

## FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-5)

### John McLean & Sons fonds

1858, 1880-1965

4.5 cm of textual records

19 photographs

72 blueprints

John McLean was born in 1835 at Port Clyde, in Shelburne County. In 1861, he married Agnes Elizabeth Blysteiner of Mahone Bay, where McLean established a shipyard in 1865. As his business grew, McLean was joined in 1882 by his son Charles Angus (born in 1865). Another son, William Delmont (born in 1875), joined the firm in 1897. The two brothers continued to expand the business following their father's death in 1910. In 1917, they acquired the John H. Zwicker yard. After Charles's death in 1950, William continued to operate John McLean & Sons until 1961, when he retired and sold the business. During the 1941-1950 period, the yard was leased and operated as the Mahone Bay Shipbuilding Company.

Fonds consists of legal documents, correspondence, notes, blueprints, and photographs that primarily document the shipbuilding activities of the John McLean & Sons shipyard in Mahone Bay. The photographs feature annotations (on the front or back of mounts) that identify vessels, members of the McLean family, some shipyard workers, and other subjects, including some early views of Mahone Bay. Among the vessels depicted are the schooners *Crofton U. McLeod*, *H.H. MacIntosh*, and *John W. Miller*. There is also a photograph of the CPR steamer *Mount Temple* aground on West Ironbound Island in 1907. The blueprints and related textual records document vessels built by both John MacLean and Sons and the Mahone Bay Shipbuilding Company. The legal documents primarily pertain to real-estate issues.

The photocopy of the document concerning the Mahone Bay Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. and the Winding-Up Act was received from the Yarmouth County Museum in 2003. The photographs and legal documents were donated to the Mahone Bay Museum in 2010 by Judith Van Ryckevorsel. The shipbuilding blueprints and related textual records were received from the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in 2010.