

Trinity Police Station fonds. - 1935 - 1950. - 8cm (4 volumes) textual records

Administrative history

Constables were first appointed at Trinity in 1729 to assist the Magistrate in keeping the peace. The Newfoundland Constabulary was established in 1871 and thereafter a member of the force was stationed at Trinity. The Constable was responsible for the area from English Harbour to Pope's Harbour including Ireland's Eye. The last resident Constable at Trinity was Constable John Baggs. After Confederation with Canada the duties of the Constabulary were assumed by the RCMP in NL and policing became more centralized. The offices of the Constabulary and the Gaol were in the Court House in Trinity. The cConstable occupied an apartment on the second and third floors.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of three volumes entitled "Police Diaries", 1935 - 1950; a firearms and ammunition return record, 1940 and a book containing notes from a Training School of the Newfoundland Constabulary, kept by Constable John P. Baggs, October 1944, as well as a certificate given to John P. Baggs for his service in World War II. The fonds are arranged in four series.

Notes

Supplied title based on content of the fonds.

Series 1: Police Diaries. - 1935 - 1950. - 8cm (3 volumes)

The Police Diaries record in detail the reports of the police officers stationed at Trinity. Details on investigations and police statements make up the majority of the entries. There are also comments of a more general nature relating to the town and area. From October 1940 the entries were made by the last Constable at Trinity, John P. Baggs.

- 1.01 Police Diary, June 1, 1935 - October 12, 1940
- 1.02 Police Diary, October 5, 1940 - June 30, 1944
- 1.03 Police Diary, July 1, 1944 - April 20, 1948

Series 2: Firearms and Ammunition Returns, 1940. - 1 cm

A record of firearms and ammunition that the police would lend out to hunters within their jurisdiction in order that these hunters could hunt for ducks and murrelets during the Winter and Spring. The firearms and any unused ammunition would have to be returned to the police at the end of the hunting season.

Series 3: Newfoundland Constabulary AIn Service Training School@ / John P. Baggs. - 1944. - 2 cm (1 volume)

John P. Baggs was a member of the Newfoundland Constabulary. He was stationed at Trinity from 1940 to 1950.

The book was left at the Court House when it was vacated by the Constabulary. It was removed with the rest of the records when the office was cleared out.

The volume contains notes supplied by John P. Baggs on a series of lectures at the Newfoundland Constabulary Training School, held in September 1944. The lectures provide information on all aspects of law enforcement as it related to the duties of members of the Constabulary.

Series 4: Certificate of Recognition for John P. Baggs

This certificate was given to John P. Baggs from the Royal Canadian Air Force in acknowledgment of valuable service for his voluntarily service rendered as a member of the Aircraft Detection Corps during World War II.

This was given to him in St. John's on April 15th, 1945.

Location: Court Records Box 9.