

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-10)

Mader family fonds

1880-1969

3.8 m of textual records

C.U. (Charles Uniacke) Mader, the son of John Francis and Mary E. (Andrews) Mader, was born at Mader's Cove, Nova Scotia in 1856. After working in a general store for several years, Mader launched his own business in 1880. That same year, he married Martha Elizabeth Ernst. After Martha Mader's premature death in 1883, Mader married Charlotte Arabella Keddy in 1884. Three years later he built a new store on Main Street in Mahone Bay. In addition to carrying a wide range of hardware and general store merchandise, Mader was engaged in ship outfitting, fishing, and the import and export of goods. From 1904 to 1911, he represented Lunenburg County as a Liberal member of the Legislative Assembly. Mader was eventually joined in the family business by his son F.U. (Frank Uniacke) Mader (1890-1975), who continued to operate the Mader store following his father's death in 1929. F.U. Mader's son, Frank Uniacke Mader, Jr. (1926-1988) also later assumed responsibility for the store, operating it until 1986, when he retired and sold the store building.

Fonds consists of correspondence, ledgers, day and cash books, receipts, correspondence, time books, legal records, ship records, and other documents mostly pertaining to the Mader family's business activities. The fonds is arranged in five series: Mader Store Records, Ship Records, Overseers of the Poor (District 3) Records, Charles Uniacke Mader Records, and Frank Uniacke Mader Records.

The records were acquired in 1986, when the Mahone Bay Founders' Society was permitted to salvage archival material from the attic of the Mader Hardware building on Main Street in Mahone Bay.