

## **FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-45)**

### **Ben S. Verburgh fonds**

n.d., 1963-1995

18 Technical Drawings (Marine Line Drawings)

Ben S. Verburgh (fl. 1970-) is a renowned marine model-maker, who worked for thirty-five years at the Ontario Science Center. His models have been displayed at numerous institutions throughout Canada. He lives at Indian Point, Mahone Bay.

Fonds consists of two line drawings by Ben S. Verburgh of the schooner Oressa Belle and thirteen drawings by George H. Smeltzer relating to several vessels: a Royal Barge, a Mussel Harvester, a Tancook Whaler, a Coastal Tern Schooner and a 35-foot Ketch. The Tancook Whaler drawings include lines, a construction sheet, sail plans, and details of the rudder and centerboard. There are also three unsigned drawings.

The plans were donated by Ben S. Verburgh in 2016. Verburgh acquired the drawings by George H. Smeltzer of Mahone Bay from Richard Rhodenizer of Riverport, who, in turn, obtained them from his father. An accrual, comprising four drawings donated by Verburgh, was found in the Museum backlog and acquired in 2024.