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Summary information

Repository:	Charlotte County Archives
Title:	Horton Academy
Reference code:	MC 902
Date:	1953 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	0.6cm Textual Record

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Horton Academy was an educational institution located at Wolfville, Nova Scotia with close ties to the province's Baptist community. The Academy's establishment was the result of a drive within Nova Scotia's Baptist community to increase the quality of Baptist education in the province. Its establishment was proposed by Edmund Albern Crawley, James Nutting, James Johnstone, Lewis Johnstone, and John Pryor to the Nova Scotia Baptist Association and was approved. They selected a farm located in the centre of the Baptist constituency of Horton (which would later be renamed Wolfville) to use as the site for the school. Horton Academy, named after its surrounding community, was established there in 1828.

Despite its Baptist roots and its emphasis on training men for the ministry, Horton Academy was open to interested students of all denominations. The curriculum was classical in nature with some mathematics early on, but the curriculum of the Academy changed over the years to keep pace with new developments in educational theory.

Young women were first permitted to attend classes at Horton Academy in 1860. In 1865 the Academy was transferred from the control of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society to the Acadia College Board of Governors, and then through that Board of Governors it came under the control of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces in 1874. In the following years the Academy would go through several name changes. It was renamed the Horton Collegiate Academy in 1880, the Horton Collegiate Academy and Commercial School in 1908, and in 1912 due to a new emphasis on the Academy's business curriculum it was renamed Horton Collegiate and Business Academy.

In 1926 the Academy underwent massive reorganization to accommodate new students and new educational demands that resulted from the closure of the Acadia Ladies Seminary. Horton Academy became a co-ed residential High School, and was renamed Horton Academy of Acadia University. Horton Academy remained in use as a High School until June 1959 when the Acadia University Board of Governors decided it was too costly to maintain and closed the school.

Scope and content

This collection contains a yearbook from 1953 for Horton Academy, a co-ed residential high school located in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. This school was founded in 1828 by members of Nova Scotia's Baptist community, and became a high school in 1926 following the closure of the Acadia Ladies Seminary. The high school was ultimately closed in 1959 as it was deemed too costly to maintain.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

Good, the cover is just a little stained in places.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Horton Academy
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Advertisements (documentary form)
- Albums (documentary form)
- Cartoons (Commentary) (documentary form)
- Narratives (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Poetry (documentary form)
- Education (subject)
- Religious orders (subject)
- Arts and culture (subject)
- Sports (subject)
- Nova Scotia (place)

Collection holdings

Series: MC 902-MS1 - "The Hortonian 1953"

Title: "The Hortonian 1953"

Reference code: MC 902-MS1

Date: 1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

A yearbook for Horton Academy, labelled "Ruby J. Stewart", has a few signatures. Contains class photos, brief write-ups on every graduating student, messages from teachers, humorous articles, creative writing by students, art, summaries of how sports teams performed that year, and a few advertisements.

Note [generalNote]:

Originally contained in a box of unprocessed material.

Publication status:

Published

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