FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-23)

Nathaniel Hebb fonds

1864, 1905-1932

44 cm of textual records

Nathaniel Hebb, the son of Rachel (Langille) and Joseph Hebb, was born in 1840 at Newcombville in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. During his early life he was engaged as a teacher, eventually settling, in 1872, in Blockhouse, Nova Scotia, where he soon became a leading citizen. In 1875, he was appointed as a Justice of the Peace. In 1917, he became a stipendiary magistrate. He also served the community in a number of other capacities, including as a member of the Lunenburg District's municipal council, as secretary of the Blockhouse Agricultural Society, and as the local presiding officer for various elections. In 1892-93, as a member of the municipal council, he was caught up in a controversy surrounding the intense rivalry between Bridgewater and Lunenburg for the site of a new county courthouse. Hebb was married three times. His first wife was Albertina Eisenhaur, whom he married in 1866. Following her death, he married Victoria Langille (1839-1908). He married his third wife, Martha Victoria Zwicker (1854-1927), in 1908. Hebb, who was still active in legal affairs in his nineties, died at Blockhouse in 1937.

Fonds consists primarily of land deeds, but also includes some other legal documents.

The records were found in the Ernst-Balcom house in Blockhouse and donated by Marlene (Balcom) Burgess in 2008 (acc.nos. 08.06.01-498).