

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-38)

Ernst-Zwicker Family fonds

1778-1903

5 cm of textual records

The Ernst and Zwicker families were both among the original foreign Protestants that settled in Lunenburg in the 1750s. Johann Christian Ernst (1724-1798) arrived in Lunenburg County in 1753. Following the death of his first spouse, Margaret Helman, he married Anna Regina Hirtle (1736-1801). The couple had ten children, including the boys Frederick (1762-1806), Christian (1766-1834), and Conrad (1772-1859). Johan Christian Ernst's eldest daughter, Anna Gertrude Ernst (1751-1834), married Peter Zwicker, marking the beginning of the close relationship between the Ernst and Zwicker families. In the following generation, Johan Christian Ernst's granddaughter, Barbara Ernst (1812-1895), married Joseph Zwicker (1809-1881). Among their children were Ezra (1844-1925) and Edward Zwicker (1850-1918). In 1870, Ezra married Martha Ernst.

Fonds consists primarily of deeds and indentures relating to the acquisition and sale of parcels of land in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. There are also legal documents relating to judgements, wills, and the disposition of estates.

The records, which were originally discovered in a box of papers found on a property (located near the Mahone Bay reservoir) purchased from Lloyd Spidle, were donated by Marie (Ernst) Levy in 1999.