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The Niagara Falls Museum Papers, 2018

Dates: 1832-2004

Extent: 14 boxes, 4 books (1.95 metres)

Administrative History:

Thomas Barnett (1799-1890) emigrated to Canada from Birmingham, England in 1824, residing first in Kingston and then in Niagara Falls. Barnett was the founder and proprietor of Canada's oldest museum, which first opened in 1827. The museum began with a modest collection, composed chiefly of Barnett's main hobby, taxidermy. The close proximity to the falls, and Barnett's tour down the staircase at Table Rock and behind the falls, which was included with the price of admission, brought tourists to the museum. The collection grew from 10,000 specimens to over 100,000 between 1850 and 1867, primarily due to Thomas' son, Sydney (1836-1925). Sydney collected oddities and anthropological collections, including traveling to Egypt to bring back mummies in 1854 and 1857, as well as introducing a specimen exchange program with other museums and collections. In 1858, the Barnetts designed and built a new stone building for the museum, which opened in 1860. After a series of bad business decisions, Barnett filed for bankruptcy on 1 May 1878 and the museum and its collections were sold at auction for \$48,000. The museum was purchased by local businessmen and rival of the Barnetts, Saul Davis (1807-1899). In 1888, Davis moved the museum collection to Niagara Falls, New York. The Sherman family purchased the museum in 1942 and returned it to Canada, where they moved the museum in a converted five story corset factory with a view of Niagara Falls. The Sherman family sold the collections to Golden Chariot Productions in 1999.

Scope and Content:

Collection consists of archival material related to the museum and its proprietors, including correspondence and promotional material, as well as items documenting Sidney Barnett's involvement in the militia and Fenian Raids (1866). The collection also includes books and ephemera pertaining to the Niagara Falls tourist industry, such as guidebooks, broadsides, flyers, tickets and certificates. The collection also contains 124 photographs, including glass stereoviews, card stereoviews, ambrotypes, cabinet cards, and albumen photographs, dating from 1850s to the 1890s, with 18 produced by the museum itself.

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Arrangement:

Contains series:

- Series 1: Niagara Falls Museum and the Barnett Family
- Series 2: Early Tourism at Niagara Falls and Guidebooks
- Series 3: Photographs and Art
- Series 4: Museum History, Collections and Contemporary Sale

Notes:

Shorthand notations are used throughout the finding aid and are to be translated as follows:

ALS – Autograph letter signed (signed by the author of the letter, handwritten)

ANS – Autograph note signed (shorter note, card, postcard, etc.)

Flat – Material such as bound books, notebooks, albums, frames

N.D – No date

TLS – Typed letter signed (typed letter signed by hand)

TNS – Typed note signed (shorter typed note or card signed by the author)

XC – Xerox copy/photocopy

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| SERIES 1: NIAGARA FALLS MUSEUM AND THE BARNETT FAMILY | | |
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| BOX: FOLDER | CONTENTS | DATE(S) |
| | Niagara Falls Museum | |
| | Museum on Canadian Side (proprietors, Thomas and Sidney Barnett) | |
| Box 1 Folder 1 | Certificates made out to Isabella Thorburn and R.B French for passing behind the Great Falling Sheet of Water to Termination Rock. Provided by the Register Office, Table Rock and signed by Thomas Barnett | July 1850 July 1857 |
| 1:2 | Form letter from the Smithsonian Institution requesting specimens of native mammals with directives on preserving specimens. 1 TLS | 1 April 1855 |
| 1:3 | Promotional card for Niagara Falls Museum operated by T. Barnett, advertisement for the Oldest Indian Curiosity Store on verso | 1857 |
| 1:4 | Report of Select Committee on Petition of Thomas Barnett in the 2 nd Session, 6 th Parliament, Victoria to determine if the Niagara Falls museum has contributed to the knowledge of Natural History in Canada, and whether science would be advanced by allowing Thomas Barnett to establish a system of specimen exchange with foreign countries. | April 1859 |
| 1:5-6 | Promotional flyers for the Niagara Falls Museum (Thomas Barnett, proprietor) | 1862 [186?]-[187?] |
| 1:7 | Brochure for Barnett's Niagara Falls Museum with map, table of distances, recommendations and summary of activities and collection (Thomas Barnett, proprietor) | [1867-1877] |
| 1:8 | Form letter from Thomas Barnett to teachers of the public schools urging them to visit the museum with their students. 1 TL | [1865] |
| 1:9 | Form letter from Thomas Barnett requesting specimen exchange with other institutions or individuals. 1 TL | 1868 |
| 1:10 | Promotional flyer for Fairmount Park – “The American Switzerland” in Pennsylvania. (Joseph Smith, proprietor) (possibly from specimen exchange) | n.d |

