

Mahone Bay Museum

Fonds Description (MBMS-72)

George Elam Joudrey fonds (J.E. Lantz Store)

1911

0.1 cm Textual Document

John Edward Lantz owned a store at 319 Main Street in Mahone Bay. He bought the property in 1895 from Sarah Slaugenwhite, widow of Benjamin Slaugenwhite who built the home in c.1875. Lantz's store was for groceries and furniture. John's parents were Edward Lantz and Sarah Ham. John was born in 1849. In 1872, John married his first wife, Sarah E. Dauphinee, and had four children, including Alister E. Lantz (1880-1957). John is listed as a merchant in 1891 and then, in 1901, he's listed as a merchant "working on own account," which we assume refers to him owning his own store. According to his death certificate, he worked as a merchant until 1936. When John died in 1937, his son Alister continued to run the store with his wife Bertha (Countway) Lantz.

The fonds consists of a receipt for what appears to be six "bags of square brand" purchased by a "Elam Joudrey" from the "J.E. Lentz" store on June 6th, 1911.

The receipt lists: "J.E. Lentz Mahone Bay, N.S. Crockery, Hardware, Furniture, etc." A photograph in our collection of the store with the sign as well as John Edward Lantz's personal records, indicate that the store was actually J.E. Lantz rather than Lentz, as is listed on the receipt. When the blank receipts were ordered, it's likely that a spelling error was made.

The receipt also includes advertisement for:
"Pratts animal and poultry regulators and veterinary remedies"
"The original stock regulator of America" "Established 1872"

The receipt belonged to George Elam Joudrey, who was born in 1868 at Fauxburg and died in 1940 at Blockhouse. He never married and lived in the Fauxburg and Blockhouse area his whole life. He worked as a farmer up until 1939. His parents were Henry Joudrey and Catharine Margaret (Zwicker), who had a farm near Blockhouse on the Mahone Bay side of the Northwest Road.

The receipt was donated by Linda McConnell in 2019 and was accessioned as 2019.7.2. George Elam Joudrey was Linda's grandmother's uncle.

Finding Aid:

This item is located in MBMS-72 volume 1, a box that also contains MBMS-66 through to MBMS-72.