

George Frederick Cameron  
1854-1885  
An Inventory of his Papers

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Introduction

The George Frederick Cameron Papers

George Frederick Cameron was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on September 24, 1854, the eldest son of James Grant Cameron and Jessie Sutherland. He was educated at the local high school, then, having moved to Boston with his family, studied law at the Boston University of Law in 1872. Upon graduation he entered the law office of Dean Butler and Abbot in Boston. He subsequently returned to Canada to live and attend Queen's University. On August 22, 1883, he married Ella Amey, and the following year their daughter Jessie was born. He died on September 17, 1885.

A Canadian poet and journalist, George Frederick Cameron followed his avocation from an early age. While still in school he spent most of his spare time writing poetry, and he had read much of Virgil and Cicero in the original by the time he was thirteen. He became a frequent contributor to such publications as Commercial Bulletin, Traveller, Courier, and Transcript of the new Athens of America. In 1882 he became editor of the Kingston News. He was the prize poet at Queen's University in 1883. Approximately one fourth of his life works have been published in a book Lyrics on Freedom Love and Death, edited by his brother, Charles J. Cameron, and published posthumously in 1887.

## Guide to the Inventory

The Cameron Papers are contained in one box and include a large number of the poems of George Frederick Cameron handwritten in notebooks by his brother, typewritten, and a few in printed form. The notebooks also contain notations relating to the publication of the poetry in book form. Many of the works refer to people and events from the life of the poet - his mother, brother, sister, wedding day, daughter's first birthday, and many romantic interests. Others make reference to special interests, especially relating to the themes of freedom, love and death on which his book is based.

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## George Frederick Cameron Papers Inventory

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>No. of Items</u>
	General Series	
1	MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY I	1
	Preface to his Poems	
	To Charles Swinbourne	
	Tom Moore	
	The Statue had been Unveiled	
	The Power of Love	
	Link by link the chain will sever	
	Ripples of Song - Boys we have lived	
	Ripples of Song - To Maud	
	On His Wedding Day - Aug. 22nd 1883	
	True Love	
	It May be True!	
	There Have Been Kings	
	Summa vitae	
	My Life	
	Come Back Once More	
	Ripples of Song - As weary a wing	
	Religion	
	I Love my Love	
	The Present Right or Wrong	
	Ripples of Song - We spent some noble	
	They called him fop and fool	
	The Poet's Reason	
	There is in every life	
	The Roses and Thorns of Life	
	I wake and watch	
	A Mother's Hope	
	They say that disembodied friends	
	And thou art cold and calm	
	And I have had bright days	
	On Charles Summer	
	Moses	
	First Love	
	Remember Thee!	
	Cuba	
	The Quiet Hero (The World's Judgment)	
	The Vesper Hour	
	To Adèle on her Sixteenth birthday	
	To F. G.	
	Weep not! Divine Philosophy hath spoken	
	Poems on France - Is today the day	
	Poems on France - The sky is dim	
	Poems on France - In after days	
	Mind	

## MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY I (Continued)

Post haste  
 One Evening in the long ago  
 Forget!  
 My own loved Cuba  
 Eternity and Death  
 Fragment  
 Now let the joyful paeans sing  
 Man hides his devastating brow  
 He had his sorrows too  
 Though all thy hopes  
 Shall this too fail me  
 What reck we - a Fragment  
 What reck we  
 In a woven world of shade  
 Thou art like Earth  
 By the fountain  
 Factory Children  
 I see a sullen glow  
 There was a time when Justice came  
 My own loved Cuba

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## MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY III -

In Pleasant Places & Other Places  
 Preface - Why I write and to whom  
 What care I?  
 Song  
 With trembling hands we hold  
 True worship  
 The roses and thorns of life  
 The Czar  
 To... Be all thy Seasons Summer!  
 Whose fault?  
 Czar or Freedom - Which  
 What! not a right to break  
 To... Thou art like earth  
 On Fallow

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## MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY IIIb

Kali  
 Adelphi  
 The Czar  
 Staley's Owl  
 True Love and Tried  
 Anticipation  
 To a Coquette  
 Lurline  
 Death  
 The Carrier Boy to his Patrons  
 Greetings  
 Retrospect  
 Introspect  
 Extramural

