

Gilkison Family. Papers: 1786-1910

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Document List

Dated Material:

June 17, 1786: Draft of Memorial of Commander Alexander Grant to the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the losses of those who suffered during the “unhappy dissensions” in America.

July 15, 1811: Copy of letter, Alexander Grant to his brother Alpine, dealing with family matters. At seventy-seven years old, he relates his wife’s recent death; writes of his children and grandchildren and his circumstance. He would die at his home at Grosse Point, above Detroit, in 1813.

February 16, 1818: George Moffatt to Robert Gillespie and William Gilkison, regarding the will of Richard Pattinson of Montreal.

October 17, 1818: Petition of George Moffatt, Montreal, as to appointment of tutors to children of deceased Richard Pattinson.

January 12, 1825: Sentimental memorandum respecting the departure of Robert Gilkison from his home to learn “the art of ship-building.” Signed, “William and Isabella Gilkison, Glasgow.” Isabella was the daughter of Alexander Grant, who died at the age of forty-four in 1828.

May 2, 1825: Memorandum concerning his papers dealing with his claim for compensation for losses in 1813 – of William Gilkison.

1828: Sentimental memoranda concerning the death of Isabella Gilkison.

September 5, 1828: French passport permitting W. Gilkison to go to Caen.

January 17, 1829: Letter, W. Gilkison, Glasgow, to his son, Jasper, who with his brother Daniel is visiting their uncle, R. Gilkison, Pt. Glasgow. Sends instructions to them as to what they are to do. Mentions that Archy is traveling on the continent.

February 28, 1829: Same to same. Gives him fatherly advice as to studies, conduct, etc.

April 4, 1829: Letter, W. Gilkison, written from Dumfries, to his sons Jasper and Daniel, at school at Kilmarnook. Family affairs.

July 28, 1829: Same to same, re same.

August 18 - September 1, 1829: Letters of introduction given Wm. Gilkison (6), during his visit to the United States.

August 31, 1829: Codicil to the Will of Wm. Gilkison.

November 17, 1829: Letter, Wm. Gilkison, New York, to Jasper Gilkison, Schenectady, N.Y. Refers to his son, Archy, as being in Montreal.

1811: Alexander Grant. Document containing details of his will as written by W. Gilkison, his executor.

January 1, 1830: Letter to Jasper from father, William Gilkison, Montreal.

July 21, 1830: Letter to Jasper, care of John Porteous, Montreal. Local news and fatherly advice.

March 14, 1830: Letter to W. Gilkison, Queenston, from Receiver General's office, York. Concerns loan of \$25,000 for Welland Canal.

March 14, 1830: Letter to William Gilkison from Wm. Richardson. Concerns sale of Hanby farm, title to Holly farm (taxes), mentions Mr. Duff, James Woods, and Mr. Grant; additional notes stating relationship to those mentioned in the letter.

March 27, 1830: Letter to W. Gilkison from Wm Richardson, Brantford. Talks about laying out of the town of Brantford; heard Fullerton has receipt from David but Wilson thinks the bill has been mislaid by David; further discusses David's

work competencies; Mr. L. and his private property in relation to creditors; new born Mary Dickson Racey?; Lovejoy mentioned in relation to Archy's pay per day.

April 8, 1830: Letter, James Woods, Sandwich, to William Gilkison, Queenston, re various businesses affairs.

January 26, 1831: Account of Hall, Thompson, & Sewell with executors of Estate of Hon. Alexander Grant.

April 25, 1836: Passport (French) in name of Jasper J. Gilkison.

May 28, 1836: Promissory note for 12 shillings and 6d, from Isaac Ensign, Nissouri, in favour of the President, Directors, and Co. of the London and Gore Railroad.

December 28, 1838: Report of Organization Meeting and Regulations of the Niagara Sleigh Club. Jasper T. Gilkison, Secretary.

1840: Clipping from "The Spirit of the Times" re Niagara (U.C.) Races.

July 30, 1840: Ticket for Brock Dinner.

March 12, 1842: Indenture of Bargain and Sale, Executors of Estate of William Gilkison, to Augusta H. McCormick, of Lot 7, north side of Nichol Street, Elora.

February 15, 1844: Letter, John W. Gwynne, Toronto, to J. T. Gilkison. Refers to various personal matters.

April 15, 1844: Same to same, re same.

December 21, 1844: Indenture of Bargain and Sale, from Donald Lorn McDougall, to Jasper T. Gilkison, of lots in Nichol and Cramahe Townships.

February 17, 1845: Clipping, to the Wardens and Councillors for the Niagara, Gore, Brock, London and Western Districts, from J. T. Gilkison, re the Great Western Railway.

March 15 and April 15, 1845: Clippings, Letters to the Editor of the Journal &

Express, from J. t. Gilkison, re Great Western Railway.