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| 1:11 | Promotional card for going under the falls at Table Rock House operated by S. Barnett | [186-]-[187-] |
| 1:12 | Holograph list, "Museum Collection: How, and what to gather" written by [Thomas or Sidney] Barnett with a description of collections that are of interest | [186?] |
| 1:13 | Map of Niagara Falls (both Canadian and American sides) showing major attractions (including Barnett's museum and grounds, Barnett's stairs to Table Rock) as well as roads, railways and the falls. Holograph note regarding a lot. | [186?]-[187?] |
| 1:14 | Flyer for the Niagara Falls Museum aimed at the "pilgrimage of the Guina Witches or any other witches" | [186?]-[187?] |
| 1:15 | Flyer for the Niagara Falls Museum aimed at visitors for the I.O.O.F Pic-Nic | 9 July 1875 |
| 1:16-17 | Promotional flyer, 'Suggestions for getting up Excursions and Pic-Nics to Niagara Falls' written by Thomas Barnett (2 versions) | 1875 1876 |
| 1:18 | Ticket for entrance to the Niagara Falls Museum | 1876 |
| 1:19 | Promotional flyer for the Canada Southern Railway's 'Mammoth Cheap Excursion to Niagara Falls and Return' with half price tickets to Barnett's museum | 31 August 1877 |
| 1:20 | Broadside advertising the sale of Niagara Falls Museum buildings and collections at auction | 1 May 1878 |
| | Niagara Falls on American Side (proprietor, Saul Davis) | |
| 1:21 | Flyer for the Niagara Falls Museum after the purchase by Saul Davis | [after 1878] |
| 1:22-23 | Brochure for the Niagara Falls Museum (New York) (4 different copies) | [189-]-[190-] |
| 1:24 | Postcard for the fourth building of the Niagara Falls Museum (New York) | [192?] |
| Box 2 (flat) | Souvenir plate, "Oldest Museum in America, Niagara Falls, NY" | n.d |

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| 1:25 | Letter from Thomas Wily, Militia Department, to Sidney Barnett regarding the Prince of Wales' visit. 1 ALS | [1860] |
| 1:26 | Letter from Sidney Barnett to Honourable P.M Van Koughnet regarding a lease granted to Saul Davis and the damage it will do to his business. 1 ALS | 22 February 1861 |
| Box 14 (ovs) Folder 1 | Certificate appointing Sidney Barnett to the rank of Ensign in the First Battalion of Welland | 19 June 1861 |
| 1:27 | Letter from R. Kirkpatrick to Thomas Barnett regarding the payment of a loan. 1 ALS | [September 1861] |
| 1:28 | Notice to all members of No. 2, Co. 19 th Battalion regarding drills written by S. Barnett, Captain | 11 April 1864 |
| 1:29 | Letter from Denis [Godbey], on behalf of the Governor General, to Sidney Barnett regarding a review of Volunteers at Niagara Falls. 1 ALS | 14 May 1864 |
| 1:30 | <i>By-Laws for Licensing and Regulating Vehicles, Carriages or Cabs in the Town of Clifton.</i> Signed by Sidney Barnett. | 1865 |
| 1:31 | Letter from Jno C. [Kirkpatrick?] to Sidney Barnett regarding Messrs Thomas and [Yarwood]. 1 ALS | 26 August 1867 |
| 1:32 | <i>An Act Respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.</i> Signed by Sidney Barnett with some notations | 1868 |
| 1:33 | Letter from William McGhie to Sidney Barnett regarding an order of camp kettles. 1 ALS | 17 August 1869 |
| Box 2 (flat) Box 3 Folder 1-2 | Kodak Negative Album with negatives of letters written to/from Sidney Barnett including telegrams during the Fenian Raids and letters with P.T Barnum and Buffalo Bill for the arranging of the Buffalo hunt at the Niagara Falls Museum. Also includes XC copies of letters. | [186-]-[187-] |
| 3:3 | Five envelopes addressed to Sidney Barnett (no letters) | [186-]-[187-] |

