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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Victoria University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Victoria College (Cobourg, Ont.). Board fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	2086
<b>Category [alternative]:</b>	Administrative Bodies
<b>Date:</b>	1841-1889 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	38 cm of textual records
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Created by MB 2017 Updated by JT March 12 2019 Updated by JT Oct 25 2022
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	See also the Board of Regents fonds (Fonds 2000) and the Bursar's Office fonds (Fonds 2001).

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Victoria College Board was established in 1841 after the Act to Incorporate the Upper Canada Academy under the Name and Style of Victoria College was given royal assent. Earlier in 1836, the Royal Charter first established a Board of Trustees to manage the educational institution called Upper Canada Academy, later to become Victoria College. Under the Act of 1841, the Trustees were given power to purchase goods, property, land and buildings, etc. and receive gifts and endowments for promoting the education purposes of the institution. The Trustees along with five elected 'visitors' were called the 'Board' and had power to appoint the principal, professors, tutors and other agents as well as make changes to by-laws and regulations. The Board was required to have meetings and create minutes and annual reports. The first act of the Victoria College Board in 1841 was to appoint Egerton Ryerson as the Principal of Victoria College.

Dr. Isaac Brock Aylesworth was the Treasurer at Victoria College appointed by the Board, ca. 1862, to oversee the collection of outstanding claims and to secure the subscription of funds that would pull Victoria College out of debt. Controversy, including accusations, developed between Dr. Aylesworth and some of the members of the Board regarding the amount and payment of these funds

## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of minutes (including extracts), notes and drafts, reports and other records of the Victoria College Board. Also includes minutes of the annual meetings of ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to elect Board and Officers of the College, 1862-1866. Fonds also consists of records of committees of the Victoria College Board, including the Building Committee.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

Transfer  
1987.042V  
1987.058V  
1987.125V  
1987.127V  
1991.085V  
1991.086V  
1997.029V  
2011.02V

### Alternative form available

Microfilm copy of minutes, 1843, 1857-1889, available on Victoria University microfilm reels 1 (positive and negative). Microfilmed by United Church/Victoria University Archives, 1996. Scanned copies of microfilm available. See file descriptions for links.

### Accruals

No further accruals are anticipated

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

## Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)

## Series descriptions

### Series 2086-1: Minutes and related records of the Victoria College Board

Date: 1841-1889 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of minutes (including extracts), notes and drafts, reports and other records of the Victoria College Board. Also includes minutes of the annual meetings of ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church to elect Board and Officers of the College, 1862-1866. Also consists of a book created in 1869 out of the controversy between Dr. I. B. Aylesworth and some members of the Victoria College Board regarding the amount and payment of funds raised to pull the College out of debt: the book contains correspondence, resolutions, and financial statements, 1862-1869; printed statement regarding the controversy made to the Board by Dr. Aylesworth, 1873.

Physical description: 38 cm of textual records

Alternative form available:

Microfilm copy of minutes, 1843, 1857-1889, available on Victoria University microfilm reels 1 (positive and negative). Microfilmed by United Church/Victoria University Archives, 1996. Scanned copies of microfilm are also available. See file links for PDFs.

Accruals:

No further accruals are anticipated.

Publication status:

Published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2086-1-1987.042V-1	<p><b>File - Victoria College Board : Minutes (includes Minutes of Executive Committee Re: Medical Dept.)</b></p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Minutes of the Victoria College Board with Index. Also includes minutes of the Board of Regents.</p>	1857-1866 1843	

2086-1-2011.02V-5-12	<b>File - Proceedings of the Victoria College Board's special meeting on the "University Bill"</b>	Oct 24 1843
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Notes</b>	21 May 1861
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Notes</b>	24 July 1860 to 10 June 1861
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Draft Minutes</b>	May 1870
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Draft Minutes</b>	8 May 1871
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Petition from Science Association</b>	20 May 1879
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Notes</b>	6 May 1884
2086-1-1987.058V-1	<b>File - Re: Cobourg's Offer of Land to the College in 1857</b>	ca. 1885
2086-1-1987.125V-1	<b>File - Minutes</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> Minutes of the Victoria College Board with Index. Also includes minutes of the Board of Regents.	1866-1889
2086-1-1987.125V-1	<b>File - Minutes (including Victoria College Board)</b>	1866-1869
2086-1-1991.085V-1	<b>File - Minutes and other records</b>	1849-1871
2086-1-1997.029V-TR-1	<b>File - Records concerning Dr. I.B. Aylesworth and the movement to pay off Victoria College's debt</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> Book containing correspondence, resolutions, financial statements	1862-1869
2086-1-1997.029V-TR-2	<b>File - Records concerning Dr. I.B. Aylesworth and the movement to pay off Victoria College's debt</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> Printed statement	1873
2086-1-1991.086V-4	<b>File - Statement of debts due Victoria College and accounts</b> <i>Scope and content:</i> Consists of accounts and statements written by John Beatty and to John Beatty.	1843-1846

## Series 2086-2: Records of Committees of the Victoria College Board

Date: 1844-1884 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records of a Building Committee, records related Faraday Hall and the Victoria College Building (Cobourg) and records related to a possible move of the College to Hamilton and records related to degree conferring power of the College.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

<u>Publication status:</u>			
Published			
<b>File / item list</b>			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2086-2-1991.086V-4	<b>File - Building Committee - Faraday Hall [Cobourg, Ontario]</b>	1875-1877	
2086-2-1991.086V-4	<b>File - Deed of Land situate in Cobourg</b>  <i>Scope and content:</i> Consists of the deed for land in Cobourg and subscription receipts <i>Note [generalNote]:</i> See also Board of Regents fonds (2000), series 5, subseries 1: Records of the Building Committee (Cobourg)	1872-1876	
2086-2-1991.086V-4	<b>File - Minutes of Committee in Hamilton on site and remand to that city in 1856</b>	1856	
2086-2-1987.127V-1	<b>File - Committee of Finance draft minutes</b>	1867-1884	