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**Tyrrell, James Williams, 1863-1945**

Papers, 1836-1982.

24 boxes (3 metres)

Collection of correspondence, notebooks and diaries, notes, drafts for his writings, survey plans and maps, photographs relating to his family and work, and ephemera.

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Box 1           CORRESPONDENCE FILES

**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL.  
1883-1945.**

Letters (and some other materials) sent and received by JWT. Includes some documents relating to JWT's surveying business. Includes typescript of obituary notice by Edwin Mills, 1945. (Arranged chronologically)

Box 2           **FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE. 1836-1929.**

Chiefly letters addressed to or received by JWT from various members of his family. Includes some early William Tyrrell papers pertaining to JWT's father, William Tyrrell, and material connected with JWT's sons. Significant items described below.

William Tyrrell (father of JWT). Includes documents and letters. 1836-1898. 12 folders.

Copies of early letters written to family in Ireland by WT describing his first years in Canada. 1836-1842.

Typed copies of memoranda re Burwick Factory, 1845; re ownership of property in Twp. of York, 1853.

Indenture of sale John D. Porter to William Tyrrell, 1853.

Deed of confirmation, John D. Porter to William Tyrrell, 1859.

Report on Town Hall, Weston, by architect Ellis. 1893.

Elizabeth Tyrrell (sister of JWT). Notebook containing letters written to JWT at Ashe Inlet, 1886. (1 folder)

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JWT to infant son, William Charlton.  
Athabasca River, June 4, 1893. Written on  
birchbark. "I will tell you a secret, Baby  
Willie. This is your mother and father's wedding  
day ..."

William Charlton Tyrrell (JWT's son). Documents  
relating to WCT's service overseas during  
World War I. Include messages received at  
the front and his Platoon roll book. Also  
Field Medical Card, dated 10/7/16, stating he  
was suffering from shell shock, and note from  
medical officer describing his condition,  
same date.

Box 3 **NOTEBOOKS AND DIARIES. 1878-1941.**  
(16 notebooks)

(See also notebooks for 1886-87, Ashe Inlet)

- 1878-80 Diary and accounts.
- 1882 Diary covering summer work on survey in  
northern Ontario for Mr. F. Bolger.
- 1883/1887 July-Aug. 1883 entries cover work on  
survey of Lake of the Woods under A.C.  
Lawson.  
April-May 1887 entries cover beginning  
of his employment as an engineer on the  
International Railway of Maine.
- 1901 Diary and accounts. Covers trip up to  
Dawson City and work surveying in  
Klondike.
- 1904 Diary and accounts.
- 1905 Diary covers expedition to Churchill,  
June to August.
- 1906 Diary and accounts. Few entries.
- 1907 Diary and accounts.

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Notebooks (Cont'd)

- 1907-08 Notebook of medical information and remedies.
- 1908 Diary with few entries and accounts.
- 1909 Diary with few entries and accounts.
- 1924-25 Account book with notes and memos.
- 1925-26 Account book with diary entries.
- 1927 Diary.
- 1941 Diary
- Undated Notebook with JWT's notes on northern expeditions undertaken by Back and Warburton Pike.

**SUBJECT GROUPINGS**

Box 4

**ASHE INLET MATERIALS. 1885-86.**

JWT appointed hydrographer and meteorological observer on federal government expedition to Hudson Bay, summer 1885 to summer 1886. He spent winter as an observer at Ashe Inlet, on Big Island on the north side of Hudson Strait. See list of printed materials for A.R. Gordon's Report on this survey.

**ASHE ISLAND MATERIALS**

Papers include "station provision list"; sketch of cabin; sketch maps of Big Island (1 folder); notes entitled "Eskimo traditional beliefs" (1 folder); mss. of several poems by JWT.

Notebooks include:

Diary, June -Sept. 1885.

4 notebooks of tidal and meteorological observations.

Notebook containing glossary of Eskimo words and phrases.

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Box 5 SURVEY OF COUNTRY BETWEEN GREAT SLAVE LAKE AND  
 HUDSON BAY. 1900-01.

Original manuscript survey maps, published in  
 JWT's official Report on an Exploratory Survey...,  
 Ottawa, 1901.

Boxes SURVEYS OF MINING AND OTHER PROPERTIES. 1897-  
 6-7 1965.

Box 6 The Bridge River and Lillooet Gold Mining Company,  
 B.C. Prospectus. 1897. 1 folder.

Swayze Twp., Ont. and vicinity. Maps and extracts  
 from field notebooks (typed copies) re mining  
 properties. 5 folders.