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| Box 2 (flat) | Cap badge for 44 th Welland Battalion of Infantry, of which Sidney Barnett served | [186?] |
| 3:4 | Summons for Sidney Barnett to attend a regular meeting of Clifton Lodge A.F&A.M | 21 March 1871 |
| 3:5 | Programme for Rifle Matches at the St. Catharines Rifle Club | 26 September 1871 |
| 3:6 | Invoice notes made out to Sidney Barnett | 1871 1872 1880 |
| 3:7 | Article of Agreement between Geo. B. Hamlin and Sheldon T. Murray of the International Hotel Livery and Sidney Barnett regarding horses and carriages | 30 April 1872 |
| 3:8 | Note from George Simpson to Thomas Barnett to pay the executors of the late Thomas C. Sw[eet] six dollars. 1 ANS | 22 January 1873 |
| 3:9 | Promissory note to pay J.J Mason at Drummondville sixty dollars | 28 August 1873 |
| 3:10 | <i>Bill: An Act to authorize the Corporation of the Town of Clifton to pass By-Laws for Licensing and regulating Hacks and Carriages and their Drivers, and for other purposes</i> | 1873 |
| 3:11 | Letter from Sidney Barnett to [a creditor of Thomas Barnett] requesting a meeting at the museum. 1 ALS | 16 August 1877 |
| 3:12 | Notice from the Accounts' Branch of Crown Lands regarding Thomas Barnett's water privileges at Niagara Falls | 22 August 1877 |
| 3:13 | Letter from Sidney Barnett to John Lovell regarding something to be printed in <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . 1 ALS | 27 February 1878 |
| 3:14 | Receipts to [Thomas Barnett] for renting a post box at Niagara Falls | April-July 1879 July-October 1879 |
| 3:15 | Postcards written to Sidney Barnett in his capacity of as Lt. Col. Of the 44 th Battalion, particularly regarding the lack of rifle matches and ball practices. 5 ANS | 17-20 November 1879 |
| 3:16 | Notice of assessment for Mrs. A.M Barnett from the Town of Clifton | 1879 |

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| 3:17 | Letter from C.F Head to Thomas Barnett regarding paying back an act of kindness. 1 ALS | [187?] |
| 3:18 | Two notes with poetry written to Julia Barnett. 3 ANS | 1880-1881 |
| 3:19 | Note from J. [Hecke] to Mrs. A.M Barnett regarding money owned on an account. 1 ANS | 22 October 1889 |
| 3:20 | Calling card for Minnie R. Barnett | n.d |
| 3:21 | Souvenir card for the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo, N.Y signed by Miss Jennie Barnett | 1901 |
| 3:22 | Incomplete letter from [Sidney Barnett] to Sir Adam Beck regarding the Niagara Falls Museum. 1 ALS | [1906-1925] |
| 3:23 | Letter from the Adjutant-General, Canadian Milita to Sidney Barnett c/o British Consul General in Panama, regarding the Reserve list of Officers. 1 TLS | 20 September 1913 |
| 3:24 | Letter from President, Medals Claim Board to Sidney Barnett regarding his request for Fenian Raid Clasp and Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal. Also includes a statement of service and qualification for Sidney Barnett. 1 TLS | 18 September 1914 |
| 3:25 | Lettergram from Adjutant General to Sidney Barnett regarding his request for a commission in the Canadian overseas expeditionary force. 1 ALS | [1914-1918] |
| 3:26 | Letter from Arthur H. Sydere, clerk at Legislative Assembly, to Sidney Barnett regarding a requested document. 1 ALS | 1 March 1916 |

SERIES 2: EARLY TOURISM AT NIAGARA FALLS AND GUIDEBOOKS

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| | Tourism at Niagara Falls | |

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| | Letters and First-Hand Accounts | |
| Box 4 Folder 1 | Permission form granting W.E Hulett to land and remove hence to Niagara Falls from the Custom House, Port of Queenston. Includes a list of objects brought over by Hulett. | 3 August 1836 |
| 4:2 | Letter from Harriet Bayliss to her aunt, Mrs. Joseph W. Moulton. Written at Troy, Bayliss writes about a recent visit to Niagara Falls. 1 ALS | 23 September 1845 |
| 4:3 | Letter from James Bruce Elgin, Governor General of British North American to his father in law, Charles Lennox Cumming-Bruce. Written at Niagara Falls, Elgin speaks of touring the district over the past week and his impressions of the people. 1 ALS | 17 September 1849 |
| 4:4 | Letter from Elma Elgin, James Bruce Elgin's young daughter, to her grandfather, Charles Lennox Cumming-Bruce. Written at Niagara Falls on paper with a view of the Suspension Bridge, Elma discusses her touring of the area. 1 ALS | 19 September 1849 |
| 4:5 | Manuscript journal, <i>Journey To Niagara</i> by Bertha S. Osgood (aged 10). 8 pages detailing her trip, including description of the journeys, sight-seeing, and the hotel. | 8-13 June 1857 |
| | Promotional Material for Niagara Falls | |
| 4:6 | Souvenir certificate issued to Mary Louisa Halsted that she has passed behind the Central Fall and visited the Cave of the Winds | 25 July 1851 |
| 4:7 | Broadside advertising the <i>Maid of the Mist</i> | 1856 |
| 4:8 | Advertising card and schedule for <i>Maid of the Mist</i> (2 cards in white and yellow) | [185?] |
| Box 5 (flat) | Commemorative coin of Charles Blondin's tightrope crossing of the falls of Niagara in the Presense of H.R.H the Prince of Wales. Includes typescript description created by a later seller of the coin. | 14 September 1860 |
| Box 5 (flat) | Souvenir brass medallion with Niagara on one side and an eagle on the other. Contains 2 foldout circular sheets of images of the Falls, produced by Charles Bierstadt | [1869?] |
| 4:9 | Souvenir etching of the Railway Suspension Bridge along with details of the bridge | [186-]-[189-] |