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Of what avail?  
 The Freshmen - A squib  
 I knew it well  
 Sundown  
 O Lady fair and debonair  
 With trembling hands we hold  
 To the West Wind  
 The Way of the World  
 I may have been mistaken  
 By the sea - and beyond  
 The Amende Honorable  
 Consistency - A sonnet  
 The Lily - On M. McG.  
 To Mother - in Nova Scotia  
 Forgetting  
 To... Be all thy seasons summer!  
 Who prates of silent grief  
 When the smooth brow  
 What is our life?  
 Triolets - After the Manner of the "Meek"  
 Sweet Rose of Sharon  
 To Lois - A gossip  
 Friends  
 To F.B. (Flora Benton)  
 Forgive thee?  
 The Segment of a morning  
 Tis strange, you think  
 No matter  
 To Nettie  
 On Chloris  
 New Glasgow  
 What they meant - There is a man  
 George's Epitaph  
 A Southern morning  
 Being sick at heart  
 There was a time  
 Marriage Song - To my sister Isabel  
 MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY IX  
 Is Gold your God  
 Under the stars  
 On Edgar Allen Poe  
 To Helen  
 Eolene  
 The Mirage  
 Softly touch the cord  
 To M. McG. - Eolene  
 I do mistake the tenor of my song  
 What time the higher hills  
 We spake of our hopes  
 Oh, men have found before  
 R. of Song - Our life



The Spirit  
 Canada  
 To... My friend!  
 To... Dear Manning!  
 Read Nature's laws aright  
 I need not talk of Cabals  
 Mother of Harlots  
 Fortune  
 Farewell, Thou loved tho' faithless one  
 R. of Song

Woman

Years in their Giddy whirl

To... Loved Henderson

MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY X 1

Compliments to his old Schoolmaster

The Sleep of Death

What they meant - Impromptu

The Way of the World

O lady fair and debonair

Bunker Hill 1885 - A Rondel

Hopes and Fears - A Rondel

To... Oh, Never may the Shadow of the Past

To... As some swift star

"Our Boys" who served in the North West  
 rebellion 1885

Ere the moon that wanes

To John Carruthers, Esq. Glenvale

Lord Byron

With all my singing

To Charley

To My Daughter Jessie - on her 1st birthday

They say I sing too sad a strain

The days of long ago - A song

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MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY 1

Ysolte

Poems on Cuba

Cuban War Hymn

Nay, strike again!

My own loved Cuba

No Spanish blood I boast

Poems on France

Is to-day the day?

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MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY 1

Ripples of Song - Ripples of Song

Epitaph - Tread lightly

Epitaph - Here lies a man

On Fallow

On Nettie (Lois)

On... There are some curious freaks

Epitaph - On Will Stoneman

My Toast

To Kossuth  
 A Cardinal's hat  
 Wail's Hall So. Boston Oct. '75 - Impromptu  
 Not death but life  
 Friends fall from me  
 When the mask of Earth  
 Canada  
 To... How can I think of singing  
 The Vine  
 "These all pass away"  
 In these dull hours  
 When far we lie aloof  
 True Greatness  
 The fair reflections  
 To... Dear lady  
 Standing on tiptoe  
 To the troops of Virginia  
 Fragments  
 What can I give?  
 He knew her  
 Mid the deep forest that was  
 Ripples of Song - Ere we have learned  
 The Rule of Life  
 Ripples of Song - I loved and was beloved  
 General Custer  
 With a faith  
 To... Let earth be back  
 Man, boast not of thy friends  
 The Two Brothers  
 Farewell!  
 To... Why should'st thou weep?  
 Centennial Hymn - Puerilia  
 The Beacon Hill Coquette  
 Tybee  
 To Algernon Charles Swinburne  
 The Land of Dreams  
 Do monuments of sculptured stone  
 To a certain clique of Friends  
 To Wendell Phillips  
 To... False heart  
 Sunrise in Nova Scotia  
 Oh me, my Southern nights  
 To Louise  
 At the cross-roads  
 Where is another  
 McDonald Clarke  
 To Oliver Wendell Holmes - You ask me  
 Beside the walk  
 To Eolene  
 To Oliver Wendell Holmes - A bumper full  
 R. of S. - Who hath cherished the pure  
 To Charley

I am not of those fierce wild wills  
 Epigram - On Tom Bell who hanged himself in  
     a steeple  
 Epigram - On Madame  
 John Milton  
 How witching  
 So long thy place is vacant - To...  
 A Poet's Thanks - To Fanny  
 Columbia  
 What a chameleon  
 Fame - self-adulation, let it be  
 To Isabel  
 To President Garfield  
 To a fish  
 To "Our Boys" who served in the North West  
     Rebellion 1885  
 The Cup of Immortality  
 Night-Morning  
 Will troops in solemn pomp  
 Upon a cliff  
 O dear old schoolhouse  
 All things into a perfect end  
 Whose fault?  
 For the labyrinth's large  
 Here pause, beloved  
 In the morning the flower  
 Echo - Not in the cloister  
 True worship  
 Time levels all  
 And thou wilt wed another  
 Poems on Cuba - Go!  
 Poems on France - And then the Freedom  
 She breaths an inspiration  
 What time the higher hills  
 Come, Sons of Massachusetts, come!  
 We met - we parted  
 Farewell to my nurse - Puerilia  
 Before the flower comes forth  
 No feast proclaimed  
 To... Thanks, gentle lady  
 School and the World  
 Speed on, brave days!  
 To God the Auditor of all accounts  
 True Eloquence  
 A proposal  
 Rhyme vs Poetry - A criticism  
 To... A ladyfriend  
 To... Frail Spirit  
 To... What sighs  
 To Apollo  
 Poems on Cuba - In such a cause who fears  
     to die

