

## Finding Aid for MBMS-62 Murray P. Ernst fonds

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### Fonds Description: MBMS-62 Murray P. Ernst fonds

3 photographs  
c.1905-c.1910

Murray Paul Ernst, the son of Willis Anthony Ernst and Bertha Blanche Mills, was born at Mahone Bay in 1899. A grandson of the noted merchant and shipbuilder Abraham Ernst, he married Helen Bell Richardson in 1939. Ernst, who apparently worked for a time at the Ernst store and shipyard in Mahone Bay, died at Lunenburg in 1993 and is buried in Park Cemetery in Mahone Bay.

The fonds consists of a view of the Ernst Shipyard in Mahone Bay as well as photographic portraits (by Lewis A. Hirtle of Lunenburg) of Ernst's grandparents, Abraham (1849-1911) and Rachel (Graves) Ernst (1854-?). The latter was the daughter of Anthony Graves, who figured prominently in the history of the treasure hunt on Oak Island.

The photographs, which were originally donated by Murray P. Ernst prior to his death in 1993, were found in the museum's backlog and processed in 2019 (Accession Nos. 2019.1.10A - 2019.1.10C).

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MB MS	File	Sleeve	Title	Date	Accession #	Conservation Issues	Original (Unless otherwise indicated)
62	1	1	Portrait of a woman in a dark dress with white lace collar identified on the back as Mrs. Abraham Ernst who is likely Rachel (Graves) Ernst born 1854  Front says, "Hirtle, Lunenburg, N.S."  Back says, "No. 8 Mrs. Abraham Ernst Mahone Bay"	c.1905	2019.1.10C	Wear	Sepia on matt  L.A. Hirtle, Lunenburg
62	1	2	Portrait of a man in a suit and top hat identified on the back as Abraham Ernst born 1849  Front says, "Hirtle, Lunenburg, N.S."  Back says, "Murray P. Ernst No. 7 Abraham Ernst"	c.1910	2019.1.10B	Wear	Sepia on matt  L.A. Hirtle, Lunenburg

Series: Shipbuilding

Sub series: Ernst & Sons

MB MS	File	Sleeve	Title	Date	Accession #	Conservation Issues	Original (Unless otherwise indicated)
62	2	1	View of the Ernst & Sons shipyard (before extension is added to building) with long tables in front of the building with cod drying and large ships in the background with various men and a few horses around the building  Back of frame said, "J. Ernst & Sons Lt No. 2 Fish Building drying cod fish Murray P. Ernst"	c.1900	2019.1.10A	Very stained	Sepia on matt