

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-45)

Ben S. Verburgh fonds

1982-1995

14 Plans (Marine Line Drawings)

Ben S. Verburgh (fl. 1970-) is a renowned marine model-maker, who worked for thirty-five years at the Ontario Science Center. His models have been displayed at numerous institutions throughout Canada. He lives at Indian Point, Mahone Bay.

Fonds consists of two line drawings by Ben S. Verburgh of the schooner Oressa Belle and twelve drawings by George H. Smeltzer, relating to several vessels: a Royal Barge, a Mussel Harvester, a Tancook Whaler, and a Coastal Tern Schooner. The Tancook Whaler drawings include lines, a construction sheet, sail plans, and details of the rudder and centerboard.

The plans were donated by Ben S. Verburgh in 2016. Verburgh acquired the drawings by George H. Smeltzer of Mahone Bay from Richard Rhodenizer of Riverport, who, in turn, obtained them from his father.