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Reference Number	Item Title	Dates	Extent	Details
2016-024/001-01	Accounting notebook	1858-1872	67 pages	Black notebook belonging to Andrew Downs. Lists of accounts for birds, supplies such as cash spent for birds for corn and feed, grants for the purchase of birds, prices of birds, stuffing birds such as eagles & white owls and cash accounts on hand for house expenses, interest on mortgage, and rents on properties.
2016-024/001-02	Accounting notebook	1868-1874	48 pages	Black notebook belonging to Andrew Downs. At front page of notebook there is the address of A. Downs, 58 Bulter St., Brooklyn, New York and on second page a note from Andrew Downs, dated Halifax, October 20th, 1868 stating that "I empower Robert Matton to be my agent to collect rents and interest and other debts a receipt from him will be the same as from myself." Downs owned several properties in Halifax on Lockman St, Cunard St., Bauer St., Maitland St, North St and Sackville St. This notebook shows the various accounts for rents as well as household expenses and some purchases of birds and other animals and their up keep. Mention of moose and monkeys.
2016-024/001-03a to 03e	Stuffed Birds Collection Inventories	[186-?]-[189-?]	9 pages	A list of Andrew Downs Collection of Stuffed Birds giving names of birds and what case they are in. Also another list entitled "The late Andrew Downs Collection of Stuff Birds." As well as another list of birds giving the sex by male and female symbols.
2016-024/001-04	Letter from Robert Downs	March 13, 1835	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs and sister Frances from his father Robert Downs, Bo-ness, Scotland. Talks of family, friends, work and business affairs in Halifax.

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2016-024/001-05	Letter from Robert Downs	August 30, 1835	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his father Robert Downs, Edinburgh, Scotland. Reports of working, business, payment of debts and news of brother Tom.
2016-024/001-06	Letter from Robert Downs	January 4, 1836	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his father Robert Downs, Edinburgh. Talk of family, friends , business, birds and eggs. Mentioned that Audobon is in Edinburgh all summer and publishing a third volume the same size of the one in the Halifax Library. Also states that this is a duplicate of a letter sent by Packet Star which washed the Captain and twelve of the seaman overboard. Note dated March 6, 1836.
2016-024/001-07	Letter from Robert Downs	January 4, 1836	4 pages	This is the first letter of January 4, 1836 which Robert Downs thought was lost at sea which was noted in the previous letter 2016-024/001 # 6. Letter to Andrew Downs from his father Robert Downs, Edinburgh. Talk of family, friends , business, birds and eggs. Mentioned that Audobon is in Edniburgh all summer and publishing a third volume the same size of the one in the Halifax Library.
2016-024/001-08	Letter from Robert Downs	March 6, 1836	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs form his father Robert Downs, Edinburgh. Talk of family, business, work, money and the returning to either Halifax or New York.
2016-024/001-09	Letter from Robert Downs	March 11, 1836	3 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his father Robert Downs, Edinburgh. Tells of letters, eggs and money sent to him. Also talk of brother Tom.
2016-024/001-10	Letter from Robert Downs	July 3, 1836	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his father Robert Downs, Boness, Scotland. Talk of receiving his letters, family, bird specimens and moving from Scotland to New York.
2016-024/001-11	Letter from Robert Downs	February 27, 1837- July 7, 1838	4 pages	Andrew Downs to Robert Downs, February 27, 1837-July 7, 1838. List of accounts of supplies and payments of various people with amounts.
2016-024/001-12	Letter from Robert Downs	[183-?]	1 page	Ingredients for [Salt Cat]

