

FONDS DESCRIPTION (MBMS-78)

Clarence Edwin Mosher fonds

1897-c. 1939

3 cm of textual records

6 photographs

Clarence Edwin Mosher, the son of Edmund Mosher and Arabella Young, was born at Indian Point, Lunenburg County on 16 October 1868. Mosher first went to sea at the age of 12, serving on various fishing schooners. When he was 16, during a voyage to Labrador he took command of a fishing vessel after the captain took ill. In 1892, he married Minnie Thomas of Tancook Island. The couple had four children. Mosher later served as captain of the schooner *Cambria* and also as master of his own vessel, the schooner *Hazel B. Mosher*. In 1908 he received his Passenger Tug Boat Master's certificate. Six years later, he obtained his Master Mariner's Certificate for Foreign Trade, enabling him to command cargo vessels serving ports in the United Kingdom, the Mediterranean Sea, the west coast of Africa, the United States, the West Indies, and South America. Mosher retired from the sea in 1930. Minnie (Thomas) Mosher died the following year. In 1939, Mosher married Sadie Beatrice Crouse of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Not long after, the couple moved from Mahone Bay, spending most of their time at a cabin on Steven's Island. Mosher died at Mahone Bay in 1954.

The fonds consists of business cards, certificates, and a pocket diary documenting Mosher's maritime career and his involvement with the Mahone Bay community. In addition, there is a bound notebook with several pages of entries kept by Mosher's son, Clarence Moyle Mosher (1894-1977), which record his trip aboard the SS *Saxonia* in May 1915 from Halifax to Plymouth, as a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The six photographs (a contact sheet and five prints) found in the fonds are unidentified, but appear to be of Mosher and his second wife, Sadie Crouse, as well as their home in Mahone Bay.

The records were donated by Vicki Bardon in 2024.