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Richard C. Weldon fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Richard C. Weldon fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-126
Date:	1864-1890 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	8 cm of textual records
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Richard C. Weldon fonds, MS-2-126, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Richard Chapman Weldon, QC, was a lawyer, educator and politician. He was born in Sutton, New Brunswick, to Richard Weldon and Catherine Geldart. He received his BA and MA in political science from Mount Allison Wesleyan College before attending Yale College in New Haven, where he studied constitutional and international law and graduated with his doctorate in political science. For a short time he pursued further studies in law at the University of Heidelberg.

In 1875 he accepted a professorship in mathematics and political economy at Mount Allison, and by 1880 had apprenticed himself to a Sackville lawyer. He was called to the Nova Scotia bar shortly after being appointed dean of the newly formed Faculty of Law at Dalhousie University, where he also became the first full-time professor of law in post-confederation Canada (1883-1914). He served as a Conservative MP from 1887-1896, representing Albert, New Brunswick, where he owned land. Appointed a dominion QC in 1890, he acted as counsel to the firm of Harris, Henry, and Cahan from 1897.

Weldon married Sarah Maria Tuttle in 1877 in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, and they had four sons and one daughter. Shortly after Sarah's death in 1893 he married Louisa Frances Hare in Halifax, with whom he had seven children. He died in 1925 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

In 2018 Richard Weldon was named one of 52 Dalhousie Originals, a list of individuals identified as having made a significant impact on the university and the broader community since Dalhousie's inception in 1818. <https://www.dal.ca/about-dal/dalhousie-originals/richard-chapman-weldon.html>

Custodial history

Records were accessioned by the Dalhousie University Archives in 1971. The custodial history is unknown. With the exception of the textbook, which was donated in 1985 by Professor James A. MacDougall.

Scope and content

Fonds consists primarily of correspondence from the period during which Weldon was a Member of Parliament, and includes personal and business letters. There are also telegrams, bills, invoices, and a geometry textbook from Weldon's studies at Mount Allison. Also included are prints of family photographs, circa 1870's-1890's.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

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

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

The Francis B.A. Chipman fonds (MS-2-582) contains notes from shipping law lectures given by Weldon at Dalhousie Law School.

See also the records of the Dalhousie Faculty of Law (UA 13).

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Dalhousie University. Faculty of Law. (subject)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Correspondence (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Law schools (subject)
 - Personal archives (subject)
 - Politicians (subject)
 - Politics (subject)
 - Halifax (N.S.) (place)
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Collection holdings

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 15 - Analytical geometry and calculus (textbook)

Title: Analytical geometry and calculus (textbook)

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 15

Date: 1864 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a textbook probably used by Weldon during his studies at Mount Allison University.

Physical description: 2.5 cm of textual records (1 volume)

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 12 - Richard C. Weldon's bills and invoices

Title: Richard C. Weldon's bills and invoices

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 12

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 16 - Richard C. Weldon's correspondence — A - G

Title: Richard C. Weldon's correspondence — A - G

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 16

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 17 - Richard C. Weldon's correspondence — H - W

Title: Richard C. Weldon's correspondence — H - W

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 17

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 9 - Letter to Richard C. Weldon from his cousin R. Chapman

Title: Letter to Richard C. Weldon from his cousin R. Chapman

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 9

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 5 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 10 - Letter from D. Pottinger to Richard C. Weldon

Title: Letter from D. Pottinger to Richard C. Weldon

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 10

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 14 - Letters to Richard C. Weldon from Maria Weldon

Title: Letters to Richard C. Weldon from Maria Weldon

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 14

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

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File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 13 - Signed petition demanding that the position of post-mistress/post-master be filled by Enoch Steeves

Title: Signed petition demanding that the position of post-mistress/post-master be filled by Enoch Steeves

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 13

Date: [c. 1890] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes an undated letter written by Richard Weldon as a child to a friend, and an 1890 letter to John A. MacDonald from A.E. Killam and J. M. Steeves (1890). The petition has 16 signatures.

Physical description: 5 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

Published

File: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 11 - Telegrams sent to Richard C. Weldon

Title: Telegrams sent to Richard C. Weldon

Reference code: MS-2-126, SF Box 23, Folder 11

Date: 1890 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 pages of textual records

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A61 F

Publication status:

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File: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63 - Richard C. Weldon's photographs

Title: Richard C. Weldon's photographs

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63

Date: [c.1871] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains portraits of Richard C. Weldon and members of his family as well as a portrait of the O'Connell children.

Physical description: 9 photographs : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

Publication status:

Published

Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 1 - Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II in middle age

Title: Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II in middle age

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 1

Date: [1871-1890] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

Conditions governing use:

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 2 - Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II older age

Title: Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II older age

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 2

Date: [between 1880-1900] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

Publication status:

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 3 - Portrait of the O'Donnell boys (Bob, John, Jack and Rich)

Title: Portrait of the O'Donnell boys (Bob, John, Jack and Rich)

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 3

Date: 1887 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph inscribed on verso with: "O'Donnell, Halifax, 1887. Bob, John, Jack, Rich, and before Nell was born."

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 4 - Portrait of Catherine Geldart Weldon

Title: Portrait of Catherine Geldart Weldon

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 4

Date: [18--] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a portrait inscribed on verso with "Clino, St. John, NB Germain St. 'Gampy'."

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w ; 13 x 18 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

Conditions governing use:

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 5 - Portrait of Richard C. Weldon I as an elderly man

Title: Portrait of Richard C. Weldon I as an elderly man

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 5

Date: [18--] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 6 - Portrait of Sarah Tuttle Weldon and Richard C. Weldon

Title: Portrait of Sarah Tuttle Weldon and Richard C. Weldon

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 6

Date: 1877 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 7 - Portrait of the Weldon family

Title: Portrait of the Weldon family

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 7

Date: [ca. 1880-1890] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item in an undated family portrait, inscribed on verso: Mrs. Weldon II — Moss Halifax back row: Arthur, Richard C. Weldon, Manon(?), Middle Row: Louise, Lori, Mr. Have, Front Row: Allison(?), Kate, Lil — Muriel not yet born.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

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Item: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 8 - Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II

Title: Portrait of Richard C. Weldon II

Reference code: MS-2-126, PB 5, Folder 63, Item 8

Date: 1871 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a portrait dated 1871, taken while Weldon was at Yale, at 326 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm

Physical location: Killam - 5th Floor - Archives - Range A95

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