Little Long Lac area, Ont. Plans and documents re  
 mining claims. Agreements with Northern Canada  
 Mining Corp. 1933-37. 5 folders.

Kirkland Lake Gold Mines. Plans of mining claims;  
 notebook containing townsite surveys, Kirkland  
 Lake, 1924 and 1929. 1924-40. 4 folders. See  
 also photo files.

Rosedale, Barton Twp., Wentworth County. 3 plans  
 of subdivision. 1912. 1 folder.

Wentworth Ranch, Sask. Plan. 1918. 1 folder.  
 See also photo files.

Box 7 Red Lake Mines, Ont. 1896-1965. 1 box. See also  
 photo files.

JWT surveyed eight gold properties at Red  
 Lake, Keewatin District, in 1897. They were  
 not developed due to inaccessibility of the  
 properties. In 1926 JWT set up Tyrrell Red  
 Lake Mines, Ltd. (Hamilton Red Lake Mining  
 Syndicate) and sent his son, William C.  
 Tyrrell, to survey 18 claims in the same area  
 which was now under development. In 1963 WCT  
 returned to visit Red Lake. Papers include:

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Box 7 Red Lake Mines (Cont'd)

Printed map issued by Geological Survey:  
"District of Keewatin ... vicinity of Red  
Lake" 1896.

Blueprint: "Plan of mining locations ... Red  
Lake" by JWT. Oct. 1897.

Correspondence and papers re WCT's survey of  
18 claims for the Tyrrell Red Lake Mines,  
Ltd., 2 notebooks of WCT's observations;  
clippings re Red Lake Mines, 1926; WCT's  
reports to shareholders, 1926, 1927;  
topographical map, 1926.

Correspondence and papers re WCT's 1963 visit  
to Red Lake, and souvenirs.

Box 8

**HUDSON BAY RAILWAY MATERIALS. 1910-24.**  
See also box of articles and speeches.

JWT was keenly interested in this project as a  
result of his 1905 expedition to assess the  
feasibility of Churchill as a port. He made  
numerous speeches and wrote numerous articles on  
the subject. A few background materials are  
included here.

**LAKE OF BAYS, ONT. 1914-[1920's?]**

JWT built a summer cottage at Norway Point on Lake  
of Bays in 1907 and spent most summers there from  
then on. He also developed a subdivision across  
the lake, called Clovelly Point. This material  
consists chiefly of ephemera, clippings, survey of  
Clovelly subdivision, prospectus; account for  
building wharf, 1914.

Boxes  
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**WRITINGS.**

Box 9

**ARTICLES AND SPEECHES (TYPESCRIPTS) 1885-1931.**

An Encounter with Polar Bears. 1885.

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Articles (Cont'd)

Vocabulary of 350 Eskimo words. [188-?]

Report of Committee on Polar Research. 1897.

Navigable Waterways of the Four Great  
Interior Basins ... 1898.

Newfoundland. 1904.

The Hudson Bay Route from a Military  
Viewpoint. 1909

Natives of Our North Land. 1909.

The Hudson Bay Route. 1910.

Intelligence and Scouting in War. 1914.

Tyrrell for Mayor. 1917.

The Hudson Bay Route, Resources, Conditions,  
and Development to Date. 1920.

Speech to the Hamilton Automobile Club.  
1921.

The Hudson Bay Route. 1924.

Nine Thousand Miles through Our Great  
Northern Heritage. [1931?]

Economic Resources of the Hudson Bay  
District. [s.d.]

Hudson Bay and Churchill. [s.d.]

On to Hudson Bay. [s.d.]

Synopsis of Papers on the Hudson Bay Route.  
[s.d.]

Speech -- Songs, Ancient and Modern. [s.d.]

Poem: The Discovery of the Thelon River.

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**BOOKS (TYPESCRIPTS, CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.) 1897-1975.**

Across the Sub-Arctics of Canada a journey of 3,200 miles by canoe and snowshoe through the barren lands (Toronto: W. Briggs, 1897). 3 folders.

Published in 1897 by William Briggs, Toronto. English edition 1898. 3rd edition 1908.

Fragment of typescript. Map showing Tyrrell expedition of 1893 (linen tracing).  
Registration of copyright, 1897.  
Correspondence re Coles reprint in 1973 and copyright, 1974-5.

Explorations and Adventures in Our Far North Land, Being the Life Story of James W. Tyrrell. [194-?]

JWT's unpublished autobiography, written near the end of his life. 281 p. with xeroxes of photos.

