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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Lucius Dill Dexter fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-354
Date:	1814 - 1934 (date of creation)
Physical description:	29 cm of textual records 9 notebooks 1 printed book

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Lucius Dill Dexter was born on 8 February 1858 as one of four children of Isaac Vincent Dexter (1824-1887) and Agnes Kirk Gold (1830-1905). Dexter was listed in Canadian population censuses as a farmer (1881-1916) and later as a carpenter (1921). He wrote the *History of Brooklyn [Nova Scotia]*, published in 1934, and died on 12 February 1943 in Brooklyn, Queens County, Nova Scotia.

Custodial history

Records were donated to Dalhousie University Archives in accession (7-79) in 1979.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of correspondence, research material, manuscripts, and drafts by Lucius Dill Dexter.

Notes

Title notes

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Maritime Baptist
- Campbell, Colin, 1822-1881 (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Essays (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Notebooks (documentary form)
- Books (documentary form)
- Historians (subject)
- History--Study and teaching (subject)
- Journalism (subject)
- Poetry (subject)
- Constitutions (subject)
- Brooklyn (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 1 - Lucius Dexter's School Vacation Railway Certificate, application approval for a homestead patent, and a receipt for his account with Rupert Gardner.

Title: Lucius Dexter's School Vacation Railway Certificate, application approval for a homestead patent, and a receipt for his account with Rupert Gardner.

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1893 - 1911 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 2 - L.D. Dexter's business correspondence

Title: L.D. Dexter's business correspondence

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1906 - 1930 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

Series: MS-2-354 - L.D. Dexter's essays and poems

Title: L.D. Dexter's essays and poems

Reference code: MS-2-354

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series includes essays and poems written in notebooks and on loose leaf.

Physical description: 14 cm of textual records

7 notebooks

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: MS-2-354 - Essays written by L.D. Dexter

Title: Essays written by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 13 cm of textual records

7 notebooks

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 3 - L.D. Dexter's notebooks of essays and epigrams

Title: L.D. Dexter's notebooks of essays and epigrams

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes notebooks containing essays written by L.D. Dexter, including A Tragedy of the Sea, Digging the Gold, The Last Grave, Striving for Knowledge, Two Homes, The Good Old Times, and Musings, as well as some journal entries.

Physical description: 4 hardcover notebooks (20.5 x 26 x 1.5 cm and smaller)
3 softcover notebooks (17 x 26 x 1 cm and smaller)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 4 - L.D. Dexter's essay manuscripts on loose leaf paper

Title: L.D. Dexter's essay manuscripts on loose leaf paper

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains essays written by L.D. Dexter, including The Old Choir Singer, A Snow-Storm, The Influence of Poetry, and A Student's Place in Politics.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 5 - L.D. Dexter's essay manuscripts on loose leaf paper in multiple drafts

Title: L.D. Dexter's essay manuscripts on loose leaf paper in multiple drafts

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains essays written by L.D. Dexter with multiple drafts, including A Tired Man's Diary, Tales of the Battlefield Trail, The Old Soldier's Funeral, A Bird of Warning, Striving for Knowledge, Looking, Thinking, and A Lost Industry.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 6 - L.D. Dexter's poetry manuscripts

Title: L.D. Dexter's poetry manuscripts

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: [1892 - 19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Poems by L.D. Dexter, including Brooklyn Lodge, Mother, Uncle Jim, Lucia, The Day's Work, and The Praying Boy.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

Series: MS-2-354 - L.D. Dexter's notebooks, drafts, research material, and a printed copy of History of Brooklyn

Title: L.D. Dexter's notebooks, drafts, research material, and a printed copy of History of Brooklyn

Reference code: MS-2-354

Date: 1854 - 1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series includes typed and handwritten loose leaf and notebook drafts, research material, and a printed and bound copy of L.D. Dexter's History of Brooklyn.

