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Good Family (letters) XS1 MS A200

56 pages of typescript letters from various members of the Good Family in Scotland and in Ontario. Totals 24 letters.

1. Letter from James Good dated 1841 to brother, mother and sister regarding him and his family's 9 week hellish passage to Canada (Hamilton).
2. Letter from J. & M. Good dated 23 September 1841 (Newhope) to brother in Scotland about new life in Canada (which they much like). Updates on family members, possibility of Grandmother coming to Canada and prices of commodities.
3. Letter from James Good dated 11/12 January 1842 to brother in Scotland about the independence of owning land and the price of a pig in Canada. Also advising the best time for James mother to emigrate.
4. Letter from James Good and sister Magdalene dated Newhope 17 July 1842 to Mother, Brother and Sister in Scotland regarding the purchase of 100 acres near Stratford, clearing said land, disappointment that Scot relatives not coming.
5. Letter from James Good dated Newhope, 13 February 1843 to Brother, Sisters and family informing them of Magdalene giving birth to a daughter, friendliness of Dutch neighbours, land payments and the snow.
6. Letter from James S. Good dated Newhope, 23 November 1842 to "Dear Sir" describing his initial difficulties in Canada, description of Newhope's location, and the local wildlife.
7. Letter from James Good dated Downie, 9 September 1843 to Brother and family regarding starting his farm, building a house, livestock, crops and family greetings. This is followed by a quick note from James to brother asking for money to help prepare for winter.
8. Letter from James Good, Esquire of Goodhope dated Downie, 18 February 1844 to his brother thanking him for the five pounds he sent and informing him of winter logging and New Year's celebrations.
9. Letter from James dated Downie, 11/ 18 August 1844 to brother and sister regarding sale of potatoes, production of sugar, a description of the Downie farm and sons (John & James) work.
10. Letter from John Good dated Downie, 1 September 1850 to uncle in Scotland (James brother) informing him that James has been ill (ague / gout) since April, success of crops (except wheat due to drought), loss of some livestock.

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11. Letter from James Good dated Downie, 1 August 1851 to brother informing him that he is still ill, that potatoes were a complete failure, of a flood.
12. Letter from James dated Downie, 12 November 1852 to brother, mother and sisters regarding Magdalen's tick dolorow, the new preacher, the loss of 9 nine sheep and fall wheat, progress of clearing land and high taxes.
13. Letter from James dated Downie, 6 February 1853 to brother recounting the visit of J. Burns, their growing livestock herd, the need to hire a farmhand, success of the Canada Company.
14. Letter from John dated Downie, 5 October 1854 to uncle informing him that their land is paid for, land costs rising.
15. Letter from James dated Downie, 7 October 1854 to brother regarding rising land costs and payment of is deed as well as being busy weaving.
16. Letter from James (Jr.) dated 11 December (1854) to uncle informing him of his marriage to Jane McEwan. James (Sr.) informs of the death of a friend. Daughter Ann married James Chawens.
17. Letter from James dated Downie, 21 July 1856 to brother about John's wife (Janet Taylor) expecting a child and him having bilious fever. Ann has given birth but it was a rough pregnancy and the child only lived 2 days. William and Magdalene (the second, named after mother) are only children remaining at home.
18. Letter from John dated Fullarton, 18 February 1870 to uncle in Scotland regarding snowstorm, update on his five children, poor crops and poor prices. Includes two notes from William and James to uncle and cousins.
19. Letter from Robert dated Downie, 6 August 1872 to uncle informing of death of his father due to a heart problem.
20. Letter from Robert dated 20 February 1873 to uncle about his mother's poor health, his marriage & daughter, repayment of £5 borrowed in 1844.
21. Letter from William T. Good (Second son of John) dated Fullarton, 11 May 1873 regarding late, wet spring, and a family update.
22. Letter from John (the 2nd?) dated Fullarton, 5 March 1874 which originally included a photo of the family.
23. Letter from John dated Fullarton, 15 March 1875 regarding some of the children having the mumps, the hard winter.
24. Letter from John and children dated Moterwell P.O., 30 August 1875 to uncle regarding good harvest, Colorado potato bug and family update. Note: These letters can be hard to follow as they

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cover three generations in which first names are duplicated or triplicated.