

A collection of letters and documents relating to the Dalley family. 1710-1907.

Extent: 1 box (234 items). 5 inches.

Received as a gift from John Mappin in 1986.

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SCOPE NOTE

By 1773 (or earlier) the Dalley family owned property at Rudge in Wiltshire, England. In the nineteenth century (and possibly before) they appear to have been operating a pottery works. In 1813/14 one member of the family at Rudge, William Dalley, held the rank of Captain in the local militia, and was called up for service at Salisbury and Gosport. In the 1830's members of the family (Frederick, later Edwin, and possibly others) emigrated to Canada.

By 1846 Edwin Dalley (c.1813-1884) had established a retail druggist's business in Hamilton, leasing premises on James St. North in a block developed by Sir Alan MacNab. In 1851 he gave up the retail drug business to become involved in wholesaling and in the manufacture of blacking, chemical manure, and other substances, setting up a factory on the outskirts of town. He became a leading business man of Hamilton and in 1857 was elected Councillor for St. Mary's Ward. His two sons, Edwin Adolphus and Frederick Fenner, were active in the business.

In 1875 Frederick Fenner took over the business which he continued as F.F. Dalley & Co. In 1881 Edwin Adolphus returned from New York where he had lived in the 1870's and joined the business. In 1893 the business was incorporated as the F.F. Dalley Co. Ltd. and continued under that name until at least 1907. The company manufactured blacking, inks, shoe polish, flavouring extracts, patent medicines, dye stuffs, baking powder, and spices as well as being a wholesaler for oils, drug sundries etc.

The collection has some material relating to the Dalley family in England but the majority of documents relate to the family and business in Hamilton, 1846 to 1907.

The Dictionary of Hamilton Biography (Hamilton: 1981) has an entry for Edwin Dalley (p. 58). In volume 8 of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography (Toronto: 1985) in the entry for R.R. Smiley (p. 822), Dalley is mentioned as having helped finance the setting up of the Hamilton Spectator in 1846.

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EARLY FAMILY PAPERS

- Folder 1 Copy of a lease for a year from Robert Wadman and others to John Hall Esq. and another of Arnold's Tenament. May 10, 1710.
D.S. 1 leaf. Note reads: This is a true Copy Examined this Day of 1754 By me. This note is stroked out and a second note reads: This is a True Copy with the Originall.
Signed with a mark by Robert Wadman, Mary Wadman, Richard Brickle Sen., Richard Brickle Jun., Robert Wadman Sen., John Wadman. Witnessed by John R [Signature illegible] and Thomas Ridout.
- Folder 2 Account of the work done by Farmer Henson Fricker on the five yard-lands in 1746. A.D. 1 leaf in 3 sections.
- Folder 3 Richard Barford. Recd. of Mr. Moor and Mr. Helm thirty and nine pounds ... for rent of the Tythes of Rudge [Wilts.] Oct. 30, 1754. A.D.S. 1 leaf.
- William Moore. Received ... from John Moore the sum of fourteen pounds ... for half a years rent ... Oct. 24, 1760. A.D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 4 Wm. Jefie [?] Recd. of Mr. Dalley ... on [sic] Pound & three Farthings for half a Year's Land tax for an Estate call'd West End in the Tything of Ridge. Oct. 26, 1773. A.D.S. 1 leaf.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM DALLEY PAPERS

Collection of bills, accounts, reports, etc. relating to his service in the 3d Wilts. Local Militia. 1813-1814; 1817. 12 items.

- Folder 5 Ed. Barford, Salisbury, to Capt. Dalley. March 31, 1814. A.L.S. 1 leaf. The Regiment is ordered to Assemble at Salisbury on the 25th of April for extended Service ...
- Folder 6 Thos. Cheyne, Wadpark, to Capt. Dally [sic] Gosport. May 10, A.L.S. 1 leaf. He will look after Dalley's horse until further notice.

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CAPTAIN WILLIAM DALLEY PAPERS (Cont.)

- Folder 7 Detail of Duties mounted at Gosport. May 11, 1814.
 Printed form, filled in by hand. 1 leaf. Capt.
 Dalley named as Captain of the Day.
- Report of Forton Guard ... May 13, 1814. A.D.S. 1 leaf.
 Written and signed by Jno. May, Capt. N. Devon Regt.
- Report of Forton Prison Guard ... May 15, 1814. A.D.S.
 1 leaf. Written and signed by William Dalley.
- Folder 8 3d Wilts. Local Militia. Weekly Mess Bill of Captain
 Dalley's Company ... 8 May to ... 14 inst. 1814.
 Printed form filled in by hand. 1 leaf.
- Barrack Rooms Letter & Damages to Capt. Dally & Bracher
 Undated. A.D. 1 leaf.
- Soldiers' Mess Room. Soldiers' Sleeping Room. [List of
 supplies] Undated. A.D. 1 leaf.
- [Pay accounts] May 20, 1813. A.D. Folder 4 p. Lists
 moneys paid to privates, sergeants, corporals, drums,
 men.
- [Accounts] May 27 [1813/14?] A.D. 2 p. Lists moneys
 paid for meat, loaves, brushes, etc.
- [Account] Capt. Dalley to T. Stead. 1814. A.D. 1 leaf.
 Charge for hire of beds and bed furnishings.
- Folder 9 To Capt. Dally [sic] 3d Wilts Local Militia, Rudge [Eng.]
 Knoyle, 27th August, 1817. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf.
 Requests subscriptions for a testimonial piece of plate
 to be presented to the Colonel. Signature is illegible.