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2016-024/001-13	Letter from Frances Downs	June 8th, 1836	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his sister Frances Downs, New York. Talks about dogs, and a trial that is going on.
2016-024/001-14	Letter to Mr. Leadbeater	November 10, 1834	2 pages	Letter from Andrew Downs to Mr. Leadbeater, Windmill, London. Sending samples of various birds in exchange for a pair of English Pheasants.
2016-024/001-15	Letter of Introduction	February 8, 1836	2 pages	Letter of introduction to Institutes in the United States for Mr. Andrew Downs from John L. Thompson, Secretary of Halifax Mechanics Institute, February 8, 1836. Note on letter says "This was Sir John Thompson's father late Premier [sic] of Canada".
2016-024/001-16	Letter from Tom Downs	May 4, 1838	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, opposite Tobin's Wharf, Upper Water Street, Halifax, from his brother Tom Downs, New York. Delivered the box of birds to Mr. St. Johns who gave him an invitation to come to the museum with his friends. Unable to go as was leaving for Jersey in a few days. Well received there and talks of friends and family news.
2016-024/001-17	Letter from Wilb. Fairclough	June 6, 1838	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Wilb. Fairclough, Liverpool. Concerning articles to be shipped.
2016-024/001-18	Letter from B.G. St. Johns	September 25, 1838	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax, Nova Scotia, from B.G. St. Johns, American Museum, New York. Requesting bird skins of all kinds, Canada Lynx and porcupine.
2016-024/001-19	Letter from B.G. St. Johns	February, 1839	3 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax, N.S. from B.G. St. John. Peales Museum, 252 Broadway, New York. Talk of accounts for birds and skins and that he and Mr. Bell have left the American Museum and have now leased this establishment for a few years.
2016-024/001-20	Letter from unknown	April 14, 1842	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from ?, Tuplow Court, Maidenhead, requesting bird specimens from Downs and will send payment.

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2016-024/001-21	Letter from [Adrain]	June 1, 1842	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, from [Adrain] , 58, Regent's Quadrant, London, Naturalists to his Royal Highness Prince Albert, London. Concerning various specimens of birds that Downs is getting for him.
2016-024/001-22	Letter from [Creamley]	May 21, 1843	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from Ashton under Lyme, Lancashire, "your Sincere friend [Creamley]". Talk of birds, family and friends.
2016-024/001-23	Letter from Tom	October 3, 1843	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, Upper Water Street, Halifax from Tom, Liverpool. Talks of no news except that he is well and will be arriving in Halifax later in the month. Regards to family.
2016-024/001-24	Letter from Dan Connelly	February 4, 1844	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from Dan Connelly, Liverpool. Talks of a pair of Golden Pheasents and prices. Also talk of friends and Downs's brother Tom.
2016-024/001-25	Road Work Notice to Andrew Downs	May 8, 1844	1 page	Summons to Andrew Downs, Ward 4, Halifax, N.S. from Jacob Currie, Overseer to appear in person to The College Duke Street on Thursday May 16 at 6 o'clock with a good pickaxe and shovel to labour in making and repairing the Highways, Roads, Streets and Bridges. If the person does not comply the amount of Road Tax is to be paid.
2016-024/001-26	Road Work Notice to John Ash	May 8, 1844	1 page	Summons to John Ash, Ward 4, Halifax, N.S., from Jacob Currie, Overseer, to appear in person to The College Duke Street on Thursday May 16 at 6 o'clock with a good pickaxe and shovel to labour in making and repairing the Highways, Roads, Streets and Bridges. If the person does not comply the amount of Road Tax is to be paid.
2016-024/001-27	Letter from J.J. Moore	June 5, 1844	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from J.J. Moore, Custom House, St. Johns, [Newfoundland]. Talks abouts woodpeckers that Downs has sent and thanks him. Also going to obtain Deer horns (Cariboo) for Downs.

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2016-024/001-28	Letter from J.J. Moore	August 24, 1844	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs Halifax from J.J. Moore, St. Johns, [Newfoundland] . Delivery of Deer Horns by the way of Capt Meagher. Also talks abouts various species of birds.
2016-024/001-29	Letter from Arthur Wm. Crichton	April 9, 1866	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from Arthur William Crichton, 11 Eaton Plkace, Belgeaus Square , London, S.W. Talk of birds and eggs and that his collection is getting along nicely.
2016-024/001-30	Letter from George A. Boardman	May 11, 1868	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from George A. Boardman of St. Stephen [New Brunswick]. Talks of Downs selling out and accepting the appointment in Central Park, New York City. Saw a notice in the St. John paper. Also thank you for box and letter. Will visit when Downs is in New York.
2016-024/001-31	Letter from George A. Boardman	December 5, 1873	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from George A. Boardman of Calais, [Maine, United States]. Talks about travelling through the States to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Florida and Savannah and the best way to travel. Also mentioned the latest arrival of pigeons.
2016-024/001-32	Letter from Charles Hallock	July 11, 1871	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from Charles Hallock, [Correspondence] [Secretary], Blooming Grove Park Association, 103 Fulton, St. New York. Talk of stock of red deer breeding and stocking salmon. Also offer to Downs of job but unfortunately no guarantee of payment. Request for Downs to inform them if he receives an offer for his premises.
2016-024/001-33	Letter from Tom Downs	April 10, 1876	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from his brother Tom Downs , 68 Shakespeare St., Whitfield Lane, Everton, Liverpool. Family news of where and what family is doing and also talks of a few deaths in the family.
2016-024/001-34	Letter from Charles Ryan	October 4, 1876	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax from Charles Ryan, 22 Fore Street, E.C. London. Writing to engage in business with Downs in selling birds, feathers and wings.

