

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-1) Inglis-Quinlan Family fonds

n.d., 1894-1980

3.99 m of textual records

682 photographs

Charles and Cassandra Inglis were prominent Mahone Bay, N.S. residents who lived on the town's main street and operated the C.J. Inglis store. The couple had two children, Clara Grace (Grace) and Percival Wellington (Percy). Both children resided in the family home in Mahone Bay for the majority of their lives. Grace married John Quinlan and the couple had only one child, Clara Grace (Clara) who was born in 1895. Percy never married, nor did his niece Clara. As an adult Percy became an avid antique china and furniture collector. The focal point of the Inglis/Quinlan family was the Mahone Bay home and store, where three generations were raised, worked and entertained.

The fonds was salvaged from the Inglis-Quinlan house by Mahone Bay Settlers Museum in 1988, after the death of Clara Quinlan, when the remaining contents were being sold or discarded. The accrual processed in 2020 comprises both textual records donated by the philatelist Roger Burton Greer (who obtained the documents c. 1986 as part of a larger auction lot) and Clara Quinlan documents and photographs that were found in the Mahone Bay Museum's backlog.

Fonds consists of correspondence, financial records, legal documents, academic records, photographs, collection records, and diaries pertaining to the lives of members of the Inglis-Quinlan family. The fonds comprises six series: Photographs, Inglis-Quinlan Store Records, Charles and Cassandra Inglis Records, Grace Quinlan Records, Percy Inglis Records, and Clara Quinlan Records. The accrual processed in 2020 consists of photographs accumulated by Clara Quinlan and the following textual documents: two volumes of Cara Quinlan's diaries as well as her correspondence with Tom Forrestall, Will R. Bird, and others; notes on a controversial Inglis family adoption and other genealogical information; miscellaneous records relating to the Percy Inglis China Collection, including two guest books, draft articles, miscellaneous correspondence, and other documents; and notes and memoranda concerning Mahone Bay.

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