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| 4:10 | Card for Clifton House, Niagara Falls, ON operated by Joslin & Dunklee | [186-] |
| 4:11 | Newspaper clipping, "Outrages at Niagara Falls" regarding crimes committed by Canadians on American citizens at Niagara Falls | [186?] |
| 4:12 | Letter from Captain Matthew Webb to his cousin. Webb swam the English Channel in 1875 and later drowned in an attempt to swim through the whirlpool rapids in 1883. 1 ALS | 20 December 1875 |
| 4:13 | Receipt card for Clifton House, Niagara Falls, ON operated by G.M Colburn with invoice for Rev. E.P Knubley | 10 September 1884 |
| 4:14 | Ticket for the Whirlpool Rapids and Park for Rev. E.P Knubley and Wife | 1884 |
| Box 5 (flat) | Commemoration medal for the opening of the State Preservation Park Niagara Falls with an image of the suspension bridge on verso | 15 July 1885 |
| 4:15 | Cabinet card souvenir reproduction photograph of George Hazlett and Sadie Allen with the barrel used to shoot the Whirlpool Rapids | [1886?] |
| 4:16 | Souvenir card for Niagara Falls New Suspension Bridge with details of all construction | [188-]-[189-] |
| 4:17 | Brochure for the Cave of the Winds New York State Reservation (2 copies) | [188-]-[189-] |
| 4:18 | Brochure for the Whirlpool Rapids and Double Elevator operated by J.M Buttery's Sons, Niagara Falls, NY | [188-]-[189-] |
| 4:19 | Informational brochures for interesting facts and principal points of interest for Goat Island, NY (2 versions) | [188-]-[189-] |
| 4:20-21 | Brochures for the <i>Maid of the Mist</i> trip | [188?] [189?] |
| 4:22 | Brochure for Clarke's Observatory and Burning Spring operated by P.S Clarke & Co. | [188?]-[189?] |
| 4:23 | Souvenir die-cut chromolithograph of "Captain Webb's Last Moment in the Niagara Whirlpool" pasted on paper reading "These Beautiful Scraps, Only One Penny Per Sheet." | [188?] |

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| 4:24 | Card from De Veaux College allowing Rev. [Rosenmuder] and friends to Whirlpool Grounds signed by Pres. Wilfred Munro | [188?] |
| 4:25 | Blank receipt paper for the Hotel Imperial, Niagara Falls, NY | [189-] |
| 4:26 | Business card for John Lock, Guide and Driver at Niagara Falls, NY. Verso includes points of interest and distance | [189?] |
| 4:27 | Circular ad for Libbie and Katie's Indian Store in Niagara Falls, NY. | [189?] |
| 4:28 | Coloured postcard for the Rock of Ages and Cave of the Winds, Niagara Falls, NY | n.d |
| 4:29 | <i>The New Book of Niagara: Scenes in Summer and Winter</i> with photographs by Robert Allan Reid | 1901 |
| 4:30 | Postcards of views of Niagara Falls including bridge over the rapids, the gorge and the falls | 1901 1903 1921 |
| 4:31 | Calendar compliments of W.L Effrick Choice Staple and Fancy Groceries, Niagara Falls, ON | 1906 |
| 4:32 | Report of the Opening of Memorial Hall produced by the Niagara Historical Society | 4 June 1907 |
| Box 5 (flat) | Souvenir glass box with etched decorative motifs and "Niagara Falls" | n.d |
| | Early Guidebooks to Niagara Falls and Region | |
| Box 6 Folder 1 | <i>The Falls of Niagara or Tourist's Guide to this Wonder of Nature.</i> By S. De Veaux (with engraving illustrations) | 1839 |
| 6:2 | <i>Every Man his Own Guide to the Falls of Niagara or the Whole Story in Few Words: Enlarged and Embellished with Engravings to which is Added a Chronological Table containing the Principal Events of the Late War Between the United States and Great Britain.</i> By T.G Hulett | 1845 |

