

De La Ronde Family fonds

1666, 1763-1840, predominant 1950-1965
7 cm. of textual records (includes some photocopies)

Biographical Sketch

The information in this collection on the de la Ronde family was collected for the most part by Mrs. Ida Schneider who had hopes of claiming the supposed de la Ronde fortune. The collection outlines the family's lineage possibly as far back as 1506. Of local importance, Louis Denis de la Ronde was a clerk and trader for the North West Co. (1818-1821) and the Hudson's Bay Co. (1821-1868) in the Lake Nipigon area. Louis Denis proved to be a survivor during the reorganization of the fur trade in these years.

Scope and Content

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Sixteen files of Mrs. Ida Schneider compiled during her researches into the history of the De La Ronde Family:

- 1) Letters regarding the claims of the family plus notes made by Mrs. Schneider and Dr. Elizabeth Arthur.
- 2) Photographs relating to the de la Ronde family
- 3) Early family history 1666-1827 including copies of documents: 1666 census of Canada, will of Louise Charier de Lotbiniere, correspondence between Laronde Thibandiere and the French government, 1779-1783.
- 4) Documents relating to Louise King, including marriage certificate (July 1800), her petition as widow of Louis Denis de la Ronde for a land grant in compensation for her husband's services to the Crown, 1818-1824.
- 5) Documents relating to Charles Francois Denis de la Ronde, 1763-1840, including a transcript of his will (1840), birth and baptism records (1763), and other legal papers. Also includes Mrs. Schneider's notes relating to the Laronde house in Penetanguishene.
- 6) Documents relating to Louis de la Ronde of Lake Nipigon, including a copy of his will (1860) and notes.
- 7) Mrs. Schneider's correspondence with Montreal Archives.
- 8) Correspondence with Miss Rose Gualtieri, a Montreal lawyer who helped with the research.
- 9) Correspondence with the Dept. of Northern Affairs, 1962-1963.
- 10) Report entitled "H.B.C. post on Lake Nipigon" prepared by Hudson's Bay Co. researchers and correspondence concerning the location of Lake Nipissing post.
- 11) Copy of Bigsby's *By Shoe and Canoe*, concerning Laronde post near Parry Sound and correspondence with editor of the *Canadian Geographic Journal*.
- 12) Copy of letter regarding errors in Fanteaux's book *Les Chevaliers de Saint-Louis en Canada*.
- 13) Correspondence regarding family history, primarily revealing family suspicions that they had been cheated out of a fortune than any genuine historical research.
- 14) Correspondence with descendants of the de la Ronde family and with Rose Gualtieri, 1954, 1963-1964.
- 15) Research of E. Bacon Vaughan, genealogist including correspondence with family descendants.

16) Transcripts of items from National Archives of Canada including lists of Indian trade passes (1783) and the 1837 accounts with Charles Laronde.

Additional Information

Custodial History - Mrs. Ida Schneider turned over these records to Dr. Elizabeth Arthur, professor of history at Lakehead University who later deposited them with the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society. A number of the documents are from various Provincial and National archives (indicated on documents).

Finding Aids - See Elizabeth Arthur, "The de Laronde of Lake Nipigon", *TBHMS Papers and Records*, IX (1981), 31-48.