FREDERICK DALLEY PAPERS

- Folder 10 H. Dalley to Frederick Dalley, Farmers' Tavern, Market
 Square, York. Rudge [Eng.] Nov. 15, 1830. A.L.S.
 Folder 4 p. Gives English and family news; inquires
 about prospects in Canada since family (who operate
 a pottery works) are considering emigrating.
- Folder 11 Frederick Dalley. Receipt for \$45.16.0 from John Munro,
 St. Thomas [Ont.] Dec. 24, 1855. 1 leaf.

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EDWIN DALLEY PAPERS

- Folder 12 Lease: Sir A.N. Macnab to [Edwin] Dalley & [Francis] Stevens. Hamilton, Feb. 23, 1846. A.D. 6 p. Dalley & Stevens agree to lease premises on the east side of James St. in Hamilton in a block recently built by Macnab.
- Folder 13 J.H. Boswill to Edwin Dalley. Cobourg, July 31, 1848. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. Informs Dalley of a legacy from John Ranson.
- Folder 14 Invoice of patent medicines. Bot[sic] of Edwin Dalley. Edwin Heathfield, Agent, to Mr. Treadwell. Nov. 22, 1851. A.D. 1 leaf.
- Folder 15 Edwin Dalley to Mr. J.R. Thompson. Hamilton, Sept. 17, 1868. A.L.S. Folder 1 leaf. Requests entry papers for various goods, e.g. blacking, ink, prepared medicines, tomato catsup, garden fruit.
- Folder 16 Memorandum of an agreement ... Edwin Dalley of Hamilton and Henry Dalley and Keturah Dalley ... City of Brooklyn. April 29, 1869. A.D. 3 p. Conveyances property at Wellington Square, Halton County, in exchange for property at Malahide, Elgin County.
- Folder 16 [Edwin] Dalley. [Invoices for groceries and dry goods] Hamilton, Oct. 19, 1877. A.D. 1 leaf.
- Folders 17-19 [Collection of family correspondence] 1859-1878. 6 A.L.S. Letter from Henry Dalley, dated July 2, 1869, encloses additional 2 A.L.S. and copy of burial certificate from Malta giving information about possible forbearer, Samuel Dalley.

FENNER FREDERICK DALLEY PAPERS

- Folders 20-25 [Collection of business papers] 1881-1907. 12 items. Includes: Permit to have methylated spirits, issued to F.F. Dalley, Nov. 26, 1888; Directions for making elastic enamel (undated); Memorandum of agreement: F.F. Dalley & C.A. Griffith, dated Jan. 19, 1893, granting Griffith exclusive rights to make and sell in the United States "Hirsts Pain Exterminator"; 2 proxies dated 1907, appointing F.F. Dalley agent at the F.F. Dalley Co. meeting; other miscellaneous papers.

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- Folders 26-30 [Collection of household bills and accounts from Hamilton merchants] Hamilton, 1897-1901. 157 items. Many addressed to Mrs. F.F. Dalley. Chiefly bills for groceries and dry goods.
- Folders 31-36 [Collection of personal and family letters] 1881-1901. 13 A.L.S. Correspondents include: F.F. Dalley's wife and other members of his family; J.C. Forster, architect in Owen Sound, re plans for leasing islands off Tobermory for deer hunting and building a cottage for club members (1899) and re alterations to Dalley's cottage at Winona Park (1911); Charles Magill (election circular, 1881).
- Folders 37-38 [Collection of Masonic material] 1881-1891. 15 items. Includes: 3 certificates, 1881-1885; printed and manuscript material relating to the Pilgrimage to Europe organized by the Knights Templar, 1891 (programme, plan of cabins on the S.S. City of Berlin; circulars, correspondence)
- Folder 39 Will of F.F. Dalley. Hamilton, April 10, 1900. A.D.S. 1 leaf.
- Folder 40 The Amount of Stock. Dec. [18-] Ms. notebook. 19 p. Lists a great variety of items, medicinal and household supplies, presumeably stocked by the Dalley Company.
- Folder 41 [Collection of recipes] Undated. 8 leaves.
- Folder 42 [Pharmacopeia] Undated. Ms volume. 50 p. Contains recipes for medicines for man and beast. One page watermarked 1832.