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Amos Botsford (1744-1812) was a native of Connecticut. With Samuel Cummings, Frederick Hauser and James Peters, he served as agent for the settlement of Loyalists in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. From 1785 until his death he was a member of the New Brunswick Assembly, and its Speaker. His son William Botsford (1773-1864) was a member of the Assembly from 1812, Speaker and Solicitor General from 1817 until 1823, when he was named to the Supreme Court bench. He retired in 1854.

Finding Aid No. 525 provides a descriptive list of the items in chronological order. Both the finding aid and the collection were microfilmed in 1985 and are available on reel H-1687. **RESEARCHERS ARE ASKED TO USE THE MICROFILM.**

The papers accumulated by Amos and William Botsford, 1763-1839, consist of correspondence, notes, land records and related papers arranged in five subject files: correspondence (pages 1-88), records of Loyalist settlements (pages 89-172), land grants (pages 173-177), miscellaneous memoranda and notes (pages 178-296) and judicial commissions (pages 297-301). The divisions were not strictly observed in the arrangement of the papers and some pages were not numbered in the first sequence so there are in fact some 350 pages in the collection.

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13 October 1763	Grant of 'one full share' (500 acres) in Cumberland Township to Lewis Houstoun (parchment).	173-174
6 April 1764	Commission appointing Joshua Winslow, John Jueston, William Allen and Jotham Gay judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Cumberland, N.S. (parchment).	297
10 July 1765	Grant of Lot 40 B (500 acres) in Cumberland Township to Barbara Manning with a notation of the assignment of the title to William Allen, 11 August 1766 (parchment)	175-176
24 October 1765	Deed of sale from Nathaniel Upham to Alpheus Fletcher of a lot (1 acre) in Rutland.	178-179
9 May 1768	Will of James Olney of North Providence, Rhode Island, with notations 5-15 May 1770 concerning probate (certified copy, made 4 November 1786).	180-186
26 October 1768?	Notes, chiefly of philosophical or literary nature, but including some on political affairs, religion and law.	187-230
26 July 1774	(fragment of a) Grant of some 7751 acres to associates including Jonathan Eddy, John Huston, Joseph Eyre, William Maxwell, John Fullmore, Samuel Gay, Jonathan Ward, Senacherib Martin, Edward Brownal, William Bryant, Jotham Gay, Joshua Winslow, Johnson Bearsto, Richard Jones, John Wisdom, and other heirs to Edward Castle (parchment).	177
19 October 1782	Return of men, women and children arrived at Annapolis from New York (the list gives names of the men, with numbers of women and children).	108-111

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1 November 1782	Letter from John Prince to Amos Botsford, concerning the arrival of Loyalist refugees and the provision of shelter for them.	1-1a
n.d. [1783]	Return of Captain Hunt's Company of Loyalists, embarked for Annapolis Royal (the list gives names, occupations and former residences, as well as numbers of men, women and children in each family party).	89-90
n.d.	Return of passengers on board the LITTLE TOM (giving numbers of women and children)	91-92
n.d.	Return of settlers at Annapolis, Digby, Clements, Wilmot, Bear River, and Sisiboo (only group leaders are named, with the number of families and single men in each group).	93-94
n.d.	List of settlers in the Town of Digby, arranged by block (A-Z, with lot numbers next to each name).	95-106
n.d.	An estimate of the losses sustained by Isaac Bonnette and David Bonnette of New Rochelle, N.Y., from 1776.	107
n.d.	Account of the passengers aboard the HAPPY COUPLE (giving names of men and numbers of women and children).	112
21 January 1783	Letter of Samuel Seabury and John Sayre to A. Botsford, Samuel Cummings and Frederick Hauser, concerning Loyalist settlement on the Saint John River and the necessary arrangements to be made.	2-2b
24 January 1783	Letter of Samuel Seabury, per James Peters, to the same, reporting on a conference with Sir Guy Carleton concerning supplies for Loyalist refugees and asking information about the Saint John River Area.	3-3c

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27 March 1783	Letter of Richard Bulkeley to A. Botsford, concerning title to the Township of Conway, St. Mary's Bay.	4-4a
23 April 1783	Letter of Samuel Seabury, John Sayre and John Wardell to A. Botsford, S. Cummings and F. Hauser, concerning arrangements for the first convoy of refugees and recommending James Peters, James Sayre and Mr. Thomas, late commissary of Maryland Loyalists.	5-5b
[2 May 1783]	Letter of Joshua Chandler to A. Botsford, concerning the possibility of his returning home and family affairs.	6-6a
2 May 1783	Letter of John Sayre to A. Botsford and F. Hauser, concerning arrangements for the settlement of Loyalist refugees at Annapolis or Saint John; the convoy of James Peters; supplies; the death of Samuel Cummings; the Port Roseway associates; and Mr. Nicholas Ogden (the convoy included ships GRAND DUCHESS OF RUSSIA, SPENCER, MARS, CAMEL, AURORA, ARIEL, BROTHERS, HDPE AND UNION).	7-7b
2 May 1783	Letter of Samuel Seabury to the same, concerning the same.	8-8b
12 May 1783	Letter of James Peters to the same, concerning his voyage aboard the SDVEREIGN with the convoy for Port Roseway, Halifax and the Bay of Fundy, and provisions for the Loyalists.	9-9b
25 May 1783	Letter of John Sayre to A. Botsford, J. Peters and F. Hauser, concerning acquisition of land east of Fort Howe for the Loyalists; the organization of the June convoy; Col. Abijah Willard, John Holland; and the choice of land for members of the board.	10-10b

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3 June 1783	Letter of Charles Morris to A. Botsford, requesting a blank commission for Col. Delancey and a set of (surveying) instruments.	12-12a
29 June 1783	Letter of Joshua Chandler to A. Botsford and William Chandler, concerning family affairs and the possibility of their return to Connecticut.	13-13c
1 July 1783	Letter of Richard Bulkeley to A. Botsford, concerning lands allotted to Loyalist refugees in the Saint John River valley.	14-14b
1 July 1783	Letter of Charles Morris to the same, concerning acquisition of land for the settlement of Loyalists and the lack of surveying instruments.	15-15a
2 July 1783	Letter of the same to the same, concerning a Mr. Jones and his seven associates, and the problem of surveying.	16-16b
4 July 1783	Letter of the same to the same, requesting land for Mr. Jones and associates.	17-17a
5 July 1783	Letter of the same to the same, enclosing a town plot of Clare and encouraging him to speedily settle the refugees.	18
8 July 1783	Letter of the same to the same, requesting land for Captain Young and asking about the land for Capt. Solomon Land.	19-19a
12 July 1783	Letter of the same to the same, concerning a letter for Thomas Williams, land for Mr. Jones and associates, and the plan of Clare Township.	20-20b

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16 July 1783	Letter of Charles Morris to the same, concerning settlement of the Loyalists and land for George Sutherland, George Gun, John McGibbon and Peter McNab.	23-23c
20 July 1783	Letter of Israel Young to the same, concerning land for himself and for Zebulon Whitman and William Walters, with lists of settlers.	24-24b
21 July 1783	Letter of John Sayre to the same, concerning land for Capt. Christopher Benson.	25-25a
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1 August 1783	Letter of Jeremiah Leaming to the same, concerning payment of a bond to Dr. Charlton.	28-28a
13 August 1783	Letter of Charles Morris to the same, concerning land for Mr. Franklin and maps of Loyalist lands.	29-29a
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28 August 1783	Letter of Thomas Williams to A. Botsford, concerning smallpox among the Negroes and shelter for sick refugees.	38-38a
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