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### **Finding Aid - Thomas McCulloch, Jr. fonds (MS-2-41)**

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# Thomas McCulloch, Jr. fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Thomas McCulloch, Jr. fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-2-41
<b>Date:</b>	1824-1865 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	Multiple Languages
<b>Physical description:</b>	2.8 cm of textual records (15 folders)
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Thomas McCulloch, Jr. fonds, MS-2-41, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Thomas McCulloch, Jr. (1809-1865) was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia. He was the third son of Dr. Thomas McCulloch and was educated at Pictou, first in the grammar school under John McKinlay, and then in the Academy, under his father. He went to teach at Dalhousie College in 1843 and taught there until the end of 1844. When the College was revived in 1849, he was appointed principal and had charge of Latin, Greek, Rhetoric, Belle Lettres, and Natural Science. Previous to this time, he had taught a very successful private school in the schoolroom connected with the Poplar Grove church. Poplar Grove congregation elected him as an Elder and he continued to discharge his office while residing in the city. In 1853 he was appointed one of the professors in the Presbyterian Church in the West River Seminary. In this institution he taught Latin, Mathematics and Natural History. He returned to Dalhousie in 1863 and taught Natural Philosophy only. He kept an ornithology collection of nearly all the birds in Nova Scotia as well as mineral and botanical collections, some of which were still at Dalhousie when last noted in the 1970s. He wrote a book on taxidermy. Source: "Presbyterian Witness," Saturday, 11 March 1865, p. 1

### Custodial history

Initial accession donated by Professor Edward in 1971. A second accession was donated by Dr. James A MacDougall in 1985.

## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of Thomas McCulloch Jr.'s correspondence with various persons and organizations, manuscripts, and documents from McCulloch's visit(s) to France.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

Order was imposed by the processing archivist. Fonds is arranged into three series:

Correspondence

Books and manuscripts

Papers from France

See series descriptions for information on the arrangement of files within each series.

### 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

McCulloch's father's papers can be found in the Thomas McCulloch fonds (MS-2-40).

### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

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

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- McCulloch, Thomas, 1776-1843 (subject)

- Dalhousie University
  - Textual record (documentary form)
  - Correspondence (subject)
  - Manuscripts (subject)
  - Natural history--Study and teaching (subject)
  - Personal archives (subject)
  - Halifax (N.S.) (place)
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## Collection holdings

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### **Series: Correspondence of Thomas McCulloch, Jr.**

Title: Correspondence of Thomas McCulloch, Jr.

Date: 1836 - 1865 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.8 cm of textual records (11 folders)

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### **File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 13 - Transcriptions and copies of letter from John J. Audubon**

Title: Transcriptions and copies of letter from John J. Audubon

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 13

Date: September 12, 1836 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains five typescript transcriptions of a letter sent from John J. Audubon to Thomas McCulloch on September 12, 1836. File also contains positive and negative copies of the letter.

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

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### **File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 14 - Transcription and copy of letter from John J. Audubon**

Title: Transcription and copy of letter from John J. Audubon

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 14

Date: December 30, 1840 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Formerly MS-2-41, A-1ii.

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 15 - Transcription and copy of letter from John J. Audubon**

Title: Transcription and copy of letter from John J. Audubon

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 15

Date: October 16, 1841 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Formerly MS-2-41, A-1iii.

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 16 - Transcription and copy of letter from Thomas Brewer**

Title: Transcription and copy of letter from Thomas Brewer

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 16

Date: January 25, 1845 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from Thomas Brewer to Thomas McCulloch. In the letter, Brewer refers to an enclosed catalogue of his collection of bird eggs.

Physical description: 0.1 cm of textual records

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 17 - Letter to William Henry Harvey**

Title: Letter to William Henry Harvey

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 17

Date: December 27, 1864 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from Thomas McCulloch to William Henry Harvey (1811-1866), an Irish botanist, curator of Trinity College Herbarium in Dublin, Ireland, and professor of botany at the Royal Dublin Society.

Physical description: 2 pages

Related material:

See SF Box 45, Folder 23 for a duplicate copy of this letter.

