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**MacKinnon-Wrong Family fonds**  
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## **Biographical note**

Neil MacKinnon was born in Scotland around 1782. He and his wife, Agnes (Ann) Gillespie, had a number of children, including Christian MacKinnon. Gilbert Wrong Sr. and his wife, Ann (Nancy) Bridgeman, were born in the late 1700s, and were the parents of Gilbert Wrong Jr.

Christian MacKinnon and Gilbert Wrong Jr. were married and settled in Upper Canada, in what is now Elgin County. They had George MacKinnon Wrong on June 25, 1860. He went on to be a lecturer at Wycliffe College, and at the University of Toronto from 1892 until his retirement in 1927.

## **Scope and content**

**Date range:** 1808-1935

**Extent:** 0.14 m of textual records

The material consists mainly of correspondence between members of the extended MacKinnon and Wrong families, back and forth between Canada and Scotland. They regularly related news and updates about the health and situation of family and friends. There are also a few pieces of correspondence for George M. Wrong.

Additionally, this accession includes poetry written by George M. Wrong's father, Gilbert Wrong, as well as a few other documents from the family.

For preservation reasons, the majority of the original documents are restricted. Researchers should use the photocopies of the original documents located in box /002 instead of the originals.

**Note:** There is a family tree as well as some other notes in the case file which researchers may find valuable when examining these records.

**Access:** Open. Box 1 is restricted for conservation purposes. Researchers should use duplicates in box 2.

**Related accessions:** B1980-0019 and B2003-0005: George M. Wrong Family

**Boxes:** B2012-0015/001-/002

## Series 1: Correspondence

**Date range:** 1827-1935

**Extent:** 0.10 m

**Scope and content:** This series consists of correspondence between the MacKinnon and Wrong families. Transcripts of the majority of letters as well as copies of the original letters are available for researchers. The transcripts include short descriptive notes at the top indicating the correspondents and any features of note. These notes were written by George M. Wrong, and the transcripts were prepared later. The majority of the header information is correct, but in a few cases mistakes have been made. The listing here has attempted to rectify these mistakes.

**Note:** A note on names. The family is quite fond of a handful of names, particularly Sophia. This makes identifying the correspondent or the subject in some of the letters difficult. In addition, both the correspondents (and later annotators and transcribers) have not always been consistent with spelling. This finding aid uses MacKinnon instead of McKinnon where it appears for clarity, as well as Sophia, though it often appears as Sophy or Sophie. Finally, The name Ann and Nancy appear to be interchangeable, and may also have been nicknames for Neil MacKinnon's wife, Agnes.

There is a family tree in the case file which compiles all the genealogical information into one place, as well as notes from the donor and other family members. Researchers may find it valuable, but it should be noted that it may not be completely accurate in some cases (questionable linkages have been indicated).

Please refer to the Appendix for a detailed listing.

**Access:** Box 1 is restricted for conservation purposes. Researchers should use duplicates in box 2.

## Series 2: Documents

**Date range:** 1808-1868

**Extent:** 0.04 m

**Scope and content:** There are a handful of additional documents, including petitions for land by Gilbert Wrong, some of his poetry, and a transcript of the diary of Ann Eliza Wrong (Mrs. Robert Douglass), George M. Wrong's aunt. This transcript also includes a chart of her descendants. These materials help to expand and contextualize the letters in Series 1.

Please refer to the Appendix for a detailed listing.

## Appendix: File list

### Series 1: Correspondence

Box 1 is restricted for conservation purposes. Researchers should use duplicates in box 2. Items marked with an asterisk (\*) do not have an accompanying transcription.