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| 6:3 | <i>Burke's Descriptive Guide or Visitor's Companion to Niagara Falls for 1851.</i> By Andrew Burke (with two pullout illustrations and other in-text illustrations) | 1851 |
| 6:4 | <i>Table Rock Album and Sketches of Niagara Falls and the Scenery Adjacent.</i> Printed by Steam Press of Thomas and Lathrops. (comprised primarily of quotes and verses, includes an advertisement for the Barnett Museum written by Thomas Barnett) | 1855 |
| 6:5 | <i>Tunis's Guide to Niagara and Traveller's Companion, Illustrated.</i> By W.E Tunis (with several fold-out illustrations and maps, as well as in-text illustrations) | 1855 |
| Box 7 Folder 1 | <i>Falls of Niagara: Nelson's Hand-Books for Tourists.</i> Printed by T. Nelson & Sons (includes coloured illustrations) | 1860 |
| 7:2 | <i>Falls of Niagara and the Vicinity.</i> Printed by T. Nelson and Sons (all illustrations except frontispiece are lacking) | 1861 |
| 7:3 | <i>Guide to Niagara Falls and its Scenery including all the Points of Interest Both on the American and Canadian Side.</i> By F.H Johnson. (with coloured illustrations) | 1863 |
| 7:4 | <i>Tunis's Topographical and Pictorial Guide to Niagara Falls.</i> Published by T.E Tunis (with a large fold-out map of Niagara and panorama fold-out illustration from Niagara Falls to Quebec City). (cover lacking) | 1869 |
| 7:5 | <i>The Falls of Niagara: Being a Complete Guide to all the Points of Interest Around and in the Immediate Neighbourhood of the Great Cataract.</i> Printed by Thomas Nelson & Sons (includes many illustrations) | [187-] |
| 7:6 | <i>Pictorial Guide Books: Falls of Niagara and the Vicinity.</i> Printed by T. Nelson & Sons (includes many coloured and monotone illustrations) | [187-] |
| 7:7-8 | <i>Tugby's Illustrated Guide to Niagara Falls.</i> By Thomas Tugby (with a large selection of illustrations, also includes a stapled [draft]) | 1885 |
| 7:9 | Niagara Falls souvenir postcard folder (accordion style) with illustrated wooden covers | [prior to 1889] |
| 7:10 | <i>Souvenir Album of Niagara Falls.</i> Printed by Wittemann Brothers. (accordion style with bound cover) | [188?] |
| 7:11 | <i>Davey's Illustrated Guide to Niagara Falls</i> (with illustrations in accordion style) | [1890] |

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| 7:12-13 | <i>Niagara Falls Museum: Latest Illustrated Guide of Niagara Falls</i> (images and descriptions of points of interest) (2 editions) | [189?] |
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SERIES 3: PHOTOGRAPHS AND ART

| BOX: FOLDER | CONTENTS | | DATE(S) |
|--|---|--|----------------|
| Early views of Niagara Falls and Area | | | |
| Box 8:1 (flat) | Ambrotype photograph of falls and suspension bridge | In original metal frame and measuring 8x10 | [185?] |
| 8:2 (flat) | Ambrotype photograph of Canadian and American Falls | Handcoloured in original metal frame and measuring 8x10. 3 large cracks through surface. | [185?] |
| 8:3 (flat) | Photograph on paper of a woman posing in front of the falls | In original copper frame. | 28 August 1869 |
| Glass Stereoviews | | | |
| Box 8:4-5 (flat) | Glass Stereoviews taken by Babbitt & Tugby | 1. Ice Bridge and American Falls 2. Table Rock Canada Side | [1857-186-] |
| 8:6-7 (flat) | Glass Stereoviews taken by Platt D. Babbitt | 1. Grove Scenes – Winter 2. Scenes below Table Rock | [185-]-[186-] |
| 8:8 (flat) | Glass stereoview taken by O.B Evans | 1. Scenes of Niagara Falls | [1859-1860] |
| 8:9-10 (flat) | Glass stereoviews taken by J. McPherson | 1. Below Table Rock 2. [Group posing by water] | [185?] |
| 8:11 (flat) | Glass Stereoview taken by James Thomson | 1. Below Table Rock | 1860 |

