

**SAFA 625**

**A Guide to the Records of the  
M.C. Cameron fonds  
(F 79)**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
2011**

# **PRIVATE RECORDS AUTHORITY DESCRIPTION**

**Saskatchewan Archives Board  
Authority Record**

**Individual (PA 505)**  
**Cameron, Malcolm Colin, 1832-1898**

**About this records creator:**

**Authorized Heading** Cameron, Malcolm Colin, 1832-1898

**Brief Bio./Admin. History** Malcolm Colin Cameron was born in 1832 in Perth, Upper Canada (Ontario). In 1855, he moved to Goderich, Ontario, where he practiced law and served as a councilor, reeve and mayor. In 1867, Cameron was elected to the House of Commons, where he represented the South Huron and West Huron electoral districts. Cameron was appointed lieutenant governor of the North-West Territories in May 1898. He died in London, Ontario in September 1898.

**Biographical Sketch/Administrative History** Malcolm Colin Cameron was born on April 12, 1832 in Perth, Upper Canada (Ontario). Cameron attended Knox Collegiate in Toronto and studied law in Renfrew. In 1855, Cameron moved to Goderich, where he practiced law and later served as a councilor, reeve and mayor. He was called to the bar of Upper Canada in 1860 and appointed Queen's Counsel on March 11, 1876.

Cameron served as a Liberal Member of Parliament for South Huron and West Huron from 1867 until 1898 (not inclusive). He was appointed lieutenant governor of the North-West Territories effective May 30, 1898 on the advice of Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The appointment was made by the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor General of Canada. During his term, Cameron resided at Government House in Regina. Cameron died in London, Ontario on September 26, 1898 while en route from Regina to Goderich. He was buried in Maitland Cemetery in Goderich.

Cameron married Janet (Jessie) Hiddneston McLean on May 30, 1855. The Camerons had two sons and five daughters.

**Variant Name(s)** The Honourable Malcolm C. Cameron

M.C. Cameron

**Rule(s)** Rules for Archival Description (RAD).

**Source(s)** AMICUS Authorities - August 17, 1981

Various internet sites

**Archival records linked to this records creator:**  
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<b>Unique Identifier</b>	F 79
<b>Title of Records</b>	M.C. Cameron fonds
<b>Level of Description</b>	Fonds
<b>Descriptive System</b>	Private
<b>Dates of Creation</b>	1898
<b>Physical Description</b>	7.5 cm of textual records

**Link to Authority**

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**See:**        [Cameron, Malcolm Colin, 1832-1898](#)

**Custodial History**

The Saskatchewan Legislative Library transferred some of these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives. The records were assigned accession number P56.

E. Phelps of Phelps Publishing Company in London, Ontario donated some of these records to the Regina office, Saskatchewan Archives in one accession in 1980: R80-461 (July 21, 1980).

**Scope and Content**

This fonds consists of records created, accumulated and used in 1898 by Malcolm Colin Cameron during his residence in Regina, North-West Territories (Saskatchewan). The fonds includes a letterbook containing copies of mostly personal letters written by Cameron between July 8 and September 6, 1898; letters and a telegram congratulating Cameron on his appointment as lieutenant governor of the North-West Territories; Cameron's handwritten speaking notes (undated); material concerning a public meeting of the Regina Branch of the Woman's Council; and various newspaper clippings.

	No series assignment has been applied to the records in this fonds.
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open for research use.
<b>Terms Governing Use</b>	Use, publication, and/or reproduction of records are subject to terms and conditions of the Copyright Act. Please consult reference archivist for assistance.
<b>Reference Tools</b>	SAFA 625 (old guide GR 62) consists of a fonds description and item listings of some of the textual records.
<b>Related Records (Records held by SAB)</b>	<p>Photographs of Cameron are available in the Regina office.</p> <p>A questionnaire completed by Cameron's daughter, Mrs. A.C. Hunter, and a biographical sketch of Cameron are located in the Regina office (SHS 8).</p>
<b>Physical Condition</b>	The majority of the records are in good physical condition. The information in the 1898 letterbook is faded and almost illegible on some pages.
<b>Conservation Note</b>	Conservation practices in place at the time of processing were applied to the records in this fonds.
<b>Accruals</b>	No further accruals are expected.
<b>Source of Description</b>	Content of the fonds.
<b>Former Code(s)</b>	Textual records: old guide GR 62 (R-186, file 55); R-E658
<b>Consulting the Records</b>	To consult the records, visit or contact the Regina office.
<b>Arrangement Note(s)</b>	No arrangement was applied to the records in this fonds.
<b>General Note(s)</b>	Location for retrieval: Regina-Hillsdale.

