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JOHN GUINNESS LAIRD FONDS

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**JOHN GUINNESS LAIRD FONDS. – 1852-1896. – 13 cm of textual records.**

John Guinness Laird (1823-1897) was a Methodist minister in Ontario. He was born in Ireland, came to Canada in 1847, was received on trial by the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in 1848, and was ordained in 1850. He served Wesleyan Methodist/Methodist charges in Canada West/Ontario, including Bowmanville (1876-1879), Barrie (1879-1880) Collingwood (1881-1883), Drummondville (1867-1869), Fergus (1870-1872), Hamilton (1859), London (1860-1861), Mount Pleasant (1862-1863), Orangeville (1884-1885); retired in Orangeville, 1886-1887), Owen Sound (1873-1876), Paris (1864-1866), Sarnia (1853-1855) and Thorold (1856-1858). He retired to London, Ontario, in 1884. He was elected President of Toronto Conference in 1881.

Fonds consists of sermons, addresses, notebooks, pocket register, and other papers (all undated); and correspondence, 1859, 1872; personal registers, baptisms, 1852-1896; marriages, 1853-1896, photocopy of burial register, 1873-1874; photocopy of baptism register, 1873-1876, 1880-1886, marriage stubs, 1873-1879.

Baptism and marriage register, 1888-1896, listed in personal registers cards, is missing as of 1996 April 8.

<b>Acc.</b>	<b>Box-File</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
86.310C	1-1	Certificated from Lambton County	1855
	1-2	Letters	1859, 1872
	1-3	Miscellaneous papers	
	1-4	Newspaper clippings	
	1-5	Notes for addresses	
	1-6	Sermons – Old Testament	
	1-7	Sermons – New Testament – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John	
	1-8	Sermons – new Testament	
	1-9	Two Notebooks	
	1-10	Small notebook	1852, 1859
	1-11	Addresses	[1865?]
	1-12	Notebook	
	1-13	Notebook	
	1-14	Notebook	
	1-15	Minister's Pocket register	1872-1874
	1-16	Notebook	
94.166C/TR	1-1	Marriage stubs	1873-1879
			1879-1880
		Photocopy of burial register	1873-1874
		Photocopy of baptism register	1873-1876
95.158C/TR	1-1		1880-1886
		Baptism register	1852-1896
		Marriage register	1853-1896