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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	James E. Dickie and Company fonds
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

James Edward Dickie, Esq., was a prominent businessman in Stewiacke Village (Upper Stewiacke), Colchester County, Nova Scotia. The second son of Isaac Patton Dickie and Rebecca Barnhill, he was born in 1832 in Onslow, Colchester County, and was sometimes referred to as Edward. Dickie briefly owned a store in Onslow with his older brother John Barnhill Dickie. The partnership dissolved around 1855 and James Dickie moved to Stewiacke Village in 1856, where he bought a general store from J.L. Walker. With his brothers-in-law, Frederick Tupper and George Fulton, he established J.E. Dickie and Company. Fulton left the company in the mid-1870s to purchase his own store.

James Dickie was active in his community. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, held a number of professional appointments and shares in local communities, and served as the Justice of the Peace for Colchester County. He married Harriet Tupper in 1859, with whom he had six children who lived to adulthood: Alfred, Alice, Henry, Edwin, Bessie and Laura. At one time or another all of the children assisted with the operation of the store, working as clerks and communicating with suppliers, customers and employees. Edwin, in particular, was very involved with the business and in 1890 the company was reformed as Messrs J.E. Dickie and Son to reflect this. James Dickie's health declined shortly after and Edwin took over the business. James Dickie died in August of 1891.

Edwin Dickie began dealing under his own name as a wholesale and retail dealer and direct importer. A branch store at Brookfield, managed by Elijah Leard, was in operation by 1901. Edwin sold the business

in 1907 to his cousin Hedley Fulton and settled in Vancouver. In 1924 James R. Fulton was operating the Dickies' former store in Stewiacke.

Custodial history

Records were received in 1972 in several accessions from Edward J. Dickie and Donald Dickie, great-grandsons of James E. Dickie.

Scope and content

Fonds comprises documents illustrating the business interests of James Edward Dickie and his family. The majority of records date from James E. Dickie and his son Edwin's ownership of the Stewiacke general store, there is a single letter-book dated 1924, during which time James R. Fulton managed the store. Records fall into three main categories: business records related to companies owned by the Dickies; personal and business correspondence; and personal records of the Dickie family.

Notes

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Arrangement

The original order of these records was unclear and they have been arranged according to function and, occasionally, according to certain vestiges of the original arrangement. It is apparent in notes made on some of the records that Dickie maintained files chronologically under the following headings: Letters and Communications; Work Bills; Due Bills; and Orders. Others, such as the Bill (or Purchase Invoice) Books, are identifiable by the physical construction.

Restrictions on access

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Correspondence (documentary form)
 - Account books (subject)
 - Business correspondence (subject)
 - Business records (subject)
 - Family business (subject)
 - Lumber (subject)
 - Nova Scotia--Commerce (subject)
 - Railroads--Nova Scotia (subject)
 - Stewiacke (N.S.) (place)
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Collection holdings
