d.