

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-9)

John H. Zwicker fonds

1866-1909

63 cm of textual records

John H. Zwicker was born in 1833. Active as a shipwright, he opened his own shipyard in Mahone Bay in 1862. In the decades that followed, he emerged as one of the town's leading shipbuilders, turning out 162 vessels, mostly schooners, but also including several brigantines and barquentines, as well as the full-rigged ship Kinburn. Zwicker died in 1913. Four years later, the John H. Zwicker yard was sold to John McLean & Sons.

Fonds consists of legal documents relating to the barquentine Abeona, ledgers, day books, cash books, time books, and journals relating to John H. Zwicker's shipbuilding activities.

The records were apparently 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.