File number	File description	Date range
B2012-0015/002(01)	Mary Macalister to Neil MacKinnon	31 Dec 1827
B2012-0015/002(02)	Mary Macalister to Neil MacKinnon	13 Nov 1829
B2012-0015/002(03)	Mary Macalister to Nancy MacKinnon	23 Nov 1829
B2012-0015/002(04)	Mary Macalister to Neil MacKinnon	23 Sep 1831
B2012-0015/002(05)	Neil MacKinnon to [M. Macalister?]	30 Sep 1831
B2012-0015/002(06)	Neil MacKinnon to Ann MacKinnon, his wife	5 Aug 1833
B2012-0015/002(07)	[Agnes MacKinnon to Neil MacKinnon, her husband?]	1 Oct 1833
B2012-0015/002(08)	Sophie MacKinnon to Neil MacKinnon, her father	20 Mar 1834
B2012-0015/002(09)	Sophie MacKinnon to Neil MacKinnon, her father	21 Apr 1834
B2012-0015/002(10)	Neil MacKinnon to Mrs. [Ann?] MacKinnon	16 May 1834
B2012-0015/002(11)	Ann MacKinnon to Neil MacKinnon, her husband	[1834?]
B2012-0015/002(12)	Isabella Chapman to Sophia MacKinnon	22 Jan 1836
B2012-0015/002(13)	Christian Chapman to Nancy MacKinnon	15 Jun 1836
B2012-0015/002(14)	[?] to Sophia MacKinnon	26 Jun 1836
B2012-0015/002(15)	Christian Chapman to Mrs. N. MacKinnon	8 [Sep?] 1836
B2012-0015/002(16)	Christian Chapman to Nancy MacKinnon	7 Jan 1837
B2012-0015/002(17)	Mary Binnie to Mrs. N. MacKinnon, her sister	19 May 1837
B2012-0015/002(18)	Isabella and Sophia Chapman to Aunt [Ann MacKinnon?]	28 Jul 1837
B2012-0015/002(19)	Christian Chapman to Neil MacKinnon	7 Jan 1839
B2012-0015/002(20)	Christian Chapman to Neil MacKinnon	Jan 1839
B2012-0015/002(21)	Sophia Binnie to Sophia MacKinnon, her cousin	25 Nov 1841
B2012-0015/002(22)	* Christian Chapman to Neil MacKinnon	12 Jan. 1843
B2012-0015/002(23)	Mary Binnie to John MacKinnon, her nephew	17 Aug 1844
B2012-0015/002(24)	Mary Binnie to John MacKinnon	30 Dec 1844
B2012-0015/002(25)	Mary Binnie to Ann MacKinnon	22 Mar 1845
B2012-0015/002(26)	Mary Binnie to John MacKinnon	21 Feb 1846
B2012-0015/002(27)	Mary Binnie to Ann MacKinnon	26 Mar 1846
B2012-0015/002(28)	Mary Binnie to Neil MacKinnon	30 Dec 1847
B2012-0015/002(29)	Mary Binnie to Neil MacKinnon	23 Jun 1848
B2012-0015/002(30)	Sophia Binnie (now Drybrough) to Sophia MacKinnon	16 May 1849
B2012-0015/002(31)	Christian Chapman to John MacKinnon	10 Nov 1849
B2012-0015/002(32)	Mary Binnie to Ann MacKinnon	17 Feb 1853
B2012-0015/002(33)	Mary Binnie to Neil MacKinnon	26 Apr 1853
B2012-0015/002(34)	Mary Binnie to Neil MacKinnon	18 Aug 1853

File number	File description	Date range
B2012-0015/002(35)	Sophia Mackinnon to her aunt [C. Chapman or M. Binnie?]	1853
B2012-0015/002(36)	*Jessie Gillespie, fragment	[1857]
B2012-0015/002(37)	*C. Chapman to S. MacKinnon, fragment	[18--]
B2012-0015/002(38)	*C. Chapman to [?], fragment	[18--]
B2012-0015/002(39)	*Unidentified letter fragments. They appear to be two letters in two separate hands, plus a lock of hair from Sophia Chapman, which may or may not belong in one of the letters.	[18--]
B2012-0015/002(40)	*James A. MacKinnon to George M. Wrong	1909-1910
B2012-0015/002(41)	*Lionel W. Claxton to George M. Wrong	1 Dec 1912
B2012-0015/002(42)	*Mary McCausland	23 Sep 1935

## Series 2: Documents

File number	File description	Date range
B2012-0015/002(43)	John Wrong's Petitions	1808
B2012-0015/002(44)	Neil MacKinnon Master Mason certificate	3 June 1818
B2012-0015/002(45)	Gilbert Wrong's Land Petitions	13 Oct 1818
B2012-0015/002(46)	Gilbert Wrong's Poetry	1840
B2012-0015/002(47)	Diary of Anne Eliza Wrong (Mrs. Robert Douglass), transcript	1847
B2012-0015/002(48)	Sophia Wrong's copy of "Summary of English History"	1868