Physical description: 14 cm of textual records
2 notebooks

1 volume

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 7 - L.D. Dexter's research correspondence for A History of Brooklyn

Title: L.D. Dexter's research correspondence for A History of Brooklyn

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1897 - 1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence with William Emery Nickerson and H. Leander D'Entremont, and a letter addressed to Mr. Gardner.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 8 - Collection roll, research notebook, insurance policy, and printed research material re. L.D. Dexter's History of Brooklyn

Title: Collection roll, research notebook, insurance policy, and printed research material re. L.D. Dexter's History of Brooklyn

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: [1854 - 19--] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a notebook containing lists of qualified electors for polling districts 1-13 in 1892 and 1893, and a 1918 insurance policy for the Brooklyn Baptist Church.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 9 - Constitution rules and address re. Brooklyn Lodge, Order of British Reform Templars

Title: Constitution rules and address re. Brooklyn Lodge, Order of British Reform Templars

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: 1894 (date of creation)

Physical description: 10 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: MS-2-354 - L.D. Dexter's collection of family records

Title: L.D. Dexter's collection of family records

Reference code: MS-2-354

Date: 1814 - 1893 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains family records of Isaac Dexter (1751-1848; 1787-1854; 1824-1887) and Joseph Dexter (1795-1879) collected by L.D. Dexter for his History of Brooklyn.

Physical description: 4.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 1 - Documents pertaining to Isaac Dexter (1751-1848) collected by L.D. Dexter

Title: Documents pertaining to Isaac Dexter (1751-1848) collected by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1805 - 1846 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes deed, proceedings, majestrate assembly rulings, and a surveyor book.

File included a list of town and county officers for 1805 which was removed and stored in an oversized box.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 2 - Documents pertaining to Isaac Dexter (1787-1854) collected by L.D. Dexter

Title: Documents pertaining to Isaac Dexter (1787-1854) collected by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: 1814 - 1848 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains documents such as handwritten deeds, rules, and a notebook.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 3 - Documents pertaining to Joseph Dexter (1795-1879) collected by L.D. Dexter

Title: Documents pertaining to Joseph Dexter (1795-1879) collected by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1830 - 1864 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes bills, a list of labour performed in Herring Cove District in 1831, letter of application to attend annual officer's training, his last will, and artillery designs.
File included a letter noting the appointment of J. Dexter to 2nd Lieutenant in Queens County's Volunteer Artillery in 1837 which was removed and stored in an oversized box.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 4 - Documents pertaining to Isaac V. Dexter (1824-1887) collected by L.D. Dexter

Title: Documents pertaining to Isaac V. Dexter (1824-1887) collected by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1850 - 1893 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a port clearance, correspondence, and a county rate roll for the district of Brooklyn, certificates by the Nova Scotia militia, British Order of Good Templars receipts, a notebook of Isaac V. Dexter's life addressed to L.D. Dexter.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, OS 12, Folder 5 - List of town and county officers, 1805

Title: List of town and county officers, 1805

Reference code: MS-2-354, OS 12, Folder 5

Date: 1805 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page (40 x 32 cm)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A24

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, OS 12, Folder 6 - Notice of J. Dexter's appointment to Second Lieutenant in the Queens County Volunteer Artillery, 1837

Title: Notice of J. Dexter's appointment to Second Lieutenant in the Queens County Volunteer Artillery, 1837

Reference code: MS-2-354, OS 12, Folder 6

Date: 1837 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page (33 x 41 cm)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A24

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, OS Box 12, Folder 4 - Notice of public auction for land in Queens County, 1881

Title: Notice of public auction for land in Queens County, 1881

Reference code: MS-2-354, OS Box 12, Folder 4

Date: 1880 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A24

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: MS-2-354 - Manuscripts and notes re. L.D. Dexter's History of Brooklyn

Title: Manuscripts and notes re. L.D. Dexter's History of Brooklyn

Title [statRep]: L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries contains handwritten, typed, and revised drafts on loose leaf and in notebooks.

Physical description: 11.5 cm of textual records

2 notebooks

1 printed book

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 5 - History of Brooklyn : [manuscripts]

Title: History of Brooklyn : [manuscripts]

Title [statRep]: L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 6 - History of Brooklyn : [manuscripts]

Title: History of Brooklyn : [manuscripts]

Title [statRep]: L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 notebooks : 21 x 25.5 x 5.5 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 7 - History of Brooklyn : [annotated manuscripts]

Title: History of Brooklyn : [annotated manuscripts]

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 8 - History of Brooklyn / by L.D. Dexter

Title: History of Brooklyn / by L.D. Dexter

Reference code: MS-2-354, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: 1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a printed and softbound copy of History of Brooklyn, with no publishing information.

Physical description: 1 printed book : 15.5 x 24 x 0.5 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A76 G

Publication status:

Published
