

Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited fonds. - 1888 - 1924. – 34.3 cm textual records

Administrative history

The rules of the Trinity Mutual Insurance Club were adopted at a meeting of vessel owners and masters at Trinity on March 17, 1888. R. S. Bremner, merchant of Trinity was elected the first Chair of the Club. The Club was formed to insure vessel owners against marine risk. Membership in the Club was open to owners or legal representatives of British registered decked vessels who resided in the south side of Trinity Bay, from Catalina to Seal Cove. Insurance was restricted to vessels employed in the coasting trade, not including sealing or [foreign] trading vessels. In 1901 the name changed to the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Club. In 1907 the rules were amended and the Club was incorporated as the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited. The purpose of the Club was to insure on the mutual principal against every description of marine risk; to establish different classes of insuring members; to acquire real property for the purpose of the company; to satisfy claims; to carry on the business of the company; to secure funds; to trade shares and securities for the Company. For the purpose of registration the Company was said to have 300 members. In 1899 the Club insured 224 schooners with a combined tonnage of 8459 tons, valued at 185,122 pounds. The Company reached its peak in 1909 with a high of 368 vessels insured. From that time on, membership began to decline and by 1920 there were only 88 vessels insured. In 1923 the company, having too few members to bear further losses, went into voluntary liquidation.

Source: Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited fonds; Rupert Morris family history.

Custodial history

The records of the Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited were interfiled with the Trinity Historical Society (THS) subject files. The files were removed in 2000 and described as a separate fonds. The records were in the possession of S. Rupert Morris, the former President of the THS. His father, Frederick J. Morris, was the last Secretary of the Company. The Surveyor's Reports were held in the Morris family home in Trinity until August 2011 when they were donated to the Trinity Historical Society by Dr. Ian Morris, son of Rupert Morris.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations of the Company from 1888 - 1918; statements of protest, 1890 - 1919, which provide the evidence for individual claims, giving details of the event surrounding the loss of each vessel, as well as naming all those involved in the event; invoices and correspondence, 1897 - 1916; and published lists of vessels insured with the Company from 1899 - 1923; certificate of incorporation, 1907; statements of claims and vessel losses, 1907 - 1908; telegraphs, 1907; certificates of vessels insured, 1907 papers relating to the loss of the *Lucille B. Creaser* of Trinity, 1924, and Surveyor's Reports for the years 1908 – 1923.

Notes

Supplied title based on provenance.

Donated by S. Rupert Morris.

Dr. Ian Morris, son of S. R. Morris, placed on permanent loan with the archives telegraphs, 1907 and certificates of vessels insured, 1907 on August 8, 2001. Surveyor's Reports 1908, 1910 – 1912, 1914 – 1923 donated August 2011.

1.01 Articles of Association, Rules and Regulations, 1888, 1901, 1908, 1918

1.02 Statements of protest, 1890 - 1919

Protests provide the evidence for individual claims and provide details of the event surrounding the loss of each vessel.

1.03 Invoices, 1897, 1898, 1906, 1913, 1914

Invoices for various work that had been carried out on vessels that were insured by the Company.

1.04 Published Lists, 1899, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1920 - 1923

List's of vessels that were insured by the company from April 1 to December 26.

Location: Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited Box 3.

1.05 Statement of claims and protest, 1889, 1891 - 1982, 1998 - 1899, 1905 - 1906, 1914 - 1915, 1918

Letters to the Company and statements of claims received though telegrams and correspondence.

1.06 Certificate of Incorporation, 1907

The Company was incorporated on September 21, 1907.

1.07 Statement of claims for Losses and Wrecks, 1907 - 1909, 1918 - 1923

These are a list of losses and wrecks that have been approved by the Directors as well as a list of collections and expenses recorded.

1.08 Telegraphs, 1907

Copies of telegraphs that were received at the Trinity telegraph office for Joseph Morris, Secretary of the Insurance Company, as well as, copies of telegraphs that were sent on behalf of the Insurance Company to various owners and captains of vessels.

1.09 Certificates of Vessels Insured, 1907

A vessel was required to be inspected by two surveyors before it could be insured. After the inspection was complete the surveyors would complete a certificate which contains information on the name of the vessel, tonnage, where and when it was built, its owner and the type of work the vessel will be doing.

1.10 Correspondence, 1913 - 1916

Correspondence with vessel owners concerning insurance claims and surveyors reports

1.11 Lucille B. Creaser, 1924

Agreement for the delivery of a load of coal from North Sydney, Cape Breton to Trinity when the vessel was flooded and damaged with some loss of cargo. This file contains an agreement between the captain and the party, a statement of losses, survey of damage and the bills of repair.

1.12 Surveyor's Reports, 1908, 1910 – 1912, 1914 – 1923.

Consist of reports completed by the surveyor in order to determine if the vessel was suitable to be insured by the Company. Some of the questions asked would be; when and where a vessel was built, tonnage, condition, supplied gear and the owner.

1.12.001	1908
1.12.002	1910
1.12.003	1911
1.12.004	1912
1.12.005	1914
1.12.006	1915
1.12.007	1916
1.12.008	1917
1.12.009	1918
1.12.010	1919
1.12.011	1920
1.12.012	1921
1.12.013	1922
1.12.014	1923

Location: Trinity Mutual Marine Insurance Company Limited Boxes 1, 2, 3 and 4.