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| 8:12 (flat) | Glass stereoview taken by A. Watson | 1. Sig. Farini's Rope Ascension across Niagara River | [1860-1861] |
| 8:13 (flat) | Glass stereoview taken by an unknown photographer | 1. [Below Table Rock] | [185?] |
| Stereoviews | | | |
| Box 9 Folder 1-16 | Photographs of 'Daredevils' (varying photographers and companies) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. Blondin in the daring act of ascending one of the wires ... 2. [Blondin crossing on a cable over Niagara River] (2 copies) 3. Belleni Crossing Niagara River on a Tight Rope 4. Belleni Crossing Niagara River on a Tight Rope 5. Signorina Maria Spelterini Crossing Niagara Rapids 6. La Signorina Maria Spelterini in her Grand High Rope Performance 7. Harry Warner crossing Niagara River on a Rope 8. Pierre crossing Niagara on a Rope 9. [Daredevil crossing the falls] 10. [Daredevil sitting on a wire] (2 copies) 11. S.J Dixon, Crossing Whirlpool Rapids, on a 7-8 Inch Wire Cable 12. Dixon Crossing Niagara below the Great Cantileaver Bridge 13. Prof. Jenkins on a Velocipede 14. Capt. Nissen entering the Rapids | [185?]-1901 |
| 9:17-28 | Photographs produced by the Niagara Falls Museum (Thos. Barnett, proprietor) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Egyptian Mummy 2. Horse Shoe Falls & Goat Island from Museum | [1859-1877] |

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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Bridal Veil from Canada 4. Sister Islands from the Hill Above the Falls Canada 5. Falls from Victoria Point Canada Side 6. Ice Scenery near Table Rock Canada 7. Party going under the [Hore Sue] Falls 8. Remains of Table Rock Canada 9. American Falls from [Luny] Island 10. American Falls from Canada 11. [View of Niagara and RR Suspension Bridge] (clipping on verso, "When Niagara was dry") 12. New Suspension Bridge | |
| 9:29-34 | Photographs produced by unknown photographers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Museum, Niagara Falls 2. Table Rock house Niagara Falls 3. [View of the Falls from the Musuem?] 4. New Suspension Bridge, Side View 5. [Rapids] 6. Amerique du Nord. La Chut du Niagara et la tour la Terra[pin] | [1859]-[188?] |
| 9:35-36 | Photographs produced by "B" Series | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Museum, Canadian Side (2 copies) | [1859-1877] |
| 9:37-38 | Photographs taken by J.J Reilly | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Montegale Hotel Susp. Bridge Niagara 2. [Cataract House] | [185?]-[188?] |
| 9:39 | Photographs taken by John P. Soule | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Niagara – The Horse Shoe Fall and Table Rock House | [1861-1882] |
| 9:40-43 | Photographs taken by Charles Bierstadt | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General View from the Canada Side, Niagara, N.Y 2. Ice Grove, Canada side, Niagara 3. Horse Shoe Falls, from Canada side 4. Ice Bridge, Niagara | [1863-1903], 1878, 1885 |

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| 9:44-46 | Photographs taken by S. Davis | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interior New Suspension Bridge 2. New Suspension Bridge 3. Ice Mound and American Falls | [1868-1872] [187?] |
| 9:47-48 | Photographs taken by George E. Curtis | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Papoose in Indian Cradle 2. Horse Shoe Fall from Canada | [186-]-[187-] |
| 9:49-54, Box 10 Folder 1-14 | Photographs produced by "American Scenery" of Niagara Falls, NY | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Canadian Indian Store, Prince of Wales Arch 2. Barnett Table Rock House, Prince of Wales Arch 3. Six Nations Indian Store 4. Remains of Table Rock 5. Horseshoe Falls from Below (Canada side) 6. Terrapin Tower, Winter 7. American Fall from Below 8. Top of Elevator Tower 9. Frostwork Canada Side 10. Goat Island from Canada 11. Bridge to First Sister Island 12. Goat Island 13. Bridge to Second Sister Island 14. New Suspension Bridge and Falls [og] Niagara 15. View of Railway Suspension Bridge 16. Railway Suspension Bridge 17. Path to the Cave of the Winds 18. Papoose in Indian Cradle, Goat Island 19. New Suspension Bridge (Elevator Tower) 20. New Suspension Bridge 21. Toll House, Niagara | [186-], [187?] |
| 10:15-28 | Photographs taken by E. Anthony & H.T Anthony | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The American Fall from Behind the Pagoda, Canada Side (2 copies) | [186?]-[187?] |

