

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION (MBMS-14)

Mahone Bay Museum Photograph Collection

c.1880- c.1970.

525 photographs

216 stereoviews

45 postcards

The Mahone Bay Founders' Society first established the Mahone Bay Settlers Museum in 1979. At that time, the museum was housed in Pioneer Hall in the basement of Trinity United Church. In 1987, the Founders' Society purchased the Begin Home to serve as the permanent site for the museum. Since its establishment, the museum has continued to collect and preserve artifacts and archival records documenting the history of Mahone Bay and the immediate surrounding areas. In 2015, the museum underwent a rebranding initiative and its name was changed to the Mahone Bay Museum.

The collection consists primarily of photographs documenting the history of the town of Mahone Bay and the immediate surrounding areas in Lunenburg County. The collection, which includes original photographs, copy prints, and postcards (real photos and halftones), depicts many different facets of the lives of the people of the Mahone Bay community: bands; buildings and street views; celebrations and events; cemeteries; churches; the First World War; the Masonic Lodge; people; photo albums; school photos; the Second World War; shipbuilding; street views; and town views. There are also a number of stereoviews (original photographs and printed halftones) that portray a wide variety of non-local subjects, including the operations of the T. Eaton Company, various Canadian views, the San Francisco Earthquake, the Russo-Japanese War, the Holy Land, and various scenes of rural life and domestic comedy, including the impact of the "New Woman."

The collection was accumulated from many different sources by the Mahone Bay Museum during the 1979-2015 period (accession nos. xx-xx). In addition to photographs acquired from donors, the collection includes copy prints by the Mahone Bay photographer Ron Hrushowy that were commissioned over several years by the Museum. Although some preliminary work was done in the past on the arrangement and description of portions of the collection, it mostly remained part of the Museum's unprocessed backlog until late 2016.

An item-level finding aid is available.