

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-30)

Mahone Bay Soldiers' Monument Committee fonds

1914-1988

3 cm of textual records

1 photograph

1 drawing

The Mahone Bay Soldiers' Monument Committee was founded shortly after the end of the First World War with the aim of overseeing the financing, design, and creation of a permanent monument memorializing the sacrifice of soldiers from the Mahone Bay area who had served during the war. The chairman of the committee was Canon A. E. "Ned" Harris, who also designed the memorial. Other committee members included E.A. Ernst, Harris Lohnes, W.F. Joudrey, C.A. Zwicker, Jacob Veinot, O.S. Joudrey, and H.K. Hopkirk. In addition to raising funds through public subscription, the committee received a significant donation from the Mahone Bay Women's Institute. The Monument, created at the Shelburne Granite Works by A.T. Dauphnee, was unveiled on 24 May 1923 by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, MacCallum Grant.

Fonds consists of correspondence, financial records, and notes on military service records, all relating to the committee's activities. The records also include Canon Harris's original monument design as well as various drafts of the monument text, records relating to the unveiling ceremony, and a photograph of the Mi'kmaq soldier Thomas Hammond, whose name appears on the monument.

The records were donated by Gary Silliker in 2017.