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| | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Niagara. The American Fall from Above the Pagoda 3. [Falls with gardens in foreground] 4. The American Fall, from the Ferry on the Canada Side, Niagara 5. Table Rock from the Horse Shoe Fall, Clifton House in the Distance 6. Curiosity Shop at Horse Shoe Fall (2 copies) 7. The American Fall from the Heights Back of Table Rock 8. Table Rock and Clifton House 9. Table Rock, The Pagoda, and the Museum, from the Edge of the Horse Shoe Fall 10. The Clifton House from the Museum Grounds, Canada side 11. The American Fall from the Museum Ground, Canada side 12. The American Fall from the Museum Grounds, Canada side | |
| 10:29 | Photographs taken by Heywood | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winter Views of Niagara – Under Table Rock | [186?]-[187?] |
| 10:30-32 | Photographs taken by Geo. Barker | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instantaneous View of Ice Mountain and Ice Bridge 2. New Suspension Bridge – Entrance – Canada Side 3. [Table Rock] | 1875-[187?] |
| 10:33-35 | Photographs taken by Sidney Barnett, at the museum, Niagara Falls, Canada | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Horseshoe Falls from [the ferry] 2. Niagara in Winter 3. Under Table Rock | [187-] |
| 10:36-37 | Photographs by Webster & Albee – “Sold only by canvassers” | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ice Grove, Niagara Falls 2. American Falls from Canada | [188?] |

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| 10:38 | Photographs taken by James M. Davis | 1. The Glory of Glories, Niagara Falls, U.S.A | 1892 |
| 10:39 | Photographs produced by Underwood & Underwood | 1. Sports on the Ice Mountain, Niagara Falls, U.S.A | 1893 |
| 10:40-42 | Photographs produced by "American Views – Standard Series" | 1. R.R Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls 2. R.R Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls (view from tracks) 3. [T. Tugby Store] | [Prior to 1897] |
| 10:43 | Photographs produced by the Keystone View Company | 1. An Airplane View of the Rapids and Falls of the Niagara River | [192?] |
| Views of Niagara Falls on Paper | | | |
| 10:44-48 | Albumen photographs on card of views of Niagara Falls and Suspension bridge taken by S. Barnett | 1. [View of Terrapin Tower] 2. [Man in a Canadian militia uniform posing in front of the American Falls] 3. [Horse Shoe Falls] 4. [View of Horse Shoe Falls] 5. Railway Suspension Bridge (2 copies) | [186-]-[187-] |
| 10:49 | Large albumen photograph of the American falls | Photograph taken by Sidney Barnett, "views of all kinds always on hand & taken to order." | [186?]-[187?] |
| 10:50 | Albumen photograph on card of American falls | Photograph taken by Barnett & Haynes | [186?] |
| 10:51 | Albumen photograph on card of figure posed under table rock | Photograph taken by S. Davis | [187?] |
| 10:52-55 | Albumen photographs on card taken by an unknown photographer of Cataract House in Niagara Falls, NY | 1. Cataract House in Niagara Falls, NY 2. Figure posing on snow below the falls 3. Men posing at a viewing point overlooking the falls 4. Close up of the water of the Falls | [187?]-[188?] |

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| 10:56 | Albumen photograph on paper of Niagara Falls (American side) | | n.d |
| 14:2 (ovs) | Albumen photograph on paper of the rapids on the Niagara River | | [187?]-[189?] |
| 14:3 (ovs) | Photograph on paper of <i>Hotel [Clifton House] ou j'ai lage a Niagara Falls [Rive?] Canadienne</i> | | August 1895 |
| | Portrait Photographs | | |
| 10:57 | Photograph of Louis Agassiz (1807-1873) | | [186-]-[1873] |
| 10:58 | Photograph of an elderly woman | Photograph taken by Sidney Barnett. "Oh so weary!" written on verso in pencil | [1870?] |
| Artworks | | | |
| 10:59-60 | Engravings drawn by W.H Barlett and engraved by J. Cousen (published by Geo. Virtue) | 1. View Below Table Rock 2. Niagara Falls from the Ferry | 1832 1838 |
| 14:4 (ovs) | Ink drawing by an unknown artist | Niagara Falls at the Whirlpool | 12 September 1843 |
| 14:5 (ovs) | Pencil drawing by C.M Harrison | Horse Shoe Falls Niagara from Clifton House Hotel: Sketched from Nature | 13 October 1849 |
| 14:6 (ovs) | Watercolours by an unknown artist | Niagara from Under Table Rock | 23 September 1851 |
| 14:7 (ovs) | Pencil drawing by an unknown artist | Rapids above American Fall – Niagara" | 8 June 1853 |
| 14:8 (ovs) | Watercolours by an unknown artist | Niagara [with falls and suspension bridge] | 30 May [1855-1897] |
| 14:9 (ovs) | Pencil drawing by an unknown artist | Group of Forest Trees near the Falls, Niagara | |

