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APPENDIX H

SURROGATE COURT RECORDS

INDEX

1793 - 1858

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USING THE INDEX

1. Explanation

This index was compiled from five Surrogate Court sources: estate files, estate filings, registers, and guardianship files. Registers were used for the index when they were the only estate record available for the period prior to 1859, i.e. Carleton County. This index covers the period 1793-1858. In the case of York County (to 1863) and Norfolk County (to 1869), the alphabetical organization of these files made a cut-off date of 1858 unrealistic. As well, entries for some counties continue into 1859: each country's cut-off date depends on when the county began to notify the Surrogate Clerk of Ontario of applications for probate and administration.

NOTE: If a name does not appear in this index, it is possible that a record is available in the Registers of one of the Surrogate Courts: therefore, the Registers should be checked. This index was compiled from estate files (as the basic record); it is possible that estates listed in the Registers are missing in the original, and, do not appear in this index.

2. Table of Letters Used

The following is a table of letters used to indicate the type of record used:

- AW - Administration with Will Annexed (Register)
- AB - Administration Book (Register)
- F - Filings
- G - Guardianship files
- R - Registers
- O.S. - Huron County renumbered its early estate files four (4) times prior to 1859. To prevent confusion, Huron County files have been designated as O.S., O.S. 1, O.S. 2, O.S. 3.

When there is no letter next to the name, the record is an estate file.

3. Locating the Record

Estate Files

All on microfilm. See 'Surrogate Courts' card catalogues under the appropriate county. Estate files without numbers in the index are those that are organized alphabetically on film.

NOTE: Niagara North = Lincoln County

Niagara South = Welland County

Middlesex - unnumbered estate files for 1800-1839 are at the end of the 1800-39 microfilm of estate files.

Registers Same as above.

Guardianships With the exception of Niagara North (Lincoln County) and Niagara South (Welland County), these files are interfiled with estate files on microfilm. For the two counties where guardianship files were maintained separately from estate files, the files are not on microfilm, and, can be requested in the original.

References are:

R.G. 22
Series 240 St. Catharines (Niagara North)

R.G. 22
Series 292 Welland (Niagara South)

Filings These files are not on microfilm. Researchers should check the Court Records Inventory for series references to order these files.