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2016-024/001-35	Letter from W.J. Winton	January 20, 1877	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from W. J. Winton, Lower Stewaicke, NS. Requesting Downs to send him a barrel of flour and corn meal.
2016-024/001-36	Letter from James Goldie	June 25, 1877	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from James Goldie, Guelph, Ontario. Talks of looking for birds, travelling and housing for the birds.
2016-024/001-37	Letter from Mr. Williams & Mr. & Mrs. Utley	October 8, 1877	2 pages	Letter to "Dear Sir" from Mr. Williams and Mr. & Mrs Utley, Shelburne, NS. Talks of birds, sow and moose.
2016-024/001-38	Telegram from Rufus Utley	October 16, 1877	1 page, 1 envelope	Telegram to Andrew Downs from Rufus Utley, Shelburne, NS. "Price over hundred dollars finest captured". Envelope is dated St. George, Jul 22 1878, appears to be unconnected to telegram.
2016-024/001-39	Letter from James Goldie	May 16, 1878	1 page	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax from James Goldie, Guelph, Ontario. Enquiring about Downs daughter who has been sick. Also mentions that he supposes that he is now moved out to the old place and will enjoy it again.
2016-024/001-40	Letter from [James]	July 20, 1878	1 page	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax from [James] Bermuda, with a request for cost of procuring a trio of rabbits.
2016-024/001-41	Letter from James Goldie	April 5, 1879	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from James Goldie, Guelph, Ontario. Talks of birds, family and businesses.
2016-024/001-42	Letter from H.J. Torre	January 4, 1882 and May 9, 1882	12 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from "Your old friend " H.J. Torre, Norton Curlien, W. Warwick. Talks of family, birds, butterflies, horses, dogs and asks whether Downs "ever started a new collection of live animals". Also talks of finding his beautiful cases of Canadian Birds at the Fisheries in London.
2016-024/001-43	List from H.J. Torre	[1882?]	4 pages	Separate pages with same hand writing as #42. It is a list entitled "Nature's Teachings" in relationship to animals.

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2016-024/001-44	Letter of Introduction	March 15, 1882	1 page	Letter of introduction to Andrew Downs, Halifax. Addressed to Steinman & Ludwig, Agents White Cross Line Steamers, Antwerp from J. E. Chipman. Stating that "Mr. Andrew Downs of this city who is one of the most distinguished Naturalists and Ornithologists in Canada". Requesting that they provide Downs with any information they can about the birds of their city.
2016-024/001-45	Letter from R. Hampson	February 6, 1882	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from R. Hampson, Red Bank, Manchester. Talks of birds and Downs upcoming visit.
2016-024/001-46	Letter from R. Hampson	May 3, 1882	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from R. Hampson. Talks of birds and that he shall be glad to see him.
2016-024/001-47	Letter from Thomas Blakiston	December 14, 1883	5 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from Thomas Blakiston, Bitterine, Southampton. Talks of birds, family and books.
2016-024/001-48	Receipt to Andrew Downs	August 1, 1885	1 page	Receipt to Andrew Downs for taxes to be paid.
2016-024/001-49	Letter from James Goldie	August 19, 1885	2 pages, 1 envelope	Letter to Andrew Downs, Halifax from James Goldie, Guelph, Ontario. Talks of birds and family. Son will pick up case for delivery soon. Also talks about going to Toronto to help plan out a new Zoological Garden & Buildings. Request for Downs to get from the gardener at the Public Gardens a few plants for him.
2016-024/001-50	Letter from H.J. Torre	May 3, 1890	4 pages	Letter to "My dear Downs" from H. J. Torre, National Conservative Club, Pall Mall. Talk of health, birds and family.
2016-024/001-51	Letter from [Creamley]	May 18, [18--?]	3 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley], Molton. Talk of seeing Downs in Liverpool and asks when he is leaving for Nova Scotia. Has some things for Downs's brother Tom . Also talk of election and eggs.
2016-024/001-52	Letter from [Creamley]	July 24,[18--?]	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley]. Talk of his family and Downs family. Also mentions dogs.
2016-024/001-53	Letter from [Creamley]	October 29, [18--?]	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley], Lancashire. Talk of his health and hounds.