**OLD GUIDE**

**GR 62**

HON. M. C. CAMERON

Letter Book, 1898.

Saskatchewan Archives Board  
Regina

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Note: This letter book was transferred to the Saskatchewan Archives from the Legislative Library which had acquired custody of it from the Lieutenant-Governor's office prior to 1945. It contains copies of Cameron's outgoing letters, largely related to his personal property and activities, but some related to his public duties. Hon. Malcolm Colin Cameron was Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, June - September, 1898.



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR M. C. CAMERON

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NWT  
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Letter book: July 8, 1898 to September 6, 1898.

- p. 1. July 8. H. A. J. Macdougall, barrister, Whitewood, Sask.  
re protection of timber and road work.
- p. 2. July 8. F. Schultz, banker, Baldur, Man.  
re sale of land.
- p. 4. July 11. P. Holt, barrister, Goderich, Ont.  
re sale of law office, contract of sale, and the hiring  
of Graeme.
- p. 6. July 12. Hon. William Patterson, Minister of Customs, Ottawa.  
re appointment of D. C. Strachan as assistant collector of  
customs.
- p. 7. July 12. Harrower & Price, real estate agents, Baldur, Man.  
re Statute Labour on hay lands.
- p. 8. July 12. Perdue & Robinson, barristers, Winnipeg.  
re mortgage dispute with M. O. Johnston.
- p. 10. July 16. McConnell & Co., merchants, Toronto.  
re purchase of wines, liqueurs, and cigars.
- p. 12. July 18. W. H. Gardner, financial & general agent, Winnipeg.  
re sale of property in Manitoba.
- p. 13. July 19. J. W. Omphrey, Miami, Man.  
re Statute Labour on hay lands.
- p. 14. July 19. Philip Todd, agent, Toronto.  
re purchase of "Vin de Ette".
- p. 15. July 19. F. M. Dunham, druggist, Goderich, Ont.  
re payment of account.
- p. 16. July 19. Drs. Shannon & Shannon, Goderich, Ont.  
re payment of account and attitude toward living in  
Saskatchewan.
- p. 17. July 19. Senator George A. Cox, Toronto.  
re appointment of P. Holt as solicitor and the possibility  
of establishing a bank in Regina.
- p. 19. July 23. C. H. Carboneau, Mariapolis, Man.  
re sale of land.
- p. 20. July 23. F. F. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.  
re non-payment of a loan and possibility of a garnishee.

- p. 21. July 23. James T. Garrow, Goderich, Ont.  
re possibility of law suit charging breach of contract by  
P. Holt.
- p. 22. July 23. Philip Holt, barrister, Goderich, Ont.  
re law suit if contract of sale of law office is not fulfilled.
- p. 23. August 9. Dudley Holmes, barrister, Goderich, Ont.  
re discharge of Stoke mortgage.
- p. 24. August 8. Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.  
re necessity of making repairs to Government House and  
surrounding buildings.
- p. 27. August 9. Joseph Maw & Co., merchants, Winnipeg.  
re purchase of phaeton and harness.
- p. 28. --- Hon. P. W. G. Haultain, Attorney-General, Regina.  
re Order-in-Council calling for donation of \$100.00 to the  
Dominion Educational Association.
- p. 30. August 20. Glines & Walker, real estate agents, Winnipeg.  
re sale of land.
- p. 31. August 20. Ford Jones, barrister, Regina.  
re dispute over use of lights in Government House.
- p. 32. August 23. T. G. Shaughnessy, Vice-President, C.P.R., Montreal.  
re request for a travel pass.
- p. 33. August 22. Mrs. Richard Warrington, Goderich, Ont.  
re transactions with Miss Ethel Bailey.
- p. 34. August 22. William Passmore, Goderich, Ont.  
re mortgage by Mrs. Warrington.
- p. 35. August 30. Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.  
re deplorable condition of Government House, the Conservatory,  
etc.
- p. 37. September 2. James Yates, Goderich, Ont.  
re life insurance premium.
- p. 37. September 2. J. A. McAra, Indian Head, Sask.  
re termination of employment without submitting resignation.
- p. 38. September 6. J. C. Pope, auditor, N.W.T.  
re Cameron's proposed trip east for health reasons.
- p. 39. September 6. Reginald Rimmer, law clerk, Ottawa.  
re necessity of Mr. Davin refunding the \$175.00 paid  
him by the Government.

**FOR ADDITIONAL TEXTUAL  
RECORDS IN THIS FONDS  
SEE R-E658**

**LOCATIONS:**

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Collection R-186, file 55:  
Collection R-E658:

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