November 11, 1845: Certificate in name of Alexander Grant Gilkison for 100 shares of capital stock of Great Western Railroad Co.

February 10, 1846: Letter, John W. Gwynne, Toronto, to Jasper T. Gilkison, Hamilton, concerning a rumour detrimental to Gilkison's Railroad Co.

February 12, 1847: Indenture of Quit Claim, Donald Lorn MacDougall, to Charles H. Castle, on lots in Nichol and Cramahe Townships.

October 27, 1845: Notice requiring payment of the first instalment of 5% on each share of capital stock of Great Western Railroad Co. Newspaper clipping.

February 7, 1848, to June 8, 1852: Pages from Letter Book of J. T. Gilkison, Crown Land Agent for the District of Gore, Hamilton.

November 17, 1848: Clipping – letter to the “Conductors of the Press.” By J. T. Gilkison, on “Emigration, and Works of Internal Improvement.”

February 14, 1850: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, to the Editor of the “Provincialist,” re the Niagara & Detroit Rivers Railroad.

February 27, 1850: Draft of letter to Alderman George Sunby, requesting that he call a meeting of the inhabitants of St. Mary's Ward, Hamilton (?), to promote the construction of the Great Western Railroad.

March 12, 1850: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, to various gentlemen, notifying them of their appointment, at a meeting at St. Mary's Ward, to a committee, to obtain subscription to stock in the Great Western Railroad.

March 20, 1850: Draft of letter to Alderman Nehemiah Ford, Hamilton (?), requesting that he call a meeting of St. Lawrence Ward, to promote the construction of the Great Western Railroad.

March 27, 1850: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, to various gentlemen, notifying them of their appointment, at a meeting of St. Lawrence Ward, to a Committee, to obtain subscriptions to stock in the Great Western Railroad.

March 27, 1850: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, to various gentlemen, notifying them

of their appointment, at a meeting of St. Andrew's Ward, to a Committee, to obtain subscriptions to stock in the Great Western Railroad.

April 22, 1850: Address of the Directors of the Great Western Railroad Co., read by the President, R. W. Harris, at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Hamilton, Ont., together with the proceedings of said meeting.

May 7, 1850: Draft of letter to William Niles, Warden, Middlesex County, requesting his co-operation in promoting the construction of the Great Western Railroad.

May 3, 1852: Letter, J. T. Gilkison to the President and Directors of the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Co., requesting a refund on his stock.

November 1, 1853: Letter, J. T. Gilkison to A. Farmer, President, Woodstock & Lake Erie Railroad Co., concerning the position of Secretary of the company.

November 15, 1853: Receipt from Andrew Geddes, Elora, in favour of Jasper T. Gilkison, for his subscription of 197 pounds to the Elora & Fergus Road.

1854: Papers in connection with the erection of a foundry in Elora.

December 19, 1854: Letter, Andrew Geddes, Elora, to J. T. Gilkison, re lots in Elora.

January 29, 1855: Letter, Andrew Geddes, Elora, to J. T. Gilkison, re lots in Elora.

February 15, 1855: Same to same, re various lots.

April 12, 1855: Same to same, notifying him of a draft drawn "to make up my payments to the Crown."

June, 1855: Clippings from the Hamilton "Spectator" – respecting the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway.

February 13, 1856: Letter, Edward H. Newman, Elora, to J. T. Gilkison, accepting water privilege for grist mill at Elora.

April 14, 1856: Discussion of Police bill at Hamilton Council.

December 24, 1856: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, as agent for the city of Hamilton, to Devaux & Ugielli, regarding the purchase of city bonds.

December 29, 1856: Draft of memorandum by J. T. Gilkison, regarding the City of Hamilton bonds.

December 31, 1856: Draft of proposed agreement between the city Bank, London, England, and the City of Hamilton, Ont., regarding the purchase of city bonds.

December 31, 1856: Letter, C. Devaux & Co., London, England, to J. T. Gilkison, withdrawing from negotiations regarding the purchase of City of Hamilton bonds.

January - July, 1857: Correspondence concerning the sale of City of Hamilton bonds, in London, England, by J. T. Gilkison.

January 2, 1857: Clipping. Letter, J. T. Gilkison to Jas. Cumming, Mayor of Hamilton, regarding the disposal of city bonds.

February 2, 1857: Clipping. Report of meeting of city Council, Hamilton, regarding negotiation of city debentures.

February 2, 1857 (?): Extract from Minute Book of Finance Committee regarding instructions for printing debentures.

February 9, 1857: Memorandum of City of Hamilton debentures, sent to J. T. Gilkison, London, England.

April 27, 1857: Letter from John F. Moore, Mayor of Hamilton, as to treatment he has received from Hamilton papers. Hints at a crisis in affairs of Port Dover Railway.