Two typescripts: "original copy" and "unedited copy".  
Correspondence with Ryerson Press re publication. 1943-44. (1 folder)

Box 11

**PUBLISHED APPEARANCES. 1885-1938.**

Contains copies of JWT's published articles, etc. See also box of typescripts and manuscripts. Copies of his published Report on an Exploratory Survey, 1901, are in book collection.

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**CHRONOLOGICAL FILES. 1875-1982.**

Chiefly printed materials re JWT and his family. Large collection of clippings. Sizeable files on J.B. Tyrrell and especially on expedition of 1893.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

**ALBUMS**



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- Box 15 Photograph album (cont'd)
- Box 15 Photograph album: Ashe Inlet, 1885-1886.  
 Contains 17 photos. by R. Bell of Ashe Inlet and Churchill and 30 photos. by JWT of Ashe Inlet and environs.
- Box 16 Photograph album: Hudson Bay Expedition from Great Slave Lake to Hudson Bay, 1900.  
 Contains 104 labelled photographs by JWT.
- Photograph album: [Hudson Bay Expedition from Great Slave Lake to Hudson Bay, 1900]  
 Untitled photos and album. Shows similar scenes to labelled photograph album above. Photos in different format and order. Taken by JWT? Contains approximately 170 photos.

**PRINTS AND NEGATIVES**

Arranged by topic and/or date. Prints and negatives interfiled. Most are unlabelled.

- Box 17 **NORTH AND WESTERN EXPEDITIONS AND SURVEYS. 1893-1930.**
- Includes photos of:
- Barren Lands, 1893 (1 photo. plus list)
  - Great Slave Lake Expedition, 1900 (5 folders)
  - Klondike, 1901-2 (24 photos.)
  - Saskatchewan survey parties, 1903-04 (2 folders)
  - Expedition to Churchill, 1905 (8 folders)
  - Manitoba survey parties, 1907-1915, and many undated (8 folders)
  - Red Lake area, 1926 and undated (3 folders)
  - Churchill and vicinity, undated, 1930's? (4 folders)
- Photos of mines and northern scenes, mostly unidentified, undated.

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Boxes PRINCE ALBERT RANCH, SASK. 1916-1923.  
 18-19  
 Includes 1 box of 24 glass negatives.

Boxes GENERAL AND FAMILY. 1888-1942.  
 20-22  
 Includes some early undated Tyrrell family photos and 4 glass negatives.

Box 23 EARLY ISSUES OF NEWSPAPERS

Daily Colonist. Toronto. Jan. 8 1852.

Leader. Toronto. Jan. 10, 1863.

Daily Telegraph. Toronto. Jan 214, 1870. Issue on Lunatic Asylum, Toronto.

York Herald. Richmond Hill. May 17, 1872. Supplement.

The Graphic. "Arctic Number". Nov. 8, 1876.

Evening Mail. Toronto. Oct. 23, 1885.

Daily Standard. Toronto. Jan. 28, 1887.

Saturday Globe. Toronto. Mar. 18, 1893. Special issue on "The Village of Weston" with photo of William Tyrrell.

Saturday Globe. Toronto. Mar. 25, 1893. Special issue on Hamilton.

Saturday Globe. Toronto. July 6, 1895. Special issue on "Toronto as It Is".

Daily Klondike Nugget. Dawson, YT. Oct. 14, 1901.

Box 24 EPHEMERA COLLECTED BY JWT

Tyrrell, William. "To Builders, Tenders will be received by William Tyrrell ... for the erection of store-house at Burwick, for J.W. Gamble ...

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Weston, 28th Sept., 1846". Printed at the British Canadian Office, Bay-Street.

Tyrrell, William. "To Builders, sealed tenders will be received for the erection of a brick house for Peter Shaver ... Weston, 6th February, 1847". Printed at the British Canadian office, Bay-Street. 2 cops.

Tyrrell, William. "To the electors of West York!". Weston, 1872.

Dennis & Boulton, Agents. "A beautiful location for country residences at Weston ... public auction ... 11th day of September". Toronto, Sept. 2, 1856.

Invitation to J.W. Tyrrell for the opening of the Hamilton and Barton Incline Railway. June 11, 1892. Menu and list of toasts for the dinner.

Christmas card from Lt. Col. A.F. van Nostrand and the Officers of the Corps of Guides. 1911.

St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. Order of Service. Depositing Colours of the 86th Machine Gun Battalion. 1919.

Menu for the eleventh reunion dinner, Engineering Alumni Association, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Nov. 14, 1942.

Etching of main entrance, University College, Toronto.