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# Upper Canada Academy fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Victoria University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Upper Canada Academy fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	2084
<b>Category [alternative] :</b>	Administrative Bodies
<b>Date:</b>	1831-1849 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	18 cm of textual records
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Added by MO: May 31, 2016 Revised by ECN: April 27, 2017 Updated by JT: March 26 2019; Dec 11 2019 Updated by JT: Dec 13 2022 Updated by JT: Oct 17 2024

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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Upper Canada Academy was constituted at Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada in 1830, and established by Royal Charter in 1836. Its name was changed to Victoria College by Act of Legislature, 1841.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of records related to the founding of Upper Canada Academy, which later became Victoria College. Records includes the Royal Charter, constitutions, financial records, register of students and notebooks of Reverend John Beatty and Matthew Richey. Also included are one series of minutes: Minutes of the Upper Canada Academy Building Committee, 1831-1836; Minutes of the Upper Canada Academy and Victoria College Managing Committee, 1836-1843; and minutes of the Victoria College Financial Committee, 1843-1849.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

## Physical condition

Some damage - requires restoration or copying.

## Immediate source of acquisition

Transfer

1987.040V

1987.057V/TR

1989.002V/OS

1989.006V/TR

1989.115V

1996.011V/TR

## Alternative form available

The Royal Charter and wax impression are available in digital format. See file level for links.

## Restrictions on access

Royal Charter can be viewed subject to conditions outlined in "Statement on access to Royal Charter, 1836" (saved in the accession file and with the Charter). There is a similar statement for accessing the Wax Seal, also found with the Charter or in the accession file.

## Note [General]

For additional information on the creation of the Upper Canada Academy, see also the personal fonds of John Beatty (fonds 2160).

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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## Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)

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## Descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2084-1987.057V-TR	<b>File - Constitutions</b>	[ca. 1830]	

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2084-1989.002V-OS-1	<b>File - Royal Charter of Incorporation granted by King William the Fourth to ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada for an "Academy of Learning"</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Original and Printed version stored together. Also includes Statement on Access for the Charter and the wax impression of the Great Seal of Queen Victoria.	1836	
2084-1989.002V-OS-2	<b>File - Wax Impression of Queen Victoria's Seal (Front and Back)</b>  <i>Note [General] :</i> Statement on access stored with Charter see 1989.002V-OS-1) and in accession file.	n.d.	
2084-1989.006V-TR	<b>File - Memoranda of some of the duties of the Steward and Stewardess</b>	[1841?]	
2084-1989.115V1-1	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to records fundraising efforts in Ontario and Quebec. Includes Constitution. Covers several towns including Brockville, Elizabeth Town, Readeu, Augusta, Matilda, Cornwall, Kemptville, Perth, Bytown, Hull, North Gower, Richmond, Petite Nation, etc. Some community names are illegible.	1832-1837	
2084-1989.115V1-2	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to records fundraising efforts in Ontario. Includes Constitution. Covers several towns including Darlington, Clark, Pickering, Port Hope, Toronto, Albion, Trafalgar, Oxford, Amherstburgh, Westminster, London, etc. Some community names are illegible.	1832-1836	
2084-1989.115V1-3	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to records fundraising efforts in Ontario. Includes Constitution. Covers several towns including Darlington, Clark, Whitby, Pickering, Port Hope, Toronto, Yonge St, Albion, Trafalgar, Nelson, East Flamborough, West Flamborough, Dundas, Ancaster, Saltfleet, Grimsby, Gainsborough, Niagara, Stamford, Dumfries, Waterloo, Jersey Settlement, Brantford, Burford, Middletown, Norwich, Normandale, Charlotteville, Woodhouse, Oxford, London, Westminster, Amherstburgh, etc. Some community names are illegible.	1834-1838	
2084-1989.115V1-4	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to record fundraising efforts. Inscription on title page reads, "Subscriptions to aid in finishing the Academy at Cobourg under the direction of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada." Modern note included with the book attributes the book to Mr. Lord and Mr. Stinson. Book is mostly blank, but the first page includes notable donors such as the Lieutenant Governor, Mayor of Toronto, Attorney General, etc.	n.d.	

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2084-1989.115V1-5	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>	1836	<i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to record fundraising efforts in Ontario. Communities include Hallowell, etc. Not all community names are legible.
2084-1989.115V1-6	<b>File - Subscription Book</b>	1836	<i>Scope and content:</i> Upper Canada Academy subscription book to record fundraising efforts in Ontario. Communities include Kingston, Ernestown, Camden, Adolphustown, etc. Not all community names are legible.
2084-1989.115V1-7	<b>File - Notebook</b>	1831-1837	<i>Scope and content:</i> Notebook relating to John Beatty's work as an Agent of the Upper Canada Academy. Includes travel diaries (1831-ca. 1832), record of expenses (1831-1837), and record of money received (1836-1837).
2084-1989.115V1-8	<b>File - Notebook</b>	1836-1841	<i>Scope and content:</i> Notebook relating to John Beatty's work as an Agent of the Upper Canada Academy. Title page is inscribed, "John Beatty in Acct. with U.C. Academy." A few pages in there is a section inscribed, "Amt. of Money Rec'd by Jno Beatty for the U.C. Academy."
2084-1989.115V-1-9	<b>File - Account book of day scholars</b>	1836-1839	<i>Scope and content:</i> Contains the financial accounts of day scholars at the Upper Canada Academy. Appears to be organized by family or sponsor as a heading followed by an itemized list of their accounts.
2084-1989.115V-1-2	<b>File - Financial Records</b>	1831-1841	
2084-1989.115V-1-4	<b>File - Notebook of Matthew Richey including accounts with day scholars</b>	1836-1837	
2084-1989.115V-1-5	<b>File - Register of students</b>	1839-1840	
2084-1996.011V-TR-1	<b>File - Duties of the officers of Upper Canada Academy, 1837</b>	1837	
2084-1996.011V-TR-2	<b>File - Upper Canada Academy Treasurer's Balance Sheet</b>	1838	
2084-1996.011V-TR-3	<b>File - Laws for the Regulation of the Students of the Upper Canada Academy</b>	1837	<i>Scope and content:</i> Document was framed with a small photo of Matthew Richey. These items are now stored unframed and conservation work was undertaken to stabilize the paper.

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
<b>Series 2084-1: Upper Canada Academy Committees</b>			
<u>Creator</u> : Upper Canada Academy Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). Board			
<u>Date</u> : 1831-1849 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content</u> : Series includes minutes of the Upper Canada Academy Building Committee, 1831-1836; Minutes of the Upper Canada Academy and Victoria College Managing Committee, 1836-1843; and minutes of the Victoria College Financial Committee, 1843-1849.			
<u>Physical description</u> : 3 cm of textual records			
<u>Note [General]</u> : See also the Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). Board fonds (Fonds 2086).			
<u>Immediate source of acquisition</u> : Transfer 1987.040V			
<u>Alternative form available</u> : Microfilm copy available. Scanned copy of microfilm also available. See file level for links.			
<u>Accruals</u> : No further accruals expected.			
<u>Publication status</u> :  Published			
<b>File / item list</b>			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2084-1-1987.040V	<b>File - Minute Book of the Managing Committee for the U.C. Academy</b>	1831-1849	