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Forin family
Originals 1875-1942 39 cm
Microfilm (neg.) 1885 35 mm [A00878]

John Forin, an architect, lived in Belleville, Ontario.

His son, John Andrew Forin, was born in Belleville, Ontario on July 20, 1861. He went to high school in Belleville and then attended Albert University and Osgoode Hall. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1885 and practiced law in Belleville until 1889. He was a member of the volunteer militia and served with the Queen's Own Rifles during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. He moved to British Columbia where he was admitted to the bar in 1890. From 1891 to 1895 he practiced law in New Westminster. In 1896, he was appointed County Court judge for the Kootenay/West Kootenay District. He served as a judge until 1928 when he retired from the bench. He then moved to Vancouver where he lived on Granville St. in a home known as "The Bunkers". He died on September 14, 1957.

John Andrew Forin married Mary Dunn in 1896. Mary Dunn was born in Kincardine, Ontario and lived in Vancouver. She moved with her husband, first to Rossland, then to Nelson, BC, and finally to Vancouver. The couple had two sons and three daughters, Isabel, Jean, Mollie, Douglas and Peter. Mary Forin died in 1955.

Peter McLaren Forin, brother of John Andrew, attended the University of Toronto. He graduated in 1891 and then clerked with John Andrew Forin in New Westminster. He was admitted to the bar in British Columbia in 1895. He was also active in the volunteer militia and served in several companies including: the 15th Battalion Argyle Light Infantry (1884-1885), Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (1886-1888), 5th Regiment Canadian Artillery (1896) and the 34th Battery C. F. A. (ca 1914). He returned to Ontario where he was entered on the Solicitors' Roll in 1908. He died on April 19, 1915.

Records include diaries of John Andrew Forin, 1882-1940, diplomas, appointments, personal documents, etc. , 1875-1942, and a transcript of an 1885 diary which describes service during the Riel Rebellion. The original diary is included on microfilm [A00878]. There is one diary of John Forin 1897, John Andrew's father. Also includes certificates, diplomas, etc. , of Peter McLaren Forin, 1885-1914.

Box	Volume	Contents	Date
		John Andrew Forin	
1	1	Diary, Belleville	1882

1	2	Diary, Belleville	1884
1	3	Diary, Belleville	1886
1	4	Diary, Belleville	1890
1	5	Notes, expenses World Fair trip	1893
1	6	Diary, New Westminster	1894
1	7	Diary, New Westminster	1895
1	8	Diary, Nelson	1897
1	9	Diary, Nelson	1898
1	10	Diary, Nelson	1899
1	11	Diary volume 1, Nelson	1900
1	12	Diary volume 2, Nelson	1900
1	13	Diary, Nelson	1901
1	14	Diary, Nelson	1902
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1	19	Diary, Nelson	1906
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1	25	Diary, Nelson	1913
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2	27	Diary, Nelson and Vancouver	1915
2	28	Diary, Nelson	1916
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2	30	Diary, Nelson	1918
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2	33	Diary, Nelson	1921
2	34	Notebook, Nelson and Vancouver General Hospital	1922-1923
2	35	Diary	1923
2	36	Diary, Nelson and London	1924
2	37	Diary, Nelson	1925
2	38	Diary, Nelson	1926
2	39	Diary, Nelson, volume 1	1927
2	40	Notebook, Nelson and Vancouver, volume 2	1927
2	41	Diary, Nelson and Vancouver	1928
2	42	Diary, Vancouver	1929
2	43	Notebook, Vancouver, Belleville and New York City, volume 1	1930

2	44	Notebook, Vancouver, Belleville and New York City, volume 2	1930
2	45	Diary, Vancouver	1931
2	46	Diary	1933
2	47	Notebook, Vancouver	1934
2	48	Diary	1935
2	49	Diary, Vancouver	1936
2	50	Diary, Vancouver	1937
2	51	Diary, Vancouver	1938
2	52	Diary, Vancouver	1940
2	53	Expense book	1883
A00878		1885 diary of J. A. Forin, No. 3 Company Queen's Own Rifles	1885
2	54	Transcript of 1885 diary of J. A. Forin, No. 3 Company Queen's Own Rifles (QOR). Includes photograph of diary taken at QOR Regimental Museum, Calgary, Alberta	ca. 1960
3	55	Educational diplomas, appointments and commissions	1875-1897
3	56	Specifications for residence in Nelson	1897
3	57	Commissions, Letters patent, and related correspondence	1905-1928
3	58	Notes on trip to California; membership cards, passport	1937-1942
		John Forin	
4	59	Diary, Belleville	1897
		Peter McLaren Forin	
4	60	Certificates of War service, diplomas from Law Society, commissions, etc.	1885-1914