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 23 - Letter to William Henry Harvey**

Title: Letter to William Henry Harvey

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 23

Date: January 2, 1865 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from Thomas McCulloch to William Henry Harvey (1811-1866), an Irish botanist, curator of Trinity College Herbarium in Dublin, Ireland, and professor of botany at the Royal Dublin Society.

Physical description: 1 page

Related material:

See SF Box 45, Folder 17 for a duplicate copy of this letter.

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 22 - Letters received from natural history societies**

Title: Letters received from natural history societies

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 22

Date: 1844-1857 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from the Boston Society of Natural History (dated May 1, 1844), a letter from the Natural History Society of Montreal (dated November 10, 1852), and a letter from the Montreal Committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (dated July 7, 1857). The letter from the Boston Society of Natural History acknowledges receipt of a gift of Nova Scotia minerals from McCulloch. The letter from the Natural History Society of Montreal indicates that McCulloch was elected a corresponding member of the society. The letter from the American Association for the Advancement of Science references an enclosed circular (not included in this file) and requests McCulloch's presence at a meeting.

Physical description: 3 pages

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 18 - Letter to Henri Milne Edwards (1800-1885)**

Title: Letter to Henri Milne Edwards (1800-1885)

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 18

Date: May 24, 1864 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from Thomas McCulloch to Henri Milne Edwards, professor of zoology in the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris.

Physical description: 2 pages

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 20 - Letter from the Geological Society**

Title: Letter from the Geological Society

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 20

Date: July 29, 1862 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Geological Society to Thomas McCulloch. The letter indicates that McCulloch's paper on Nova Scotian plant fossils has been received.

Physical description: 1 page

Related material:

A manuscript of McCulloch's paper is filed in SF Box 21, Folder 6.

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 24 - Letter from James Ross**

Title: Letter from James Ross

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 24

Date: April 28, 1842 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a letter from James Rofs [?] to Thomas McCulloch. In the letter, Rofs indicates that he has not received McCulloch's list of subscribers and request that he send it without delay.

Physical description: 1 page

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 33 - Resolution of the Senate of Dalhousie College**

Title: Resolution of the Senate of Dalhousie College



Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 33

Date: March 17, 1865 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a copy of a resolution passed by the Senate of Dalhousie College upon the death of Thomas McCulloch. The resolution, which expresses the Senate's respect and esteem for McCulloch, is signed by James Ross, Principal of Dalhousie College, and Charles MacDonald, Secretary to the Senate.

Physical description: 1 page

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### **Series: Books and manuscripts**

Title: Books and manuscripts

Date: 1824-[1862?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains a published book inscribed by McCulloch and a manuscript of a paper written by McCulloch and submitted to the Geological Society.

Physical description: 1.8 cm of textual records (2 folders)

Arrangement:

Files are listed chronologically.

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### **File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 19 - A Key to Bonnycastle's Introduction to Mensuration**

Title: A Key to Bonnycastle's Introduction to Mensuration

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 19

Date: 1824 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The volume is inscribed in ink : William McCulloch / Pictou July 17th 1832.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records : 10.8 x 18.4 cm

Physical condition:

The front cover and inscribed page is detached.

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 21, Folder 6 - On the existence of gigantic, taprooted, phanerogamic plants in the sown carboniferous system of the southern side of the Basin of Minas**

Title: On the existence of gigantic, taprooted, phanerogamic plants in the sown carboniferous system of the southern side of the Basin of Minas

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 21, Folder 6

Date: [1862?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a paper on Nova Scotian plant fossils given by McCulloch to the Geological Society. The paper is attributed to Thomas McCulloch, Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 0.6 cm of textual records

Related material:

A letter of acceptance from the Geological Society is filed in SF Box 45, Folder 20.

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**Series: Papers from France**

Title: Papers from France

Date: 1837-1851 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains two items from McCulloch's time in France.

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records (2 folders)

Arrangement:

Files are listed chronologically.

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 45 - French passport**

Title: French passport

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 45

Date: 1837 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a French passport issued to McCulloch. File also contains photocopies of the passport.

Physical description: 6 pages

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**File: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 21 - Carte d'inscription = Registration card**

Title: Carte d'inscription = Registration card

Reference code: MS-2-41, SF Box 45, Folder 21

Date: 1851 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains McCulloch's registration card from the École de Médecine et de Pharmacie de Lyon.

Physical description: 1 page

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