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### **Finding Aid - J.J. Stewart fonds (MS-2-193, SF Box 30, Folders 1-16; SF Box 29, Folders 2-24)**

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# J.J. Stewart fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	J.J. Stewart fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-2-193, SF Box 30, Folders 1-16; SF Box 29, Folders 2-24
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<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	10 cm of textual records (39 folders)
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

J.J. (John James) Stewart was a teacher, lawyer, editor, publisher and businessman. He was born 13 May 1844 in East Branch River Philip (Williamsdale), Nova Scotia, son of William Stewart and Sarah Emily Peppard. Educated at his local public school and then at Amherst Academy, Stewart taught and served as headmaster at the Academy until 1870, when he moved to Halifax to study law with Howard Maclean, being called to the bar in 1874.

In 1875 he became one of 88 shareholders of the Morning Herald, Halifax's fledgling Conservative daily. In 1876 he became the paper's first president and in 1878 its third editor. He left his law practice and in 1883 bought out the majority of shareholders to become the Herald's first publisher. Following this success, Stewart branched out into banking, rising to the presidency of the Acadia Loan Corporation and the People's Bank of Halifax.

Stewart was a member of the Masons, the Navy League, the Good Templars and the YMCA, but his primary commitments were to the North British Society and the Nova Scotia Historical Society. He was an ardent British imperialist, Canadian nationalist and supporter of Confederation. He devoted much time to the province's Conservative Party and made two unsuccessful bids for election to the provincial assembly.

Stewart died as the result of burns suffered during a fire in his home. His widow, Catherine Olivia MacKay, whom he'd married in 1880, donated his collection of 3,200 books to Dalhousie University Library.

### Custodial history

Fonds was donated by the Stewart family in 1974.

## Scope and content

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Fonds comprises correspondence, family papers and militia records of the 9th regiment of Cumberland County (1864-1873).

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

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### Accruals

No further accruals expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Invoices (subject)
- Militia (subject)
- Notebooks (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Temperance--Periodicals (subject)
- Valedictory lecture (subject)
- Voters lists (subject)
- Cumberland (N.S. : County) (place)

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## Collection holdings

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