April 29, 1857: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison to Cardon & Whitehead, London, England, regrading City of Hamilton debentures, and gives an account of that city's financial condition.

- May 7, 1857:** Letter, J. T. Gilkison to John F. Moore, Mayor of Hamilton, regarding difficulties in the way of disposing of the city debentures. Newspaper clipping and draft.
- July 5, 1858:** Clipping. Letter to the Editor of the "Spectator", Hamilton, by Canadensis (J. T. Gilkison), regarding manufacturers, etc.
- September 1, 1858:** Letter, J. T. Gilkison to the President of the directors of the Niagara & Detroit Railway, offering a few suggestions in the way of saving construction.
- September 14, 1858:** Letter from the Adjutant General's office, Toronto, to Major Gilkison, on closing cheque for \$120.00, salary as Assistant Adjutant General of Militia for the year ended 30th June, 1858.
- April, 1859:** Clipping. The New Militia Bill. By J. T. Gilkison.
- October 6, 1859:** District Order, Military District #7, Allan N. MacNab, Colonel Commanding, respecting the inauguration of Brock's monument.
- October 20, 1859:** Militia General Order.
- March 8, 1860:** Draft of memorandum or suggestions for a memorial to the Legislature, for relief to municipalities from taxation for railways.
- March 21, 1860:** Letter, Henry G. Ellis, town clerk, St. Thomas, to J. T. Gilkison, city clerk, Hamilton, regarding reduction of taxation for railway indebtedness.
- March 23, 1860:** Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison, to Provincial Secretary, Quebec, covering a Petition regarding a reduction of taxation for railway indebtedness.
- March 30, 1860:** Letter, Samuel Mills, Legislative Councillor, to J. T. Gilkison, acknowledging receipt of Petition & reporting on its presentation to the Council.
- January 7, 1861:** Copy of letter, J. T. Gilkison, Hamilton, to the Hon. P. Van Koughnet, Quebec, applying for the position of Commissioner of Indian lands on the Grand River.

- January 8, 1862:** Clipping. The Volunteer Movement.
- January 22, 1862:** Militia General Orders.
- February, 1862:** Clipping from the "Spectator", Hamilton. The Royal Militia of Canada. By "Canadensis."
- August 3, 1863:** Clipping. From "The Courier", Brantford. The Defense of the Country and our Militia System. By "Miles Canadensis."
- September 2, 1866:** Prayer card, in remembrance of Dame Archange Askin Meredith.
- June 20, 1869:** Notices of anniversary service at the old Mohawk church, Brantford.
- July 12, 1869:** Letter, Geo. W. Burton, Hamilton, to J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, concerning the title to Park Lot #7, Elora.
- October 22, 1877:** Letter, G. McCormick, Preston, Australia, to Jasper Gilkison. Writes about his family, his occupation and interests, as well as politics. Incomplete.
- September 15, 1882:** Opening hymn, Inauguration of Council House, New Credit.
- November 8, 1887:** Clipping. Regarding death of Ann Theresa Duff, wife of the Hon. Gilbert McMicken, Winnipeg.
- November 10, 1887:** Letter, Thomas Galt to Jasper Gilkison. Personal reminiscences.
- December 31, 1887:** Letter, Geo. S. Conover, Geneva, Ontario County, N.Y., to Lt. Col. J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, congratulating him on being presented with a sash and a bible by the Six Nations Indians.
- July 3, 1891:** Letter, Jno. C _____, to J. T. Gilkison, concerning the parentage of Sir John A. Macdonald.
- July 10, 1891:** Letter, J. Pennington MacPherson, Ottawa, to family of Sir John A.

Macdonald's mother.

July 16, 1891: Same to same, re same.

July 29, 1891: Account of Hon. Alexander Grant, by Judge Woods, Chatham. From "Chatham Planet."

September 7, 1891: Copy of letter, J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, to the Rev. Duncan Davidson, Boissevain, asking for information as to Sir John A. Macdonald's mother.

May 14, 1892: Draft of letter, J. T. Gilkison to R. Playter, giving him his qualifications for membership in the York Pioneers Society.

June 15, 1892: Letter from R. Playter, announcing his (J. T. Gilkison's) election as member of York Pioneers.

August 31, 1892: Letter, Jno. C _____, Chatham, to Jasper Gilkison, on family affairs, Sir John A. Macdonald's maternal grandmother. Mentions that he was one of "the 50 men of Gore that saved Toronto that night under Sir Allan Macnabb" and one of "the 45 men that cut out the 'Caroline.'"

September 24, 1892: Same to same, on personal matters.

September 21, 1893: Letter, Charles Durand, 237 Huron St., Toronto, to Col. Gilkison, Brantford, requesting information concerning Indians.

December 1, 1893: Notice to Col. J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, from the York Pioneers & Historical Society that the Society has passed a resolution to admit ladies to membership.