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MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY - Lyrics  
 (Mss. from which book was printed  
 pp. 61-110)

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Consistency  
 Lyrics on Love  
 The Defeat of Love  
 Thou Goest thy way To...  
 Love's Decease  
 Beneath the roses  
 Forgive thee?  
 Remember Thee!  
 Epimetheus  
 To Adelle  
 Thou has done it - not I  
 I thought that Time  
 June  
 Relics  
 Amoris Finis  
 Forgetting  
 Farewell!  
 In Dreams  
 To Miss Iasigi  
 Bon Voyage!  
 The Beacon Hill Coquette  
 I saw your beauty  
 My Southern Nights  
 I cannot kiss this stranger  
 The Dreams That Have Faded  
 Apart  
 Aperotos  
 To Isabel  
 Lurline  
 To... Thou art like Earth  
 Song  
 To... Love  
 A Welcome  
 Then - and Now  
 To... We met-we parted  
 Is it my fate? To...  
 True Love and Tried - A Rondel  
 By the fountain  
 Shall this, too, fail me?

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MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY -  
 Lyrics on Love (Mss. from which book  
 was printed pp. 112-176)

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My Love  
 What new found pain is this?  
 Cursed be the bigotry  
 Would I drink it?  
 The Common Fate  
 My Love Compelling Love

Thou art my friend?  
 "Away from me"  
 Is there a God?  
 Is the God?  
 To a Coquette  
 Passion  
 Why fruitlessly mourn me  
 Bring a fitting shroud  
 My Marriage Morning  
 A Question  
 True love  
 'Tis Strange, you think  
 First love  
 All I ask  
 Standing on tiptoe  
 Adelphi  
     Lyrics in Pleasant Places & Other Places  
 Wisdom - A sonnet  
 Downs and Ups  
 Anticipation  
 Past and Future  
 The Best Philosophy  
 With a Faith  
 At the cross-roads  
 On Life's Sea  
 All heart sick  
 Quid Refert?  
 When every hope  
 On... a singer  
 On McDonald Clarke (The mad poet)  
 A face  
 John Milton  
 Three Sonnets - On leaving Nova Scotia 1874  
 True Greatness

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## MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK OF POETRY -

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    Lyrics in Pleasant Places and Other  
     (Mss. from which book was printed  
     pp. 177-198)  
 To John Rhodè - A postal  
 Tybee  
 Insulae Fortunatae  
 To my brother Charley  
 The Golden Text  
 The "Week" vs. Wendell Phillips  
 Man, boast not of thy friends  
 Discontent  
 To Wendell Phillips - A Fragment  
 My Faith  
 I am young  
 The Poet's reason

	To the West Wind	
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	An answer	
	Rest	
	Shelley	
	Dead	
	From the Sea - A fragment	
	Untimely	
	On the death of a child	
	In Memoriam - Lieut. Col. MacLelland Moore	
	Death	
	A Year After - A Sonnet	
	In Memoriam - John C. Macleod	
	He is risen!	
	Lord God Almighty	
	Beyond the utmost doubts and deeps	
	To God The Auditor of all accounts	
	What matters it	
	His last Poem - "My Fate"	
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	To a rose	
	It seems to me - On Ellie	
	To Ellie	
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	Elysium	
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	To Annie L.	
	Fragments	1
	To M. McGregor	
	The Quack	
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	To a Rose	1
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	Bay of Quinte	1
	On M. McG.	1
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	I Got Her	1
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	What Fitter Time	1
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	The Proof	
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	With a Photograph	
	Essex to Elizabeth	5
	Elizabeth	
	A Prophecy	2
	Adelle	1
	One Nectar Drop	1
	Late	1
	A Song	1
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	"For the sake"	
	"Thought"	1
	Who That Surveys	
	As I Stand Here & Look Back	1
	Only the Stars	1
	The Sphinx	1
	In the Morning	
	The March of the Mind	1
	We Meet with Mutual Smile	
	Preface to Early Poems	1
	Weep ye in Darkness	
	An Answer	1
	To Jennie	
	The Power of Love	1
	In An Album	
	To the Same	

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To Mother	
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To Flora	
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