

Mahone Bay Museum
Fonds Description (MBMS-74)

Royal Hotel Fonds

1892 - 1904

5 cm of Textual Record

The Royal Hotel was operated by George Alexander Mader who purchased it in 1889. Prior to Mader, the hotel was known as the Victoria Hall and/or Victoria Hotel and is believed to have been built by James Best before 1857. The hotel closed around 1964 and became a nursing home for senior citizens. The building still stands today, as of February 2022, at 640 Main Street.

George Alexander Mader, son of John Adam Mader and Maria Zwicker, was born April 17, 1848 and died 1925 in Mahone Bay. He married Sophia Adelaide Slauenwhite in 1873. Their son, George Alexander Mader (II), born Nov 26, 1894 in Mahone Bay and died 1949 Mahone Bay. He married Mildred Mary Elizabeth Winters in 1925. At the time of his marriage he was a "hotel clerk" and at the time of his death he was a "retired hotel proprietor".

The fonds consists of one register book dated September 26, 1892 to May 3rd 1904 with guests' names. It appears that some visitors signed their own names while others may have been added to the register by staff, as some signatures appear to have similar handwriting. Among visitors from all over, there is a notable signature brought to our attention by the donor: "Hon. Wilfred Laurier" and "Madam Laurier" visiting from Ottawa on October 14, 1896.

Around the border of the pages of the register book there are local business advertisements (the same on each page). A list of advertisers is available on the next page.

The register book was donated to the Museum in 2018 by Jo-Ann Ramsey, who inherited it from her mother, Jean Cary Ramsey. The register book was accessioned 2018.10.1

Finding Aid:

The register book is located in a box labeled MBMS-74.

The businesses advertising in the register book, include:

“Lewis Knaut, Justice of the Peace, Issuer of Marriage Licenses.
Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agent. **Mahone Bay, N.S.**”

“The Yarmouth Steamship Co., (Limited) Shortest and Most direct Route between Nova Scotia & United States Via the favorite Sea-Going and New Steamships Boston & Yarmouth Sea Voyage only 15 to 17 hours. A Steamer will leave Yarmouth for Boston every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the arrival of the Express Train from Halifax. Returning, will leave Pier 1, Lewis Wharf, Boston, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 12 noon. A Steamer leaves Halifax every Monday p.m. for Shore Ports and Yarmouth; Returning leaves Yarmouth every Friday a.m. Steamer leaves Yarmouth every Monday and Thursday at 4 p.m. for St. John; Returning leaves St. John every Tuesday and Friday, 7 p.m. Yarmouth. L. E. Baker, Manager,”

“C.W. Lane, LL. B., Barrister-at Law, Notary Public, &c. Lunenburg, NS. Claims collected throughout Canada, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Money to lend on mortgage. Telephone No. 20.”

“C.U. Mader, General Dealer in Choice Groceries, Flour, Meal, Fish, Glassware, Crockeryware, Staple of Dry Goods, Jewelry, Watches, &c. **Mahone Bay.**”

“Nova Scotia Oar & Block Works, **Mahone Bay**, N.S. G.A. Westhaver & Son, Proprietors. Oars and Blocks constantly on hand. Stair turning, Planing and Sawing of all Kinds done to order.”

“Jacob Pickels & Son, Dealers in Agricultural Implements and Fittings. General Merchants. And Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Flour, Meal, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Ready-Made Clothing, China, Glass and Earthenware, Shelf Hardware and Patent Medicines. We also handle Sawn Shingles (Pine Spruce and Hemlock,) in large quantities. Lumber, Scantling, &c. **Mahone Bay, N.S.**”

“J.F. Mader, Manufacturer of Fine Han Made Team & Carriage Harness Dealer in Robes, Blankets, Whips, &c. Repairing a specialty. In Connection, First Class Barber Shop, where shaving, haircutting, and shampooing is done with neatness and despatch.”

“**Mahone Bay** Carriage Factory, A. Eisenhower., Prop. Carriages and Sleighs of every Description always on Hand. Jobbing and Repairing in all Branches done promptly and at short notice.”

“Jacob Ernst & Son, Dealers in First Class Groceries & Provisions. Dry goods, boots, shoes, hardware, stationery, &c., &c. Also Lumber, shingles, wood and bark. And will take butter, eggs, lumber, shingles, wood and bark, in Exchange for Goods.”

“Frank Powers heating, sanitary and Mechanical Engineer. Dealers in Wrought Iron Pipe and Fittings Engineers' Brass Fittings, Etc., Stoves, Ranges, Furnaces, Ships' Castings, Register Grates, Steam Engines and Boilers, Pumps, Etc. Estimates Furnished for Steam and Hot Water Heating. Houses fitted with Hot and Cold Water Baths, &c. Sale Agent for E. & C. Gurney & Co's Hot Water Boilers and Radiators. Lunenburg, N.S.”

"Backman's Hotel, Lunenburg, Enlarged, improved and newly furnished, situated right in the Business Centre of the town, making it a convenient and pleasant place to stop. Good sample rooms & stabling on premises. Passengers taken from or carried to Boats or Station FREE. J. Henry Backman, Prop. F. H. Backman, Manager."

"Miss L. Mader, Dealer in Millinery and Fancy Goods. Everything in the Millinery Line Consisting of Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, Feathers, Laces, &c. Mader's corner. **Mahone Bay**, N.S."

"J.W. Mills, Dealer in Flour, Meal, Feed, Groceries, Dry Goods, Hardware, Hats, Caps, Boots & Shoes, Ready-made Clothing, School Books, Room Paper, Patent Medicines, &c. **Mahone Bay**, NS"

"Joseph Ham **Mahone Bay**. Opposite this Hotel. Cheap Clothing, Watches and Clocks. Salt herring and Dry Cod. Apples, Boots & Shoes. Groceries & Provisions."

"Geo. J. Kelly, Marble and Granite Worker. Manufacturer of Monuments, Grave Stones, and Stone Work, of Every Description. Next door to R. Dawson & Sons. Main St., Bridgewater, N.S."

"J.A. Joudry, Dealer in Hardware, Groceries, Crockery and General Merchandise **Mahone Bay**, NS"

"Royal Hotel Livery Stable, **Mahone Bay**, N.S. WM. F. Joudrey, Prop. First-class teams to let at all hours. Commercial Men and Others driven to all parts. Carriage meets all Trains and Steamers. N.B. - Onts Bought and Sold at all seasons of the Year."

"Arthur Roberts, LL.B. Barrister and Solicitor, Notary. Real estate, insurance and collecting agent. Office, -One door below Post Office, Bridgewater, N.S."

"Kinburn Drug Store, **Mahone**, N.S. Geo. A. Pickels, M.D. Proprietor. Prescriptions Carefully Dispensed. Patent Medicines, Choicest Perfumery and Soaps, Finest Brushes and Combs Books, Stationery & Fancy Goods. Fine Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, Cigars and Cigarettes. Meerschaum and Briar Pipes, &c."

"E.B. Hyson, **Mahone Bay**, Manufacturer of and Dealer in Fine Confectionery & Syrups, Eureka Ginger and Hires Root Beer. Fruits, Nuts, Aerated Waters, Canned Goods, Biscuit, Cigars, &c. At bottom prices.

"Dr. C.H. Baltser Dentist, office at Freeman Millett's **Mahone Bay**, N.S. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of Boston Vegetable Vapor."

"Alfred Langille, Tin Plate & Sheet Iron Worker, Dealer in Stoves, Ranges, Holloware Milk Creamers &c. Tin roofing and Eaves. Touching Neatly and promptly done. Main St., **Mahone Bay**, N.S."