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| 10:61 | Illustration of American Falls and Niagara Falls surrounded by a decorative border (likely from a letter sheet) | Published by Chas Magnus & Co. 12 Frankfort St, New York | [185?]-[186?] |
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| 11:2 | Letter to Jacob Sherman from the Niagara Falls Gazette. 1 TLS | | 1948 |
| 11:3 | Typescript copy of article on the Niagara Falls Museum written by <i>The St. Catharines Standard</i> with letter from the newspaper | | June 1959 |
| 11:4 | Press releases on the return of the Niagara Falls Museum to Canada | | [1959] |
| 11:5 | Typescript speech given by Arnold Sherman at the Lundy's Lane Historical Museum on the background and history of the Niagara Falls Museum, including letter of invitation | | June 1965 |
| 11:6 | Letters between Arnold Sherman to the Canadian Almanac and Directory to be included in their next edition | | June 1965 |
| 11:7 | Typescript of celebrations for the 140 th anniversary of the Niagara Falls Museum | | [1967] |
| 11:8 | Typescript history of Thomas Barnett and the Niagara Falls Museum | | [196?] |
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| 11:10 | Clippings on the Niagara Falls Museum | [198-]-[199-] |
| 11:11 | Draft articles and reports about the Niagara Falls Museum, including some produced by the museum | [198-]-[199-] |
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| 11:14-16 | Correspondence between Joan Kinman (Niagara Falls Museum researcher) and museums, archives and cultural organizations seeking information on the history of the Niagara Falls Museum. 5 ALS, 4 TLS, 15 TL. Also includes research notes and chronology written by Joan Kinman | May-October 1993 |
| 11:17 | Application for Canadian Trade-Mark for the Niagara Falls Museum Explorers Club | 1999 |
| 11:18 | WP draft of essay 'Delighting the Eye and Mending the Heart': Thomas and Sydney Barnett and the Oldest 'Museum' in Canada' by L. Teather | [1999?] |
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| 11:20 | Letters from children who have visited the museum. 1 TLS, 1 ALS | [199?] |
| 11:21-25 | XC of historical sources relating to the Barnetts and the Niagara Falls Museum, includes some photocopies from small archives and private collections. | n.d |
| Box 12 (flat) | VHS tapes on the topic of Niagara Falls and the Museum. Including <i>The Making of Niagara</i> , <i>Mystery of the Lost Mummy</i> and <i>Niagara: A History of the Falls</i> | [199-]-2002 |
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| Box 13 Folder 1-3 | Correspondence with Jacob Sherman regarding research queries and the running of the Niagara Falls Museum | 1952-1961, 1982-1986, 1991-1998 |
| 13:4 | Educational Booklet of the Niagara Falls Museum | [198?] |
| 13:5 | Letter from the Nisga'a Tribal Council requesting repatriation of human remains. 1 XC | 1991 |

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| 13:6 | News release and clipping regarding the taxidermy Polar Bear (from the Niagara Falls Museum) placed on the ice bridge by Niagara Falls | 1994 |
| 13:7 | Letter from [Wolfgang] to Jacob Sherman with a photograph and two x-ray images of a cat mummy. 1 ALS | [199-] |
| 13:8-9 | Photograph negatives taken of the [galleries and objects in the collections of the Niagara Falls Museum] | [1999] |
| 13:10 | Listing of objects and cases at the Niagara Falls Museum | [1999] |
| 13:11 | Full size negatives of a mastodon tusk and the first wax figure shown in America | n.d |
| 13:12 | Printed digital photographs of the sperm whale skeleton held by the Niagara Falls Museum including historical photographs | 2000 |
| 13:13-16 | Listing of the Niagara Falls Museum's North American Indian Collection. Includes a printed photograph of each item. | [200-] |
| | Contemporary Sale | |
| 13:17-20 | XC draft agreements between Golden Chariot Productions Ltd and Jacob Sherman to purchase the contents of the Niagara Falls Museum | 2 July 1998 6 October 1998 20 October 1998 2 November 1998 |
| 13:21 | Material related to the purchase of the Niagara Falls Museum by Golden Chariot Productions including list of objects not included in the sale and early security arrangements | 1998-1999 |
| 13:22 | XC of letters, bills of sales and freight notes of purchases made by Thomas and Sydney Barnett, likely used as provenance documentation during the sale | [1999?] |
| 13:23 | Correspondence regarding the preparation to sell the Egyptian mummies. 3 XC, 1 AN | 1998-1999 |
| 13:24 | Print out description of the Egyptian collection when it was posted for sale | 1999 |

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| 13:25 | Correspondence between William Jamieson, Karen Bishop, Dr. Peter Lacovara (Michael C. Carlos Museum) regarding the sale of the Niagara Falls Mummies. 2 TLS, 1 TL, 2 XC | 2000-2004 |
| 13:26 | Ontario Business License for the Niagara Falls Museum and business card for William R. Jamieson | 2004 |

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