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2016-024/001-54	Letter from [Creamley]	[18--?]	6 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley], undated. Talk of health, bees and sitting in the Downs Room with moose heads, cariboo horns and bird cases.
2016-024/001-55	Letter from [Creamley]	[18--?]	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley], undated. Talk of letters received and famliy.
2016-024/001-56	Letter from [Creamley]	[18--?]	2 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from [Creamley], undated. Talk of the poor country in a bad state and gives his love to Mrs. Downs and other people in Nova Scotia.
2016-024/001-57	Letter from unknown	[18--?]	4 pages	Letter to Andrew Downs from unknown (possibly Creamley). Talk of hunting and hounds as well as regards to Nova Scotia people.
2016-024/001-58	Poem	[18--?]	12 pages	Poem entitled "To Rule Both Church and State", handwritten. Incomplete.
2016-024/001-59	Letter from Charles Hallock to Miss Annie Downs	May 27, 1895	3 pages, 1 envelope	Letter to Miss Annie Downs, Halifax from Charles Hallock, Tidewater North Carolina, Hallock's Business Agency for special Industries Mechanical and Agricultural, Newbern, [North Carolina, USA]. News of Andrew Downs death and enquiring if family would like for him to find a buyer for Downs valuable natural history collection. Also talks about writing an article for Forest & Stream with a biographical sketch of Downs. Asking for a catalogue of Downs collection.
2016-024/001-60	Robert Downs: Naturalization papers	December 7, 1810	3 pages	Naturalization paper for Robert Downs for the United States of America. Gives information on Robert Downs such as occupation and character as well as states that he has been in the United States for the past 5 years.
2016-024/001-61	Robert Downs: Deed	May 2, 1814	4 pages	Indenture between John Neilson, Moses Scott, John Plumm & John Pool to Robert Downs, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Description of property given.

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2016-024/001-62	Robert Downs: Deed	May 2, 1814	4 pages	Indenture between Andrew Bayard, John M. Bayard and Samuel Bayard, Executors of the last will and testament of John Bayard to Robert Downs of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Description of property given.
2016-024/001-63	Robert Downs: Deed	May 2, 1814	3 pages	Indenture between Robert Imlay, John Neilson and John Pool executors of the last will and testament of the Rev. Joseph Clark to Robert Downs, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Description of property given.
2016-024/001-64	Robert Downs: Deed	October 1, 1814	2 pages	Indenture between James Crommelin, North Brunswick, New Jersey to Robert Downs, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Description of property given.
2016-024/001-65	Robert Downs: Power of Attorney	December 4, 1834	2 pages	Robert Downs of Halifax, plumber/tinsmith to leave the province and has given the Power of Attorney to his son Andrew Downs.
2016-024/001-66	Robert Downs: Power of Attorney	May 15, 1845	2 pages	Robert Downs of Halifax, Tinsmith to empower Andrew Downs, Halifax, to sell or otherwise dispose of as he may see fit all houses, lands and property that belong to Robert Downs.
2016-024/001-67	Robert Downs: Agreement	February 9, 1839	1 page	Agreement between Robert Downs and Andrew Downs, Halifax. States that Andrew Downs is to convey shares in Nova Scotia Bank and land conveyed to him before Robert Downs left for Scotland. Also speaks about debts to be paid.
2016-024/001-68a to 68d	Robert Downs: Fire Insurance	1832-1835	6 pages	Policy of Insurance for Robert Downs of Halifax for eight hundred dollars on a two-storey wooden building, Halifax, NS owned by him and occupied by John Cleary as a dwelling house. Also 3 renewal receipts for payment.
2016-024/001-69	Robert Downs: Protection Insurance	June 2, 1832	2 pages	Policy of Insurance for Robert Downs of Halifax for two hundred dollars on property laden on board the Brigantine Roseway on a voyage at and from Gibraltor to Halifax.

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2016-024/001-70	John Plum's Will	December 25, 1821	5 pages	Last Will and Testament of John Plum, County of Middlesex, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Robert Downs' wife Elizabeth Plum Downs is the daughter of John Plum.
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