

# **INVENTORY DESCRIPTION**

**Upper Canada. Executive Council.**

**Index to the Upper Canada Land Petitions  
and the Executive Council Minute Books  
on Land Matters : 1787-1867**

### *Upper Canada Land Index: supplementary entries*

The card index known as the *Upper Canada Land Index* was prepared in the 1960s and microfilmed in 1977. A number of petitions were found to have been omitted from the Index. Between 1978 and 1991, supplementary entries (including the microfilm reel numbers for the petitions to which they refer) were prepared for these petitions. Following microfilming of these supplementary entries in 1991, the cards will be interfiled with the earlier entries.

**Finding Aid 1802**, commonly called the *Upper Canada Land Index*, is actually a nominal card index serving both the Land Petitions of Upper Canada (1791-1841) and the united Province of Canada (1841-1867) in RG 1, L 3 and the Land Books of Upper Canada and the Province of Canada in RG 1, L 1. Index entries are almost exclusively personal names. A few entries were made by names of Indian tribes, by place names (as for the Military Settlements, or statistical reports on lands granted in a specific Township) and by office titles (as for the Surveyor General). As filmed in 1977 on reels C-10810 to C-10836, the cards provide only the bundle and petition number; researchers must consult the Shelf List to identify number of the microfilm reel on which that petition will appear.

Researchers discovering large numbers of entries in the index may find it more convenient to request a reader-printer copy of them from the microfilm than to transcribe all the entries. Requests for microfilm loans or for photocopies are handled most efficiently when both the petition reference and the reel number are specified.

Citations to land petitions should follow the style of the examples given below. The short form is the minimum acceptable for use in requests for photocopies. (Please do not use abbreviations.) For short form citations, researchers may use either the archival reference "RG 1, L 3" *or* the series title "Upper Canada Land Petitions". Use of the volume number is particularly important for the Miscellaneous bundles. Attention should be paid to the date of the petitions, as the bundle designations 1-9 were used both for 1792-1811 and for 1841-1867.

Note that preservation of the original alpha-numeric designations for the petitions precluded the use of page numbers. Pages within a petition are identified by letter. By custom, a reference such as "petition M 6/80" is used as a file designation, to identify the whole of a petition, including any supporting documents. References to individual pages of a petition should follow the examples (# 5-8) below.

First (full) reference:

- 1 National Archives of Canada, Executive Council records, RG 1, L 3, Upper Canada Land Petitions, vol. 332, petition M 6/80; on microfilm reel C-2194.

Subsequent (short) references:

- 2 NA, RG 1, L 3, vol. 195A, petition F Misc. 1788-1795/32; on microfilm reel C-2022.
- 3 NA, RG 1, L 3, vol. 282, petition K Leases 1801-1817/23; on microfilm reel C-2124.  
or
- 4 NA, Upper Canada Land Petitions, vol. 308, petition Mc 21/63; on microfilm reel C-2140.

References to specific pages:

- 5 NA, RG 1, L 3, vol. 332, petition M 6/80, pages 80jj-80kk; on microfilm reel C-2194.
- 6 NA, RG 1, L 3, vol. 67, petition B Misc. 1788-1795/91, list on page 91e; on microfilm reel C-1634.  
or
- 7 NA, Upper Canada Land Petitions, vol. 30, page B 3/217a; on microfilm reel C-1620.
- 8 NA, Upper Canada Land Petitions, vol. 73, note by the Commissioner of Crown Lands on page B 3/113q; microfilm reel C-1638.

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