March 24, 1894: Clipping from the "Expositor", Brantford, concerning Col. J. T. Gilkison.

April 2, 1894: Letter, J. T. Gilkison to J. T. Clark, assistant editor, "Saturday Night," respecting some of J. T. Gilkison's articles.

April 4, 1894: Letter, E. M. Chadwick, Toronto, to J. T. Gilkison, asking for

information concerning the McCormick family and his own.

April 18, 1894: Same to same, re same.

April 19, 1894: Copy of letter, J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, to E. M. Chadwick, Toronto, regarding information for “Ontarian families.”

April 23, 1894: Letter, E. M. Chadwick, Toronto, to J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, re same.

April 28, 1894: Copy of letter, J. T. Gilkison, Brantford, to E. M. Chadwick, Toronto, re same. Bemoans the lack in records, etc., by “degenerate youth.”

May 2, 1894: Letter, E. M. Chadwick, Toronto, to J. T. Gilkison, Brantford. Defends the charges that youth is not interested in the past, family history, etc.

September 18, 1910: Eleanor M. O’Connor, Windsor, to Miss Augusta Gilkison, sending some information about the family.

Undated Material:

Memoranda concerning Barthe family.

Family history starting with Teophile coming in 1718 to Montreal; child Charles has child Maria Archange who married John Askin. [Helps clarify names in letters.]

Note from Alexander Grant to Alpine mentioning McDonald’s of Conlachy near Fort Augustus and Mr. McIntosh, merchant at Sandwich; wife’s death and family; comes to sittings of council “at my ease in summer.”

Memoranda concerning Jasper T. Gilkison.

Family history, friend’ addresses, personal history of Jasper (retired Lt. Col. Of militia).

Memoranda concerning John Gilmour, Peterborough.

Brief personal history (born Scotland 1792) taken from an article in McMaster

University Monthly, Nov. 1894.

Memoranda concerning Wm. Gilkison.

Notes, 1832 June 26 and 28. Concern Jasper and Daniel, Richardson.

Family history - William (born 1779 at Irvine, Scotland).

“A Sea Boy...” written by W. as a teenager on board the ship “Mary” in 1793 – gives his impressions of captain and mates as news was heard of war.

Note concerns Nov. 1813 when he lost goods gotten from Gerrard & Co. when Americans seized them at Wm. Stewart’s house; gives details of event.

Township of Nichol and how W. G. attained ownership of lands; also family history starting as sea captains – father William D and five sons sailing from Glasgow [good background information]; mentions relationship to John Galt, cousin.

Memoranda concerning Commodore Alexander Grant and his family.

Family history; experience in French and Indian War (Montgomery Highlanders) and American Revolution commanding vessels on the Great Lakes, home base at Detroit. [He was commander on Lake Ontario until 1778; commander of Upper Lakes thereafter.] Lists boats on the upper lakes, 1772-1793.

Letter book, 1777 to circa 1812 (sporadic in its dates).

“Early Days in Detroit” written by George Morin [adopted son of A. Grant].

William Richardson and militia at Brantford during the War of 1837.

Memoranda concerning McCormick (Thomas) Family, Queenston. [He was manager of the Bank of Upper Bank and son of Charles (Lt. in the Queens Rangers). Jasper T marries into this family line – married Mary Elizabeth in 1848.]

Plan for settling Elora, signed by W. Gilkison, 1838; additional note about David.

Memoranda concerning McKenzie (Thomas H.), Dundas. Genealogy Notes. [He was inspector of weights and measures, merchant in Preston 1832-40, employed with

Collin Ferrie general store as clerk and so was Jasper T. Gilkison.]

April 1, XXXX: Draft of letter requesting a meeting to arrange the completion of a canvass of the various city wards for subscriptions to stock in the Great Western Railroad Co.; draft of various resolutions concerning Great Western Railroad.

Pictures:

July 15, 1922: Letter, Augusta I. Grant Gilkison to Col. Fraser, covering some pictures sent by her.

1. Sir Isaac Brook leaving Fort George for Queenston, October 31, 1812.
2. Battle of Queenston River, 1812.
3. Battle of Queenston Heights, death of Brock.
4. Stone marking spot where Tecumseh fell.
5. Tecumseh.
6. An Indian.
7. Three Indians, different types.
8. Indian Girl. "The Legend of Laughing Water."
9. Three old warriors under Joseph Brant.
10. The Village of Oshweken.

Clippings at end of Reel:

December 13, 1938: "Globe and Mail," Princess Marks 90th Birthday – Miss Augusta Gilkison.

1890: Clipping, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, re death of Hon. Gilbert McMicken.

June 29, 1906: Clipping, respecting the death of Wm. Kirby, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

November 16, 1906: Clipping, regarding the death of Col. John (Jasper) Gilkison.